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Latest news is that the King of the Belgians is to visit us. really this glut of royalty is past everything. I think you had better attend a few Bushey tea party^s & casually mention, Oh yes, my daughter entertained the Belgian Royal family last week. She hopes the other crowned heads of Europe will not interrupt the work again this season etc etc. what fun. of course they wouldn't believe you, although that "Girl from Grange Road" would do anything. Don't think my head is getting unduly swelled. I can still get my hats on quite comfortably, & any false pride is soon evaporated when I attempt to exchange polite greetings with Sheikh Abdu Wahid. Arabic is a ghastly language to learn. there are a dozen ways of saying the same thing. I seem to have got as far as a few general remarks & there I have stuck.

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