THE KING AND QUEEN IN THEIR CORONATION ROBES

THE WORLD'S WHEAT CROP

Increased Area of Spring Wheat in the Dominion a Feature

A despatch from Washington says: A bumper harvest of wheat in British India, estimated at 369,000,000 bushels, surpassing all previous yields, and a record area sown to Spring wheat in Western Canada, where 90 per cent. of the Dominion wheat is grown, giving rise to seemingly extravagant estimates of probable yield, are the features of the world's review of May agricultural news announced by the United States Department of Agriculture on Thursday. In other respects foreign agriculture in general made average seasonable progress.

In Argentina, the great wheat and flax seed exporter of the southern hemisphere, the Autumn sown crops have entered their first month of the trans-equatorial Winter in vigorous condition and on probably largely increased areas. The recently gathered corn crop there turned out badly and little or no surplus will be available for export. The corn crop of South Africa also is reported damaged by drought and there probably will be none for export.

GREAT PAGEANT OF THE EMPIRE

The Most Wonderful Spectacle Ever Witnessed on the Streets of Old London.

An annex to the main entrance to Westminster Abbey is in course of erection. In the seating arrangements the plan is the same as that which was adopted at King Edward's Coronation in 1902. There will therefore be no fixed seats, but the nave of the Abbey will be furnished with new chairs of Chippenhale pattern upholstered in silk. These the users of them will be given the opportunity of purchasing as mementoes. The Earl Marshal's Office has been besieged with applications for permission to be present from all sorts and conditions of people. Peers and Peeresses have a prescriptive right to attend, but even these will be excluded if they have not asked for and received permission to attend.

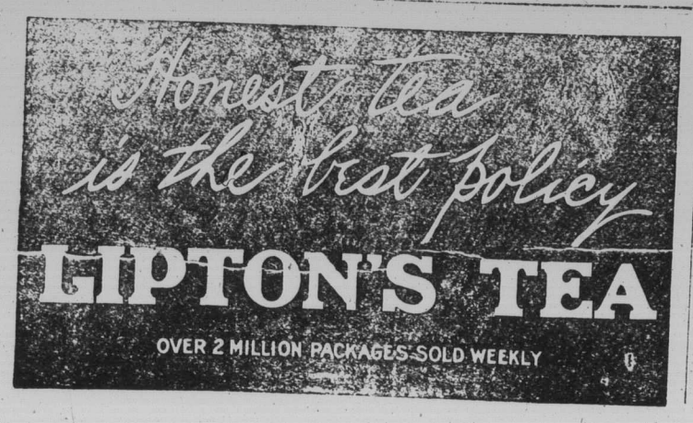
The Earl Marshal has received applications for permission to be present at the Coronation next June from over 100 Peers and Peeresses who had no legal claim to be present at the ceremony in 1902. There are no fewer than 38 new Earls and Countesses, and the remainder is made up of Peers and Peeresses who have succeeded to the family title, and of those who have had new Peerages conferred upon them.

It is the desire of his Majesty that the overseas dominions should take a prominent and distinguished part in the great State pageant, and at the present time the question is being considered whether some special act in the consecratory ceremony cannot be entrusted to the representatives of Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand. Every one of the countries mentioned, as well as India, Newfoundland, and practically every portion of the Empire, will be more adequately represented both in Westminster Abbey and in the royal procession through the streets of London than has ever been the case before. The officers of the Home District Command, who have been made responsible for the military arrangements, are making provision for the accommodation of some 3,000 soldiers, representing every part of the King's dominions abroad. Five hundred officers and men are going from India, 600 from Canada, over 300 from Australia and other parts of the Southern Hemisphere, while such places as Nigeria, Uganda, Borneo, Hong Kong and other far-away outposts of civilization will be fittingly represented. It is to be the greatest pageant of Empire yet seen in London. The navy, the home army and the Territorials are also to be represented by the biggest force ever concentrated in the Metropolis, and for their accommodation the Royal Parks will be covered with military encampments. In addition to carrying out the internal arrangements at the Abbey, the Office of Works has the task before it of erecting stands along the line of route of the Coronation procession between Buckingham Palace and Parliament square.

