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BELGIUM BEREAVED.

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Picture.:- Nine years ago

there arrived at Antwerp a Swedish Princess. With her
was a Crown

Prince of Belgium. They were a

Royal Couple, handsome and happy as princes and princesses of a
fairy story. The people of Princess Astrid's adopted country
received the lovely bride with instant

affection. On better acquaintance

that love of

their new Princess increased.

At the Brussels wedding ceremony the Princess became one
with the religious thought of the people.

As Princess she gave

her country two children. As Queen, only a little more than a
year ago,

she bore a second son. Now with tragic swiftness, the children
are motherless, her husband the King is

destraught by his shocking

bereavement, the people of Belgium mourn an adored queen and
weep with the mites so rudely

bereaft of a loving mother. (PAUSE). The Queen's

death under such

terribly tragic circumstances has moved the whole world. For the
second time in a few months, Belgium's royal family has tasted
the bitter

sorrow of sudden and unexpected death. Twice has the

common round of tragedy united in sympathy the hearts of people in
a palace

and hut. Remembering the Queen, the world mourns with the King.

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The state proclamation was read, and echoed by the many thousands who met the dead Queen on her last return to her capital.

The words of the Ministers cannot be improved upon. "Still bearing the burden of the tragic death of King Albert, Belgium weeps for a Queen, whose youth, grace, and kindness has conquered her people." The whole

country shares the

immense sorrow of the King. It bows with deepfelt tenderness over the Royal Children,

who have a mother no longer.

(EFFECTS)