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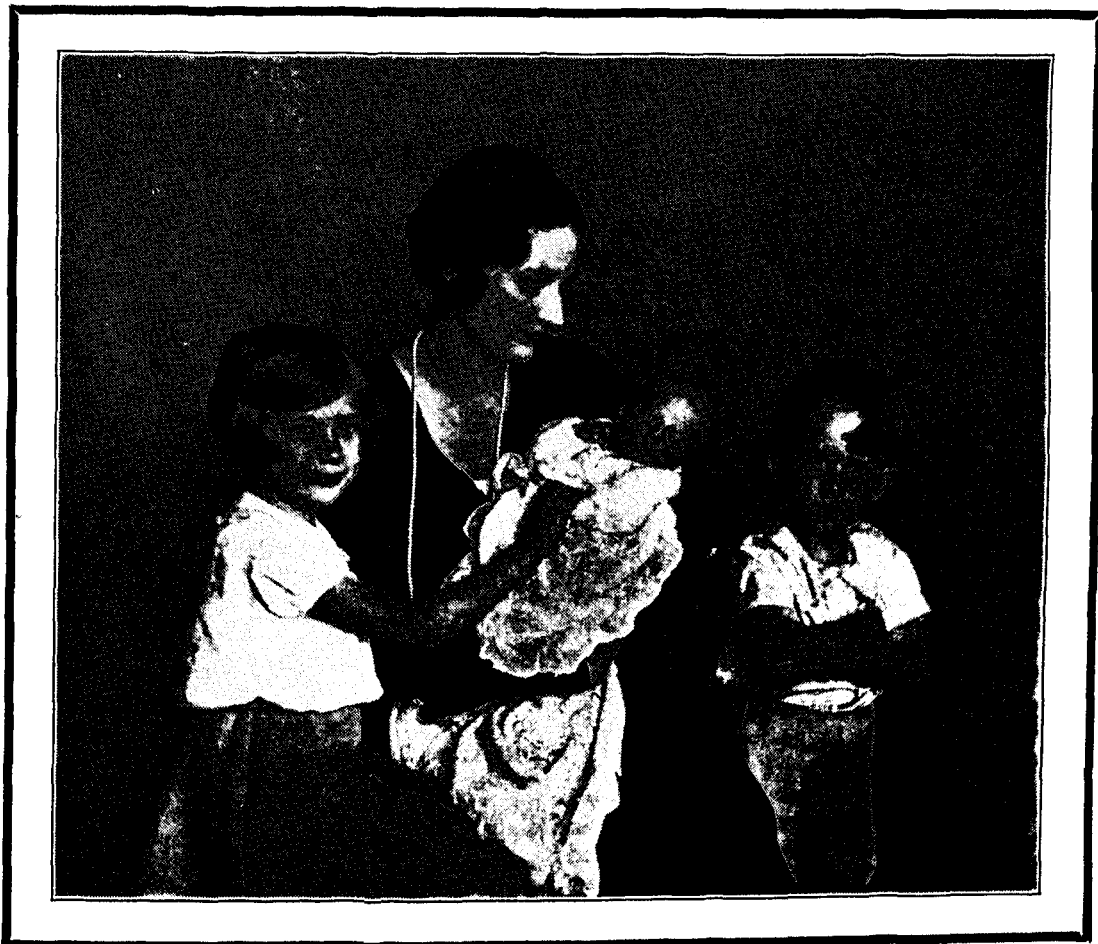
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## EDITORIAL.

### THE QUEEN OF MOTHERS.

The swift and tragic death, by accident in Switzerland, of the beloved Queen Astrid of the Belgians, has drawn forth sincere and spontaneous tributes of admiration not only from her wide circle of devoted friends and from the Belgian People, but also from those

gracious dignity by Queen Elisabeth, and with unaffected simplicity and charm by the then Crown Princess (Princess Astrid) at a Reception at the Royal Palace of Laeken, have learnt of the accident by which the Belgian nation was bereft of its Queen with deep emotion. Those who were privileged to be presented to the Queen and the Crown Princess before they led



The late Queen Astrid of the Belgians with her three children. Princess Josephine Charlotte, Prince Baudouin, Duke of Brabant, and Prince Albert of Liege.

of other countries who have learnt to appreciate the beauty and simplicity of her character, revealed in many acts of kindness and compassion to those in trouble and poverty, and her deep interest in the motherhood of her adopted country, so that she became known as "The Queen of Mothers."

The nurses of the world who during their International Congress in Brussels in 1933 were received with such

the way into the Garden of Roses, a veritable fairyland, will recall the radiant charm of the Princess, devoted wife and happy mother—so soon to assume the high office of Queen—as they picture her laid to rest in the Royal crypt of the Church of St. Mary at Laeken with the roses all about her.

To King Leopold in his loneliness and grief British nurses proffer their heartfelt and respectful sympathy.

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