CONCERT HALLS HONORED

An unprecedented feature of the Coronation year will be the introduction of concert hall performances by Royal command. Male Royalties have visited London music halls privately, but the hall-mark of Royal patronage has never yet been bestowed upon the vaudeville stage.

In response to a petition signed by leading vaudeville managers the King and Queen will "command" a performance when they visit Edinburgh after the Coronation ceremonies. It is stated that other engagements preclude a similar act on their part so far as London is concerned.



PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, June 20.—Oats—Canadian western oats, No. 2, 39 3-4c; No. 3, 39 1-4c, lake ports; Ontario No. 2, 37c; No. 3, 36c, outside.

Wheat—No. 2 red, white or mixed, 80c outside points.

Rye—No. 2, 68c to 70c, outside.

Barley—For feed, 50 to 56c; for malting, 67 to 68c, outside.

Buckwheat—51 to 53c, outside.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, $1; No. 2 northern, 98c; No. 3 northern, 95c, track, lake ports.

Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $5.10; second patents, $4.60; strong bakers', $4.40.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 57c, c.i.f., bay ports.

Peas—No. 2, 78 to 80c, outside.

Ontario flour—Winter wheat flour, $3.40 to $3.45, seaboard.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $21 per ton; shorts, $23; Ontario bran, $22 in bags; shorts, $24, car lots, track, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Car lots are quoted at $1.70 to $1.75, and small lots, $1.90.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10 to 11c per lb; No. 1 comb, wholesale, $2 to $2.25 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, $1.75 per dozen.

Baled hay—No. 1 is quoted at $12 to $13, on track, and No. 2 at $9 to $10.

Baled straw—$6 to $6.50 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, 85 to 90c per bag.

Poultry—Yearling chickens, 15 to 16c, and turkeys, 19 to 20c per lb.

LOCAL DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 17 to 19c; inferior, 15 to 16c. Creamery, 21 to 23c per lb for rolls, 19 to 21c for solids, and 19 to 20c for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots, 18 to 19c per dozen.

Cheese—11 3-4 to 12c in a jobbing way.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long, clear, 11c per lb in case lots; mess pork, $19 to $20; do., short cut, $22 to $23.

Hams—Medium to light, 15 to 16c; do., heavy, 12 to 13c; rolls, 11 to 11 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 17c; backs, 18 to 18 1-2c.

Lard—Tierces, 10 1-4c; tubs, 10 1-2c; pails, 10 3-4c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, June 20. — Oats — Canadian Western, No. 2, 41 1-2 to 42c, car lots, ex store; extra No. 1 feed, 41 to 41 1-4c; No. 3 C.W., 40 1-2 to 40 3-4c; No. 2 local white, 40 to 40 1-2c; No. 3 local white, 39 1-2 to 39 3-4c; No. 4 local white, 38 1-2 to 39c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.30; seconds, $4.80; Winter wheat patents, $4.60 to $4.75; strong bakers', $4.60; straight rollers, $4.10 to $4.25; in bags, $1.85 to $2. Rolled oats—Per barrel, $4.55; bag of 90 lbs, $2.15. Feed barley—Car lots, ex store, 51 to 52c. Corn—American, No. 3 yellow, 61 to 61 1-2c. Millfeed—Bran, Ontario, $22; Manitoba, $21; middlings, Ontario, $22.50 to $23; shorts, Manitoba, $23; mouille, $25 to $30. Eggs—Fresh, 17 1-2 to 18 1-2c. Cheese—Westerns, 11 1-4 to 11 1-2c; Easterns, 11 to 11 1-8c. Butter—Choicest, 22 to 22 1-4c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, June 20.—Wheat—July, 93 1-4c; September, 92 1-8c; December, 92 1-2 to 92 5-8c; No. 1 hard, 95 3-4c; No. 1 Northern, 93 3-4 to 95 1-4; No. 2 Northern, 92 3-4 to 93 3-4c; No. 3 wheat, 88 3-4 to 91 3-4c; No. 1 durum, 84 1-4c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 51 3-4c. Oats—No. 3 white, 36 1-2 to 36 3-4c. Rye—No. 2, 87c. Bran—$19.50 to $19.75. Flour—First patents, $4.70 to $4.90; second patents, $4.50 to $4.70; first clears, $3.25 to $3.35; second clears, $2 to $2.45.

