

# THE QUEEN MARY MAKES ITS BOW

## British Ship, With French Normandie, Proves That Days of Trans-Atlantic Super-Liner Have Come to Stay.

By WILLIAM C. UTLEY

WITH the installation into service of the new British liner Queen Mary, following the arrival of the French Normandie last year, the age of the super-liner on the North Atlantic is definitely here.

No longer is the old-time description of "floating palace" adequate for these aquatic giants. They are far more than that, for they are indeed floating cities, and a passenger can board either for days without missing a single one of the conveniences or amusements which fill his daily life ashore.

Crossing the Atlantic in four and one-half days, these streamlined giants, each of more than 80,000 tons, will probably hold their own for some time to come against the transatlantic air liner, due to arrive in the near future. Not only has the crossing time been shortened to hardly more than the time required to cross the United States by rail a year ago, but so many are the interesting activities which await the voyager, the few days are made to slip by so quickly the traveler is often sorry they are over.

In describing a ship the size of the Queen Mary it is hard to decide just where to begin. Might begin just as you would if you were aboard her, waking in the morning after a night at sea. Probably you would want to start with a brisk "constitutional" to absorb some of that exhilarating salt air. Taking the promenade deck for a walk around ship, you would find yourself out for quite a hike—about a half mile, as a matter of fact, for the Queen Mary is 1,018 feet long, with a beam of 118 feet.

### Makes 32 Knots.

The great liner, with her 12 decks, towers 234 feet from keel to masthead, 135 feet from keel to top of superstructure. Waving farewell from the deck at her bow to friends below, you would find yourself five or six stories above the dock.

Once out at sea the great ship is capable of traveling 32 knots an hour. A knot is 1.151 miles, which means that you would actually be going 37 miles an hour. There are many commercial concerns whose automobiles are governed not to exceed a speed of less than that.

There are more than four and one-half days of continual wonders to be seen in a tour of the ship from stem to stern. Directly behind the first stack are the sports decks, with even tennis courts for the guests' enjoyment. Forward of the stack are the officers' quarters, the bridge, wheel room and chart room and other spots where you mustn't come uninvited.

Next deck below is the "sun deck," with more officers' rooms, a grill, squash-racquets courts, a moving picture theater, the wireless rooms, and a few de luxe suites and staterooms. Below that is the promenade deck, where the stroller may browse in a real metropolitan shopping center. Also to be found on this deck are the writing lounge, the great ballroom and a children's playground.

### What Many Decks Contain.

Most of the tourist accommodations are found on the "main" deck, one deck below, reached by stairs or one of the 21 elevators aboard ship. There are more writing rooms, a tourist lounge and a library here. "A" deck has another



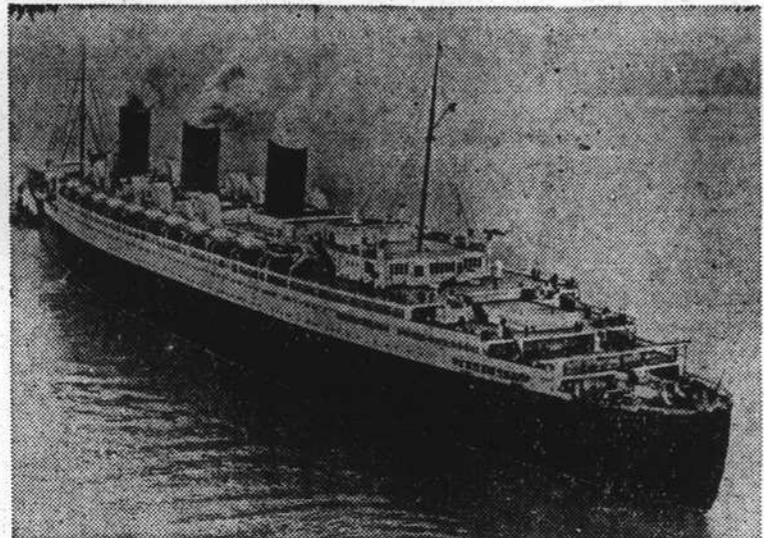
Commodore Sir Edgar Britten, captain of the Queen Mary. He was formerly commander of the Berangaria.

tourist lounge and more staterooms and suites. Forward and directly below the bridge are haldressers' establishments, another lounge and the rope stores and forecastle. The purser's office is on this deck, too.

