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BY "ROYAL BARGE" - - King and Queen of Carnival arrive
by water to inaugurate Stockton-on-Tees week of festival.

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Picture.:- Stockton gives itself a new thrill by holding its--
--first carnival. Just as the Royal Barge complete with King--
--and Queen approaches, the old ferry landing collapses. The
strain of being--
--a grand stand was too much for it. Beyond--
--throwing people into the mud banks, little damage is--
--done. It doesn 't prevent the barge arriving and .
disgorging its King and Queen--
--and court. Note that the Queen is also a man ! I--
--say ! Unusual, but not entirely original. One has heard--
--of that by the way. Maybe Stockton is short of suitable
girls, although one can hardly believe - - no that's not
true !

The carnival is successful, and the hospitals benefit,
so all's well !