Buffalo, N.Y., June 20.—Spring wheat—Firm; No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, 99 1-2c; Winter, dull; No. 2 red, 91c; No. 2 white, 90c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 58 1-2c; No. 4 yellow, 56 3-4c; No. 3 corn, 55 1-4c; No. 4 corn, 52 3-4c, all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 41 3-4c; No. 3 white, 41c; No. 4 white, 4 01-4c. Barley—Malting, $1 to $1.03.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, June 20.—Sales of choice steers at $6.65 to $6.75; good, at $6.35 to $6.50; fairly good, at $6.15 to $6.25; fair, at $5.90 to $6; and the lower grades at from $5 to $5.70 per cwt. Cows brought from $4.25 to $5.50, and bulls from $4.50 to $5.25 per cwt., as to quality. Sales of lambs made at from $4.25 to $6.25 each. Prices for old sheep, $4.50 to $6 each. The demand for calves was good at from $2 to $8 each, as to size and quality.

Toronto, June 20.—Prices for fat cattle ranged all the way from $5.60 to $6.30 for steers and heifers and one lot of 12 sold at $6.35; cows, $4 to $5.25; bulls, $4.60 to $5.15. Feeders, 900 lbs each, sold at $5.40; stockers sold at $5 to $5.35. The bulk of milkers and springers sold from $40 to $65 each, and one extra choice cow brought $75. Veal calves sold at $4.50 to $7.50 per cwt., and in a few instances $8 was paid for choice new milk fed veals. Sheep, ewes, sold at $3.50 to $4.50; rams, $3 to $3.50 per cwt.; spring lambs, $8 to $9 per cwt., or in other words, 8c to 9c per lb; yearling lambs, $5.50 to $6.50 per cwt. Hogs, fed and watered, sold at $7.30 per cwt.

RITES AND CEREMONIES

Many Chief Actors in Edward's Coronation Have Passed Away

As far as the rites and ceremonies of the Coronation are concerned, the precedent of 1902 will be strictly followed. In that particular respect the duties of the Earl Marshal and the Lord Chamberlain have proved much lighter than they were eight years ago. The greatest changes that will be noted in the pageant that attends the Coronation of King George and Queen Mary will be in the dramatic personae. Of the chief actors in the last great historic event of the crowning of a great historic event of the crowning of a British King and then Primate and the then Archbishop of York are no more. Lord Salisbury and the Duke of Devonshire have been gathered to their fathers, and among others who figured largely in the brilliant spectacle of eight years ago, and who have gone over to the majority, are the late Lord Derby and the late Earl Spencer—two of the four Knights of the Garter who held the canopy for the King's annointing. Many others who played a prominent part in the public life of a decade ago will next June be found absent, and the exigencies of political life will have forced many others into the background.

PRINCE TO BE MIDSHIPMAN.

Heir to Throne to Follow Father's Footsteps.

A despatch from London says: It is stated that the Prince of Wales will follow in his father's footsteps, and will serve as a midshipman in the navy, after the Coronation ceremonies.

HER MAJESTY'S PERSONAL GIFTS

Queen Mary is Fond of Music, is a Great Reader, and Follows Events Attentively

Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke contributes to The North American Review a sympathetic character sketch of her Majesty Queen Mary. Intended mainly for American readers, it will be read with pleasure by Canadians generally. Her Majesty, says Sir Clement, has a very retentive memory. Once she has mastered a subject, it seldom goes out of her mind, and months afterwards she will astonish her friends by reference to a conversation they themselves had forgotten.

Driving through the streets of Hobart, she recognized a man in the crowd, and remarked to her lady-in-waiting that he had been a curate at East Sheen when she was a girl and his name began with C, and that she had heard him preach two or three times. On inquiry it turned out that he was the same man ,and that his name was C——n. It would be clever to have remembered him had the Queen met him after an interval of ten years, but in a passing crowd in far-away Tasmania it was extraordinary. As a mutual result of such good memory the Queen has something to say to everyone, and the personal touch this gift imparts to her conversation gratifies and charms all with whom she is brought in contact.

