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In the 17th century atmosphere of Versailles, the King, ~~in the~~
~~uniform of a Field Marshal~~, received a glimpse of the modern
military might of France. 50,000 troops of all arms, with full
equipment, passed before him in review- one of the most spectacular
parades ever staged ^{near} in the capital. At the end of this impressive
pageant, King George shook hands with General Billotte, Military
Governor of Paris, and congratulated him on the magnificent display, ~~he~~
~~had just addressed~~. At lunch time, the King joined the Queen
at a great banquet in the historic Hall of Mirrors, where the
famous Peace Treaty was signed in 1919. Three centuries seemed
to have ~~dropped away~~ ^{passed by}; there were no modern decorations, nothing
to mar the perfect ~~period~~ style in which the apartments of State
had been arranged. Even the waiters became footmen in the livery
of ~~the days of Louis the fourteenth~~. Before the return to
Paris was made, there was a charming performance of ~~an~~ old time
~~ballet~~ ^{dances} given amongst ~~perfect~~ ^{surroundings of the period -} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{above} surroundings. On the
~~heights beyond the small town of~~ Villers-Bretonneux on
the Somme, there stands a ~~National War Memorial~~ ^{monument} -- erected as
a tribute to Australia's mighty dead. Here but ~~20~~ ^{about} short years ago,
~~the smiling peaceful countryside with its golden wheat, now ripening~~
~~for reaping, was a shell-scarred inferno claiming a life at every~~ ^{at the close} ~~second~~ ^{about}. Here the King and Queen came on the last day of their
memorable visit. His Majesty, in a moving speech, unveiled the
Memorial which for ever will stand sentinel over the unnamed graves.
~~The Australian officers and men~~ The Queen ^{placed} added her simple