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THE
"QUEEN MARY"
GOES DOWN TO THE SEA.

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Glydebuilt! A phrase which has been the mark of ship building skill since sailing ships left the Firth of Clyde to be famous tea-clippers, and masted merchant men.

Now the phrase takes unto itself a greater glory than ever before. The "Queen Mary" - - Glydebuilt, leaves her

fitting out basin. On the bridge pilots of nerve and knowledge ordering her every movement, her pushing and pulling

this way and that through the narrow channel which gives only inches to spare, until she lies on the bosom of the great

river which gave her birth. Three-hundred

thousand workmen have given their best to this floating fairy-tale city, product of our modern science and art.

Towards the first oldest natural fortress - Dumbarton Rock - moves majestically this

newest miracle of Clyde achievement. Gradually through the rainy mist

her form emerges. I am reminded

of another early morning, when I saw a shadow

of similar shape creep out of this Firth - "Bahram",

then a great new warship,

who just evaded a 'U' boat lying in wait off Ailsa Craig.

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This day gives a different thrill. Is there
one of the thousands watching
who does not feel an almost overpowering
emotion of personal pride. Scotland does stand where
she did.

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In fact, most of its people are on the fourteen miles of river bank, watching this palace afloat which has grown out of their three year's din of riveters and welders. The task of the pilots and tugs is one of tremendous responsibility.

At present the ship is in their hands. Later Sir Edgar Britten will assume command, but at present the weight of worry is not his. By the way, these more intimate 'shots' are by UNIVERSAL'S cameramen actually on the ship itself. The 'QUEEN MARY' is just approaching Greenock. The more trying part of her journey is over. (EFFECTS - 5 SHOTS)

Well, you have seen Britain's gigantic city of the seas. Its building is an achievement which really should make one thrill with pride.

It is the up-to-the-minute culmination of the centuries old tradition of our sea-

girt islands. It' is the ages reward to the redoubtable spirit of our seafarers.