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KING AND QUEEN AT BIRMINGHAM.

At the King's special wish, Their Majesties began their promised visit to Birmingham with an inspection of the Austin Shadow Factory at Longbridge. Lord ~~xxxx~~ Austin received the Royal guests and conducted them round the shops. / Mr Neville Chamberlain, Birmingham's most famous son, was the Minister in attendance on His Majesty. This is the first time for a considerable period that the Premier has acted in this capacity. The King, who had visited the factory before, was anxious to see how the production of the Fairey Battles was proceeding. They are said to be the ~~xxxx~~ world's fastest single-engined machines. / Then the King and Queen visited the magnificently-equipped Hospitals Centre at Edgbaston which they were to have opened last summer, but ~~xxxx~~ were prevented from doing so by the King's indisposition. The Queen named the building the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. This is the first hospital in the County to bear her name. / At the up-to-date Medical School, Their Majesties saw an interesting if gruesome array of skeletons. / As the King and Queen drove away, they received a great ovation from a throng of delighted students and nurses who will put this down as a red letter ^{day} in their lives.