Next deck below, or "B" deck, contains more haldressers, another children's playground, more staterooms and bedrooms. "C" deck houses the tourists' dining salon, the baker's shop, kitchens, a grill and the china pantry. Forward are the main restaurant and private dining rooms. "D" deck has room for more of the crew, the fruit ripening room, ice cream pantry, vegetable and salad room, butcher shop, grocery store and ship's hospital. Between the forward and second stack on this deck is the mammoth swimming pool; there is a tourist swimming pool on "F" deck, below. "E" deck has quar-

ters for more of the crew and many third-class cabins.

Besides a swimming pool, "F" deck, pretty well down in the ship, contains the tourist baggage room, garages, mail room, linen stores and all the elevator wells. General baggage and mail are stored deep, deep down in "G" deck,



Billowing smoke from her funnels, the Queen Mary leaves the dock at Southampton for her maiden voyage to New York, re-establishing Britannia's prestige on the waves.

but you can go still farther down, if the crew will let you, to the deck that holds all the machinery, the boiler rooms, turbo-generator rooms, fan rooms, propeller shafts, aft and forward engine rooms and general cargo.

And there is even some of the Queen Mary below that—the double bottom, which is always between any cargo and Davy Jones' locker.

The 2,075 passengers who can ride aboard the ship at one time are cared for with a luxury that certainly would have sounded fantastic in the days when the first predecessor of the Queen Mary, the Britannic, went into passenger service with her 1,154 tons and 207 feet of length, propelled by wooden paddle wheels.

### Widely Air Conditioned.

Three rooms where the greatest crowds will gather are air-conditioned; these are the main restaurant ("the largest room afloat"); the main lounge, which is frequently converted into a theater, and the tourist restaurant. The Queen Mary is said to have made greater use of air conditioning than any other vessel on the seas. Fresh air is mechanically forced into every stateroom and cabin, and passengers are able to regulate the supply to their individual quarters as they will.

Electricity cooks all the meals aboard the ship except for the steaks which are broiled on the charcoal grill. It also furnishes the power for cleaning up after meals, for a gigantic machine, referred to by the crew as "Mechanical Molly," washes, rinses, polishes and sterilizes thousands of dishes in an hour and is gentle as a kitten with even the most fragile china. Electrical machines also slice bacon, make bread, make coffee, burnish silver, measure tea, mix dough, break ice, cut butter, polish ranges and ovens, press ducks, mold dough, grind coffee, clarify fat and cut foods.

Even dogs live lives of ease on the Queen Mary. They have a "hotel" on the sports deck. The pups are treated to individual sanitary kennels, raised from the floor. Each kennel has hot and cold running water, steam heat and air conditioning. The dogs even have their own promenade deck.

There are altogether 25 public rooms throughout the ship. Greatest of all, of course, is the main restaurant, which extends the entire 118-foot width of the Queen Mary. It is 160 feet long and covers 18,720 square feet. At one time 815 persons can be comfortably seated.

### Floating Broadcasting Station.

Another large room is the main hall, which is 111 feet by 70 feet. Its shopping center, which advertises its wares in show windows along the promenade deck, includes a haberdashery and clothing shop, book shop and telephone booths for ship-to-shore conversations. The passengers need never be out of touch with friends or relatives ashore, as anyone who listened to the broadcasts from the Queen Mary on her maiden trip will testify.

Every facility for broadcasting to shore has been installed in the ship. Concerts or speeches can be broadcast from nearly every public room. The ship makes use of 32 wave-

lengths, which permits American and British shore stations to pick up the broadcasts and relay them.