Fond of Music.

Music had a great share in the home life at White Lodge, the musical hour in the drawing room being at one time a regular institution, and often the Duchess would sit down at the piano in the evenings and sing ballads from the popular operettas of the day. The Queen has a sweet voice, a soft soprano, which greatly matured under the skilful guidance of Signor (now Sir Lanlo) Tosti. Of late years, however, Her Majesty has given up her singing; and, although retaining her fondness for music, she rarely finds much time to devote to the piano.

Dramatic art of every kind appeals to her, and there are few plays of importance, or that have attracted public attention during the last two decades, she has not seen. Like her mother, she quickly seizes upon the humorous side of a question. Thus she has a keen appreciation for a sparkling comedy or a farce, and on returning from the theatre, or afterwards in conversation, often makes allusion to some particularly amusing part of the performance.

The Queen is greatly attached to the historical part of her country, and has collected together quite a number of interesting things connected with the Royal Family. As a girl she always enjoyed going over museums and inspecting articles of antiquity, a trait in her character which has widened with years. She has an intimate knowledge of old silver and china, and possesses a valuable collection of objets d'art.

A Great Reader.

The Queen has always been a great reader, and her boudoir at White Lodge contained a little case of favorite books, prominent amongst them being Tennyson's Poems. Books of travel and biographies are seldom missed, for the Queen does not read for mere passing pleasure, but for instruction and information. Novels of themselves do not appeal to her Majesty, but she has read and re-read classic works of fiction; and any novel by a well-known writer, or that is specially recommended to her, at once receives her attention.

Her Majesty follows events attentively. She reads the newspapers daily, and as Princess of Wales attended the more important Parliamentary debates, occupying a seat in the Peeresses' Gallery in the House of Lords and in the Speaker's Gallery in the House of Commons. A chance meeting in a country house led to my being invited to White Lodge, and being honored with the friendship of the Duke and Duchess of Teck. At the time I was helping with the House of Lords' inquiry into the sweating system, and well do I remember the great interest taken by the Queen in the evidence. She never tired of hearing about the workers, and would ply me with questions about the chainmakers, the seamstresses, and the other toilers for long hours and low wages, until I thoroughly believe she knew as much about the conditions and requirements of these people as I did myself.

ROBES AT AUCTION

Those of George IV. Were Once Sold at Phillips' Rooms

It is a fact, generally forgotten, that the Coronation robes of George IV., which, it has been suggested, his Majesty King George V. may wear at the coming ceremony, were once sold at auction. With other official costumes of George IV. they were "put up" at Phillips' auction rooms in Bond street in 1831.

The magnificent Coronation mantle of purple velvet was sold as "Lot 95" for a paltry $275, though it was probably worth $1,500 at least. Another splendid crimson velvet Coronation mantle, which, according to the auctioneer, cost $2,500, brought on the same occasion $235.

Other items on the catalogue were "the Coronation ruff of superb Mechlin" and the Coronation coat, waistcoat, and trunk hose.

And these sumptuous vestments—or most of them—passed into the hands of Madame Tussaud, though it is extremely doubtful if they were ever allowed to grace a wax figure.

A "Coronation" Engine.

To mark the completion of the 5,000th engine constructed at the London and North-Western Crewe works, a leviathan locomotive is being built, to be christened "Coronation." It is to cost over $20,000 to build, and its horse power will be about 1,300. It is expected that the engine will be ready in June, and will be used for the train by which the King and Queen are to travel by the West Coast route on their visit to Wales.

Pictorial Representation.

In view of the acceptance of two new historical paintings for the Royal Exchange, the suggestion is again forthcoming that a few of the vacant panels might be devoted to pictorial representations of episodes in the reigns of King Edward and King George V. King Edward paid several visits to the city which could be commemorated in this way, while the Royal progress of King George at his Coronation would obviously provide a fitting subject.

