

Australia. After a six-hundred mile voyage from Sydney, the "Gothic" sailed up the Derwent River to Hobart, the Capital of Tasmania. ~~and on 23rd~~, The Queen (with the Duke at her side) catches her first glimpse of the land, named by settlers with nostalgic memories of home, "The Other England?"

And Hobart greeted <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ happily-timed arrival, for the Queen landed just 150 years after Tasmania was first declared a British Colony. ~~and on 23rd~~

Yet, amid these days when Australia is brimming over with happiness at the Royal Visit, disaster ~~has~~ struck at the Northern coastal areas of New South Wales. A savage cyclone unleashed its fury on this rich farming district, and to-day, over 3,000 square miles lie under many feet of flood waters.

Towns that were only recently gay with bunting for the Royal visit are inundated <sup>desolate.</sup> ~~with roofs of houses blown, debris islands and swirling~~

As the death-roll mounts, the Services are co-operating with local Police in the work of rescue, ~~using~~ ~~planes~~ ~~and~~ ~~ships~~ ~~to~~ ~~drop~~ ~~supplies~~. Supplies have been dropped by air, in the worst floods these rich farming areas have ever known.

In the South, the Tour goes on. Leaving the island people of Tasmania with their treasured memories, the Queen flew to Melbourne. Another city, another State, ~~(that of Victoria)~~ but still the same tremendous <sup>RECEPTION</sup> ~~greeting~~, Except that Melbourne tried to spell "welcome" with confetti.

~~The tour continues in a series of six separate tours.~~  
~~and on 23rd~~  
ANOTHER GREETING  
~~and on 23rd~~ a great Australian welcome.