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BIG SHIPS IN NEW YORK.

Three mighty liners lie at their berths under the skyscrapers of New York.- The Queen Mary, the Mauretania, and the Normandie. ~~Come up aloft and see this unusual sight from the air.~~ Three ocean greyhounds tied up together in the Hudson River, looking for all the world like toy steamers on a cardboard sea. It's a spectacle of rare strength and grandeur- three luxury liners in their sombre colours of grey paint. Here is the Queen Mary- only exceeded in size by the Queen Elizabeth. ^{The Queen Mary} This elegant vessel has been at dock in New York Harbour ^{for the last 7 months.} since the war began. ~~Now smoke is pouring from her funnels as she gets steam up, ready for sea.~~ ~~She is going out into the unknown, but where?~~ ^{and here is} the Mauretania, ^{who recently found her sisters in the Near} just before she made her mystery flight in ^{W.W.I.} the night. ~~Rumour surrounded the liner, All her luxuries~~ ^{and} ~~fittings have gone- she has been transformed into~~ ~~warrior service~~ ~~conditions. Guns are mounted and she is ready to sail.~~ ~~But where? Maybe it's to Australia, maybe it's not.~~ Through the narrow waterway of the Panama Canal passes the giant liner Mauretania on her way to the unknown. ~~A mystery ship, but well provided for any dirty business on the high seas- and for on her stern she carries a gun, which stands sentinel~~ ~~always on the alert.~~ Her enormous bulk seems to dwarf everything else. Out and away ~~to~~ the open sea- she sets her course. And out into the blue follows the Queen Mary from New York under sealed orders. Down the river, past the statue of Liberty- she sails, heading for a secret port hundreds of miles away.