A GREAT FEAST FOR CHILDREN

Preparations for the Coronation Entertainment to 100,000 Youngsters

The work of preparing for the Coronation entertainment which the King will give to 100,000 poor children of London at the Crystal Palace on June 30th, is well under way.

Sir William Carrington states that the committee entrusted to carry out the King's wishes, declares absolute impartiality is to be shown so that schoolchildren of every denomination should be properly represented.

Although not officially stated, there is every reason to believe that the King and Queen will be present in the course of the afternoon at the entertainment at the Crystal Palace. Most probably they will be accompanied by Princess Mary and one or two of her brothers.

It is assumed that the chosen 100,000 will be marshalled like an army and converge upon Sydenham by various routes. Probably the local railways for a certain time in the day will concentrate their energies on the transport of this army. Every child will bear his or her own name and address in writing, and will also carry a distinguishing ticket or rosette, indicating by color and by numerals the particular school and locality. It is hoped, also, that each girl will wear a white dress or sash and each boy a white tie. Once within the gates of the Crystal Palace, there should be little difficulty. The staff there is accustomed to invasions of football enthusiasts for the Cup Final numbering from 100,000 to 140,000, and in the summer various organizations bring to Sydenham many thousands of children.

The King's guests will arrive between 11 and 12.30 and stay until between 6 and 7 o'clock. Dinner and tea will be served, if fine, at long trestle tables on the grass, but if wet the meals will be served in relays within the Palace. For dinner the children will have cold meats, pies, pastries, with lemonade; and at tea bread and butter, jam and cakes.

Each of the favored children will be given from the King a specially designed Coronation beaker of Royal Doulton ware. They are to be of the same shape as those made for King Edward, and on the occasions of the Jubilees of Queen Victoria. His Majesty has supplied a special portrait of himself in the uniform of an Admiral of the fleet for reproduction on the beaker.

Apart from a generous programme of amusements and a monster tea, the children will be given probably their first glimpse of the greatness of the British Empire. The King has chosen the Crystal Palace, with its Festival of Empire, as the venue for this reason—to impress on the juvenile mind some understanding of the vast community of English-speaking countries of which they form no inappreciable part.

Mr. Frank Lascelles will superintend the direction of a special performance of the Pageant of Empire, lasting half an hour. A Royal box is to be erected for Their Majesties.

Subsequently the children are to be taken in batches for a trip round the Empire on the "All-Red Route" Railway. This will enable them to see the Parliament buildings of Newfoundland, Britain's oldest colony, with its papermaking and whaling and other industries, together with the harbor of St. John's; the great wheat prairies and cattle ranges of Canada, and the Parliament buildings at Ottawa; various Crown colonies, with a Malay village and a sugar plantation in Jamaica.

India will be visited, and Delhi, where the King is to be crowned in person Emperor of India. From India the young voyagers will travel to Australia and New Zealand, and finally to South Africa, where the gold and diamond mines will be shown in operation.

CORONATION DRESS

The Names of the Seven Royal Train-Bearers

The Queen having decided that her train at her Coronation shall be borne by seven daughters of Earls, is now considering what their costumes shall be. According to precedent, they will all wear white, and will be dressed precisely alike. Her Majesty will present to each of her attendants a handsome souvenir of the occasion, and this will probably be the only ornament they will be permitted to wear. The pages who attend the King wear a quaint uniform of scarlet, white and gold, and carry old-fashioned three-cornered hats with plumes under their arms.

The following are the train-bearers:

Lady Eileen Butler, daughter of the Earl of Lanesborough.

Lady Mary Dawson, daughter of the Earl of Dartrey.

Lady Mabell Ogilvy, daughter of the late Earl of Airlie and the Countess of Aarlie.

Lady Victoria Carrington, daughter of Earl Carrington.

Lady Jean Cochrane, daughter of the Earl of Dundonald.

Lady Eileen Knox, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Banfurly.

Lady Adelaide Spencer, daughter of Earl Spencer.

It is probable that further appointments will be made, necessitated by the weight and length of her Majesty's train.