Probably no ship, with the possible exception of the French Line's Normandie, has offered so much entertainment to passengers. The main lounge may be turned into a legitimate or cinema theater capable of seating 400.

In the ballroom, use of color has been made which is so new that it is virtually unknown on land. Tones of the color lighting system are controlled automatically by a microphone in front of the orchestra stand. The tone-color is directly and automatically affected by the pitch of the musical notes; a high note produces a flash of brilliant lighting, while soft music automatically produces soft light. The effect of the scheme on the rare wood paneling is beautiful indeed. Included in the rare woods in this

paneling are petula, zebrano, bubinga, makore, tiger oak, patapsko, ponia and blackbean.

### Four Giant Propellers.

Center for entertainment of those traveling tourist class is the tourist lounge which is 80 by 70 feet. The dance floor in parquet is 33 by 28 feet, and the stage 20 by 8, with a proscenium 27 feet wide by 16 feet high. Changing color lighting, a flood-lighted silver curtain and decorative cartoons by Margot Gilbert are the principal features of this room's elaborate decorations.

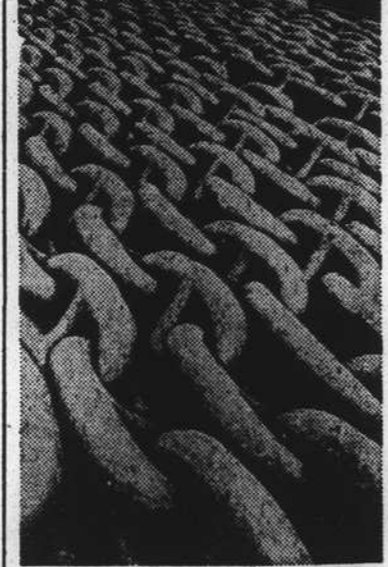
Four gargantuan bronze propellers, each 20 feet from tip to tip, drive the Queen Mary through the heaviest seas. Weighing 35 tons each, they are the largest ever cast for any ship, yet so delicately are they balanced, they may be turned with a touch of the hand.

Some powerful machinery is required to propel a ship that weighs 80,773 tons. The Queen Mary's four

sets of engines are more than 200 feet long and develop some 200,000 horsepower.

But one of the essentials to a truly great ocean liner is safety. The Queen Mary has 24 lifeboats, of which 20 are made to carry 145 passengers each. All lifeboats are of steel, operated by Diesel engines. Each carries complete wireless equipment. In addition, for the safety of passengers in emergency, each boat carries:

Two pounds of biscuits per passenger, a quart of water per passenger, one-pound tin of condensed milk per passenger, one tin red distress flares, one tin oil lamp to burn eight hours, one tin of oil for the lamp, one box of matches in soldered tin, one gallon tin of fish oil, one canvas bag and line for distributing oil on troubled waters, one canvas sea anchor, drag line and tripping line, two axes, one compass with lamp, one set of oars and two spars, one-and-a-half sets of rowlocks, one bucket, one baller, one mooring rope or painter, and two bilge pumps.



The 150 tons of anchor chain cables for the Queen Mary. Each link weighs 225 pounds.

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## Curiosa Americana

By Elmo Scott Watson

### The Only Cornet

NO, IT'S not a musical instrument. It's a commissioned army officer and there's only one in the world today. Whenever the chief of the militia bureau of the United States army makes a report to the War department, tabulating the number of generals, colonels, majors, captains and lieutenants, he writes down "Cornet 1."

That one stands for Frederick Collins Wheeler, cornet in the headquarters troop of the Fifty-second Cavalry brigade, Pennsylvania National Guard, otherwise First troop, Philadelphia City cavalry.

The Philadelphia City cavalry was organized back in 1774 and naturally modeled its organization after British army custom. At that time the British army had the rank of cornet, which was equivalent to third lieutenant. When congress passed the National Defense act in 1792, establishing a militia in the different states; it allowed the various military organizations in existence at that time to keep their accustomed privileges.

