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CORONATION REHEARSAL.

It is our privilege to present these pictures of the ancient state coach of the King's of England, being prepared for its first rehearsal of the Coronation procession. This emblem of pageantry/^{is}centuries old, with its gilded frame and panelled figures symbolising the arts~~and~~ and wisdom and peace. / And now --- the rehearsal itself. The procession did not cover

the whole of the Coronation route, but the coach ~~itself~~ started from the Abbey. With traditional pomp and ceremony, ~~with pastillions and outriders,~~ e glittering cavalcade moved along the Embankment and Northumberland Avenue to Trafalgar Square. Enormous crowds of sightseers were watching despite the fact that the procession started at six o'clock in the morning.

~~The procession~~ Many had stayed up all night to be there.

~~Headed by a Sovereign's escort of Household Cavalry~~ The procession then advanced through Waterloo Place to Pall Mall, to St James's Street and Piccadilly. / The rehearsal was ~~gone~~ over, The serried ranks of spectators crowded into the roadway --- and how many could look back to a y of 1911, when a glittering escort clattered up the same St James's street, before that same royal coach, bearing the newly-crowned King George V and Queen Mary. / In the coach that followed were the royal princes, including the present King George.

What years of destiny lay before us then --- ~~how mixed are the memories!~~ How the crowds that lined the way on that ^{day} learned to love those two ~~simple~~ ~~and~~ dignified figures in scarlet and gold and white! And we know that the years that lie before us will bring a ~~measure~~ of affection no less to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

*Long May They Live - and
Reign.*