

*April 5, 1919.*—At 2:30 with Hoffman, to the formal session at the Palais d'Egmont to commemorate the work done for the children. Vast crowds—and “la Brabançonne,” and the people cheering when the King came in with the Queen and Prince Léopold—cheering, the nourishment of royal persons, as I remarked to Villalobar. The King had just flown back from Paris; he was in khaki.

The Queen was lovely in white—and the big lad in khaki like his father. The cardinal was there in his red, and a row of dignitaries behind a red table.... The Cardinal made a speech—a poor one—in which he attacked the Socialists. Afterward, another ceremony, in another part of the Palace, to which we walked, I with the Cardinal, chatting the while with him, across the sun-lit garden. There was a great jam, and after the singing of “la Brabançonne” and a speech by Jacquemain, Villiers and I escaped.