

KING AND QUEEN.

The King and queen have been in Stoke-on-Trent, and they inspected factories while they were there and chatted with the men and women who work in them. Everywhere they were greeted with cheers and smiles --- so usual on these occasions and yet so genuine too. Their Majesties ~~will~~ visited Manchester ~~and~~ ---- and although this was a surprise visit the news went round like lightning. Mr Herbert Morrison was in attendance and together they talked to many people who've been having a hard time in the Blitzes ---- but they found they were people who take a Blitz as a matter of course.

UNSINKABLE RAFT.

An invention that is of partivular value in the world to-day -- a raft which is claimed to be unsinkablr even if riddled with machine-gun bullets. Its lockers contain food and water and also the equipment for propelling the raft. The sail which can be hoisted in a matter of minntes not only gives motive power ~~to the~~ ~~raft~~ --- ~~it is~~ it is also naturally more easily seen by a passing ship.

JAPANESE FLEET.

Japan comes into the news with alternate threats and cooing noises in the Nazi pattern. Her Fleet in the Pacific would be quite a <sup>menace</sup> ~~menace~~ if she threw in her lot with Hitler. But before agreeing to pull some of Germany's chestnuts out of the fire, Japan might consider whether Italy has really <sup>shown a profit</sup> ~~shown a profit~~ out of the same ~~game~~ kind of job.