

KING AT SHADOW FACTORIES.

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The Royal Train arriving at Birmingham brought the King to make a tour of inspection, ~~of some of Britain's shadow factories for the construction of aircraft.~~ His Majesty was welcomed by Lord Austin, and with Lord Swinton the Air Minister, was shown some of the secrets of Britain's Air Force expansion scheme.

Another call was at Coventry, but the chief interest in this visit to the Daimler works lay in a veteran car which had a sentimental ~~interest~~ connection with the Royal Family. King Edward VII was the first monarch to own a motor car, and this model of 1899 he bought when he was Prince of Wales. . . . . when the present King George was four years old. His Majesty was greatly amused by this queer-looking imitation of a four poster bed and had a ride in it.

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