

~~At Waterloo the chairman of the Southern Railway was first to shake hands --- then there were kisses for Princess ~~Victoria~~ ^{from the King - & from the Queen whose smile has captivated the world} other members of the royal family. The Prime Minister was there to welcome their Majesties with Members of the Cabinet --- and Mr Joseph Kennedy the American Ambassador, had a special chat with the returned travellers from his homeland.~~

Now we leave the welcome of the privileged few; and we spread our canvas wide to sketch in every detail of the homecoming through the capital. We show you --- yourselves. For this is Britain's welcome to her ~~king~~ ^{king} and Queen. ~~They come home like the conquering monarch of the days gone by --- but theirs is the greater triumph because they have been victorious in peace.~~

Our camera goes on ahead of the royal procession to film some of the thousands along this route through London --- from Waterloo to Buckingham Palace they stood in serried ranks --- they waited for the homecoming of a king ~~and a queen~~.

Through Parliament Square they drove --- past the Members of the Parliament that had adjourned to greet them.

They come home like the conquering monarch of the days of old, after victorious war; but theirs is the greater triumph because they have been victorious in peace.

KING'S RETURN .

Everywhere you look you will see smiles. Hundreds --- thousands --- tens of thousands --- with cheering and waving are greeting ~~us~~ a king and a well-tried friend --- along the leaf-fringed Mall that runs like a ribbon to Buckingham Palace.

These two good people had set out seven weeks before from the old world to find a destiny in the new. They came home with a new world of good friends added to their mighty empire and gratitude is written in the waves of happy humanity that roll over every road as the procession passes --- like an incoming tide --- irresistible and never for a moment still.

It's a royal welcome --- but it comes from the heart. For among all the thousands in all those tight-packed streets, there is one thought uppermost --- we're glad to have you home again.

They drive into the forecourt of Buckingham Palace --- so now watch how the wind plays a trick on Princess ~~Margaret~~ ^{Elizabeth} and whips off her hat.

What more than this could any man desire ---- this to tell your majesties ---- "Welcome Home!" ~~There have been no such crowds since the coronation. But it is all a matter of rare sightseers, out for a glimpse of royalty --- it's so much more than that. It's the members of the world's greatest family come to say ""You've done a grand job --- and we're glad to have you/~~home~~ ^{back} again."~~

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