So the First troop retained the rank of cornet while the British did away with it many years ago. Thus it is the only military organization in the world which has a cornet. The troop is also unique in this respect: it has a guidon, presented to it at the outbreak of the Revolution in 1775, with a union of 13 alternate blue and white stripes in the upper left-hand corner, corresponding to the blue field in the present American flag. This is believed to be the first flag on which the 13 colonies were represented by 13 stripes.

On the guidon also appears silver bands denoting the troop's service in war as follows: Revolution—Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown; Civil war: Gettysburg; Spanish-American—Porto Rico; World war—Champagne, Oise-Aisne, Lorraine, Meuse—Argonne, Ypres-Lys.

### Where Were You Feb. 30?

THAT isn't a trick question for there actually was a February 30, 1936, and if you had happened to be in a certain place at a certain time you could have written that date in your diary. Here's how it is:

February 30 comes in leap years only and under these conditions:

Eastbound ships in the Pacific ocean which are crossing the 180 degree line on February 29 of a leap year enter the official date for the next day as February 30. If they approached the line on any other day in the year, they would enter the next day as the duplicate of the date just passed. Thus there would be two January 1 dates, two July 4, etc.

However, there has grown up a custom in ship navigation eastbound across the time meridian of signaling the day after February 29 in leap years as February 30, thus bringing the next day in as March 1. So if you should happen to be on a ship at such a time in that part of the Pacific you could write a letter back home to the folks, date it "February 30" and you'd be correct.

Of course, if you wanted to have a unique birthday you'd have to arrange to be born out there in the Pacific. But it would have to be on board ship, too. For the time meridian jogs and meanders to avoid islands and touches no land surface. You'd have to arrange with your parents to be on a ship traveling eastward near the 180 degree meridian in the Pacific ocean on the last day of February in a leap year.

Maybe it isn't worth the trouble, after all!

### "Joy to the World"

WHEN Christmas time comes and you join in singing Christmas carols, one of them, no doubt, will be "Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come."

While you're singing it in church or at home, away up in Alaska some other people who live under the American flag will also be singing it. And these are the words they will use in the first verse:

Atutelukbuk pintok attutank cov-anum namkron, Ongasikuk krinkongrunga eesun, ngerum dickelighctgi diomchautunga Iporee iporee kongubuk eluktoot Ongumer dickelighctgi diomchautunga Iporee iporee eluktoot.

For they are Eskimos and a native teacher at Unakalee, Alaska, has translated "Joy to the World" into the Eskimo tongue for her people to sing at the community Christmas service held there. The words in the other three verses are said to be spelled a little differently but they sound just about the same, as sung by the Eskimos.

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Shoes in New England In 1890 two-thirds of the boots and shoes manufactured in the United States were made in New England. Lynn, Mass., in 1890, was the premier shoe manufacturing city of America, with 323 factories producing annually goods worth \$26,000,000.

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## Tall Tales

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### Sagacious Serpent

"YES," said Madame Zulawa, the snake-charmer with the old Robinson circus, "Elmer was by far the most intelligent and most versatile serpent I ever had. He was a blacksnake—six feet of patience, pliability and perspicacity. I could call out any number and instantly he'd arrange himself in the form of that figure. His figure eights were a model of rounded symmetry. But all of this was before one horrible night . . ."

Madame Zulawa covered her eyes as though to shut out some terrible sight. There was a tremor in her voice . . . then she went bravely on.

"Our circus train was crossing the high Sierras. Just as it was approaching the summit, Elmer slid out of his cage and started back over the tops of the cars. He was coming back to my car for his cup of warm coconut milk to help him get to sleep.

"Just as he stretched over the gap between two cars, there was the sound of iron snapping. The coupling between the two cars had broken under the strain of pulling the heavy cars up that steep grade. In another moment the rear half of the train would be speeding down the incline, gathering momentum until it jumped the rails at the first curve.

"Elmer knew that everything depended upon him. Quick as a flash he sank his teeth in the wooden top of the car ahead. At the same moment he wrapped his tail around an iron rod on the car behind. The strain on him was fearful, but he hung on grimly . . .

