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THE KING'S STATE

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SEASON'S FIRST LEVEE.

Picture:-

His Majesty King George V makes his first state appearance of the jubilee year. Preceded by a Captain's escort of the--

--Royal Guards, His Majesty--

--leaves Buckingham Palace to drive to St.James's Palace to hold the year's first Levee.

Accompanying the King in the gold State Coach is the Earl of Granard, Master of the Horse. The Mall is lined with Guards.

The pageantry of the King's Levee is one of which the public never seems--

--to tire. At St.James's Palace, His Majesty passes between--

--lines of a guard of honour of the Welsh Guards.

During the Levee some five-hundred--

--members of the fighting and diplomatic services were presented to the throne. Among--

--high officials in attendance were the--

--Lord Chamberlain, the Lord Steward, the Gold-stick-in-Waiting, and others. (Sounds rather like 'Alice in Wonderland'). The weather had become very dull by the time His Majesty re-appeared. The Guards had very sensibly put on their great-coats, and heavy rain rather spoilt the brilliance--

--of the scene. But it takes a lot of rain to prevent John Citizen from showing his inherent loyalty.