

## ROYALS ARRIVE SYDNEY

Not even incomparable Sydney Harbour ever presented a scene to equal that which marked the arrival of the royal liner Gothic. The sea has always played a <sup>big</sup> ~~great~~ part in the life of the great city; everything that could float came out to greet the Queen.

78 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Along a two-mile lane formed by yachts the Queen and Duke headed towards Farm Cove, the historic place where the first Governor of New South Wales landed more than 150 years ago. Awaiting them were men whose names are famous throughout the world. The Governor-General, Sir William Slim, welcomed Her Majesty on behalf of the whole ~~Commonwealth~~ of Australia, and after him came the Governor of New South Wales, <sup>our</sup> good friend the Prime Minister, Mr. ~~Robert~~ Menzies, and many <sup>other</sup> notables, ~~of the city itself.~~ <sup>H.M.</sup> ~~The Queen~~ replied to the address of welcome.

Now came the triumphal drive through the ~~great~~ city to Government House. The decorations, on a scale far exceeding anything known in Australia before, cost £2,000,000.

At the cenotaph Her Majesty paused to pay tribute to Australians killed in two world wars. Other nations may have produced soldiers whose valour equalled theirs; no country surpassed ~~in~~ them. <sup>here</sup> ~~The crowd and the Cenotaph numbered 40,000 and some broke through the police lines, fortunately without mishap.~~

266 At last the Royal car reached the old mansion, overlooking Sydney harbour, which is Government House. The joyous and historic day closed with the greatest firework display Sydney has ever witnessed.