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NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Duchess of Kent fulfils a public engagement for the first time without the Duke. Her Royal Highness----

---opens a new wing of the South Eastern Hospital for----

---Children at Sydenham, while in another part of South London the Duke is laying the foundation----

---stone of Wandsworth's new Municipal buildings. Ladies will note and possibly copy the Duchess's latest choice in hats.

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In Paris, the struggle takes-----

---place between Bernard and Borotra, France, and Quist and Crawford (Australia)-----

---for the Davis cup. NATURAL SOUND....

(FIVE FEET AFTER SOLDIERS.....)

The result is that the Australians, Quist and Crawford, beat their French opponents by three sets to one.

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And talking of Australia, Lord Provost Sir Alexander Sawn, of---

---Glasgow, takes Mr J.H. Lyons, Australian Prime Minister, for---

---a trip up the Clyde. "Queen Mary" is the----

---principal object of interest. Work on this great ship is proceeding all up to schedule and the owners seem very pleased----

---with her prospects. Mr Lyons, very much impressed by the outside, goes----

---aboard to take a look at the inside. Here is one of----

---the ship's enormous funnels, which tower over the landscape dwarfing----

---everything near it. It makes one feel thoroughly prouder than ever of British workmanship, declares the Prime Minister.