

KING LEOPOLD.

To the accompaniment of a royal salute of twenty-one guns, from historic Dover Castle ---with His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester waiting on the quay to greet him to the shores of Britain, King Leopold, King of the Belgians arrived on the first state visit of the reign. From the Admiralty Pier, His Royal Highness went aboard the motor ship Prince Albert to welcome the young monarch. With the Duke were Field Marshal Sir Archibald Montgomery Massingberd and the Belgian Ambassador to London --- Baron Cartier de Marchienne.

Waiting upon the station platform at Victoria was His Majesty King George. Two reigning kings <sup>shook</sup> ~~clasped~~ hands as King Leopold stepped from the train which had brought him from Dover. Outside the station, the King's Company of Grenadier Guards paraded, and King Leopold took the salute, <sup>before the drive to Buckingham Palace.</sup> ~~and inspected them before the drive to Buckingham Palace.~~ The procession left the station. In the first open <sup>carriage</sup> ~~coach~~ were King Leopold, King George and the Duke of Gloucester. And in the hearts of the many thousands who lined the route to cheer the friendly visitor from gallant little Belgium, there is still a chord of sympathy for this slight, boyish figure who travels alone. Memory stirs to recall his lovely young queen --- Queen Astrid, who died so tragically. In the warmth of London's welcome there is genuine affection and regard.

\* ~~The Duke~~  
 King Leopold then inspected the company