"Well . . . there isn't much more to tell. The whole train passed safely over the summit. But Elmer's days as a performing blacksnake were over. Go to the Cincinnati zoo today and you'll find him there in a cage labeled 'The Only Black Python in Captivity . . . 42 feet, 6 1/2 inches long.'"

### Tenderfoot, Beware!

WHEN a tenderfoot disappears out West some old-timer is certain to shake his head sadly and say: "I reckon a roperte or a tripodero must of got him." Chances are, he's right.

The tripodero has only two legs, arranged like a telescope, so that it can raise or lower itself at will. Its head has a long muzzle with a mouth like a gun barrel. As it lurks among the brush, it raises and lowers itself on its telescopic legs to watch for approaching game.

When the tripodero sees a tenderfoot come jouncing along the trail on horseback, it gets behind a boulder, tilts itself at just the right angle and points its muzzle at the unsuspecting tenderfoot. At the right moment it blows from its mouth a pellet of clay (it always keeps a supply of these quids in its left cheek) which shoots the taste right out of the tenderfoot's mouth. One week and three hours later he dies of starvation because he can't taste anything after he has been shot by the tripodero.

If the tenderfoot is lucky enough to get past the tripodero, the roperte may get him. It is a curious animal with a long rope-like beak which ends in a slip-noose. As the tenderfoot rides singing along the trail past the place where the roperte is lurking, it shoots out this natural lariat, the noose tightens around the luckless Easterner's throat and he chokes to death on the bars of music that stick crosswise in it.

It is estimated that a total of 4,163 tenderfeet have fallen victims to either the tripodero or the roperte in the West since the spring of 1887.

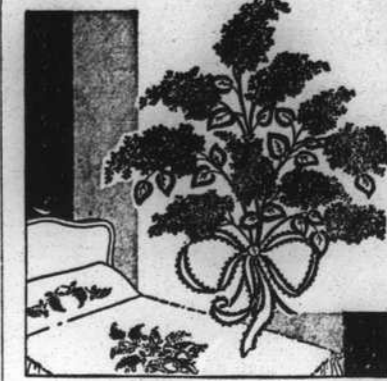
### Land of the Sky Blue Water

BABE was Paul Bunyan's big blue ox. He was quite a sizable animal although not all lumberjacks agree as to just how big he was. Some say he was seven axe-handles between the eyes but others declare the figures should be 42 axe-handles and a plug of tobacco. However, all agree that Babe could pull anything that had two ends to it. Paul often used him to pull the kinks out of crooked logging roads.

Occasionally Babe would run away and be gone all day. Paul was the only one who could track him because his footprints were so far apart that an ordinary man couldn't see from one of them to the next one. They were pretty deep, too. Once a settler and his wife and baby fell into one of these footprints and the baby was fifty-seven years old before he finally climbed out and reported the accident.

The winter of the blue snow Babe went on one of these rambles and wandered all over the present state of Minnesota. When the snow melted the next spring the water filled his footprints and that's why Minnesota is now known as the Land of Ten Thousand Lakes—the "Land of the Sky Blue Water."

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## All Around the House

When making cinnamon toast cut bananas in thin slices, arrange on toast, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon and brown under the broiler.

If cherries or berries are rolled in flour before putting them into the pie crust the juice will be thickened and will not run out.

Squeeze into a tumbler the juice of half a lemon and fill with grape juice. Served cold this makes a delicious drink.

A tablespoon of lemon juice added to the egg in which fish is dipped before frying gives it a delicious flavor.

Before polishing mahogany furniture wash well with warm water and white soap and dry thoroughly.

Fruit juices and ginger ale may be frozen into cubes in a mechanical refrigerator and used for iced drinks.

To remove mildew from a leather bag, rub with petroleum ointment and allow it to remain on bag until mildew comes off easily.

Rhubarb may be diced, put in covered baking pans, sprinkled with sugar and cooked in a moderate oven until done. Cooked in this way its color is retained.

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