GLASGOW'S CELEBRATION

At the Glasgow Corporation meeting at which plans were made for celebrating the Coronation, the Lord Provost explained that it was proposed to carry out arrangements similar to what was followed at King Edward's Coronation. The idea was to give a dinner to about 20,000 poor in the various parts of the city, that the children and their teachers should receive a medal, and also that the children should have a day in the Exhibition instead of the Children's Day in the parks. It would be quite in keeping with the usual circumstances that the Corporation should possibly have a banquet, and that there should be a reception on some evening for a large number of citizens. It was not intended to go to a very large amount of extravagance, but they would require to celebrate the Coronation in keeping with the dignity of the city.

RECORD THEATRE PRICES

From information furnished by the directors of the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, the prices to be charged on the Coronation gala performance range from 100 guineas ($525) for the best boxes to 1 guinea (about $5.25) for a single seat in the gallery.

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A DESCRIPTION OF CORONETS

Many of Those Used at the Edward Coronation in 1902 will be Worn in June

"Numbers of persons," declared a London jeweler and silversmith, "imagine coronets to be composed of 24-carat gold, and studded with priceless gems.

"Well, the fact is, we often supply peers or peeresses with beautifully finished, light-weight coronets in silver gilt for less than twenty pounds. A peer's coronet must fit him like a hat; but those for peeresses are half the size. Peeresses, thus having plenty of room on their heads—happily for us—wear tiaras as well as coronets. In this way:

"The tiara, high in front, sloping down each side, is placed well forward on the noble brow. With hair bunched on top of the head, puffed out at the sides, the coronet rests on top of the hair, behind the tiara. Plenty of work there will be at the last moment, of course, altering tiaras for the Coronation, so that they may be worn in this way, for many of them are of the 'all round' pattern.

"Most of the coronets donned in June next will be those used for the last Coronation. I estimate that two thousand new coronets were then turned out, at an average of $90 apiece—$180,000 in all.

"One peer told me of the rescue of his coronet for the 1902 ceremony.

"His lordship's plate-chest was crammed. To make room, odds and ends were cleared out. Sorting these, he encountered his coronet. The butler, fairly staggered, said he had been pushing it into one odd corner and another for years past, till he could come across the other part of "the old cruet."

"The most gorgeous Coronation item, though that comes the way of workers in precious metals, is the pallium, or Royal mantle of the King. It is of English cloth of gold—remember the 'Field' of it in history?—woven from finest gold thread, gold as pure as will stand the strain of being so used, almost without alloy.

"There are very few skilled weavers capable of making cloth of gold. It is exceedingly slow work, and as each inch of the material is formed, it is carefully wrapped up, so that it shall retain its glorious flood of color. Such new, absolutely unsoiled cloth of gold looks more like a blaze of brilliant sunshine than anything you ever saw.

"Many of the State robes will have Indian embroidery—gold and silver thread on silk.

"An ounce of the pure metal is drawn out into a thread half a mile long for the embroiderers to use. The pattern is always original, the embroiderers, trained from childhood, 'making it up' as they go along. Thus no two existing patterns are alike, and one robe can always be distinguished from another, which saves marking. The work is usually done in India, but for the Coronation some of the most expert craftsmen of Delhi, where the best come from, are being brought over here.

"The famous crimson velvet, with which Westminster Abbey will be ablaze, I find on inquiry costs about a pound a yard, bought by the piece. A piece measures some forty yards, and though the velvet is quite plain, without any pattern, such a length takes four months to make.

"British-spun pure silk linings are used, the proper lining for the crimson—really almost purple—velvet being white corded silk, costing about eight shillings a yard.

"So, although coronets themselves are not exactly pure gold jewels, one way and another the little bill tops up."

Bisley Team at Coronation.

The Canadian Bisley team will arrive in England in time for the Coronation. Arrangements at the meeting of the D. R. A. Council will be made to give the riflemen a chance to see this great ceremony. Since this takes place on June 22nd, the team will sail about the 10th of that month from Montreal. The Bisley matches start early in July.

A Welsh church choir has gone on strike because the vicar refuses to let them sing with their faces to the