

HOME FLEET.

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The still morning air at Chatham is broken by the ~~rumble of~~ shudder of mighty ~~machinery~~ engines --- as the Home Fleet leaves on its Spring Cruise. ~~Portsmouth~~ too resounds to the activity of massive men of war --- marching out of the calm sheltered waters, into the surge of storm-swept coasts, ~~and~~

ROYAL FAMILY.

On the anniversary of the death of our ~~great and~~ beloved King George V we pay a tribute to his memory. After this short space of time his kindness --- his ability to mingle the manner of the common man with the dignity of the monarch --- brings him in memory more securely still to the company of the ~~great~~ kings. We renew our loyalty to ^{his son,} the present king --- King George VI and his happy family. We offer him again our sincere good wishes in the arduous duties of his reign --- may it be long and prosperous. It is understood that the Duke of Gloucester will be leaving the Army in order to devote more time to assisting his brother in affairs of state. The Duke of Kent, as ever, is busying himself in the traditional service of the royal family. In a tour of social centres for the unemployed he gave us these ~~charming~~ delightful studies. His Royal Highness is very much at home with the little children of the needy, as he moved from one club to another. ~~Always~~ ~~a ready smile and a ready word for the~~ ~~children~~ ~~youngsters~~. As the father of a boy and a girl, he appeared to be quite at ease with these simple people.