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Preparations for the trials and first voyage of the Queen Mary are going ahead at Clydebank. At Port Glasgow where the ropes have been made lorries are taking the huge coils from the factory to the ship. Comparison with a workman gives an idea of the size of the ropes which will be used on the giant Cunarder now, with painted hull, forming a background for a Highland Dance. Britain's wonder liner is nearly ready for the visit of the King.

Barrow in Furness has shipping news too. Lady Bledisloe sent this new ship down to the water to commence a career on the seas between New Zealand and Australia.

At Chatham Lady Evans was launching the new submarine Grampus. The Grampus is 271 feet in length and she has a displacement of 1520 tons. Owing to recent cases of sabotage special precautions were taken against any possible hitch on this occasion, and there was no incident to mar the launch.

VERDUN ANNIVERSARY.

The 20th Anniversary of the Battle of Verdun. Veteran soldiers attended this ceremony in memory of France's most glorious engagement in the Great War.