

# Summary of The Week's News of The World

## SIDEGLIMPS ON CORONATION

**London, June 12.**—The London which encompasses the route of the coronation procession resembles at this moment an extremely active lumber yard in Canada. Thousands of workers amid millions of feet of wooden planking are busily destroying the beauty of outline of every square, and the damage done to the facades and balconies in many streets, not to mention the bases of many monuments, must be incalculable.

The solidity of the structures, the great iron bolts, and the massive beams strike the eye of the onlooker as something suggestive of the stability which characterizes everything British. Barriers of solid planking obstruct the principle crossways of thoroughfares, and already progress of traffic is slower than ever.

The writer spent one of these glorious hot summer mornings motoring with a member of the court circle through the district which is especially the haunt of London society, and a more brilliant scene it is impossible to conceive.

King George held his levee at the old palace of St. James, and a detachment of the Royal Horse Guards stood drawn up in the space before Buckingham Palace, the brilliant sunlight bringing into full relief the magnificent mounts, the fluttering plumes of the soldiers, and the mass of gold worn by the famous band, whose black velvet caps, with their suggestion of the hunting field, seemed to accentuate the richness of the golden tones.

Thousands of people collected to watch the passing of the state coach in all its bravery of gilt and plate glass, its wonderful lacquers and coachmen, and the pomp and circumstance of royalty, which delights the hearts of colonials as well as a London crowd.

### Canada Honored

The Mall is bordered with the most spring-like of green foliage, and the palace of St. James, embowered in age and enduring stability. It seems the centre of monarchy. The honours of the royal personages are close at hand, and Buckingham Palace appears shorn of the privacy which is accorded to the older palace.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden are staying at Clarence House, and there is a rumor that they may visit Canada when the Duke of Connaught represents His Majesty in that country. It is also rumored that there is not a little feeling of jealousy on the part of our sister dominions that Canada should be thus honored.

Again rumor denies that there is any chance of a union between the daughter of the German monarch and one of the Princes of Great Britain. But Dame Rumor is a capricious lady at the present moment, and if one were to record the various whispers which fill the air, space would hardly be found in the daily newspapers in which to retail it.

### Popularity of the Motor

The invitations to country houses for the Whitsuntide holidays showered upon colonial ministers and their families were endless. But the king and queen remained in London, and many of the elite of society followed their example. Daily excursions to country houses are, however, frequently indulged in, and "to dine and sleep" and motor back in the fresh air of the morning is one of the advantages which a wholesale adoption of motor cars has assured. The roads in Surrey are most excellently adapted for this mode of transit, and the advent of the "dustless roads in and about London within the last four years is one of the most striking of the many improvements which one has to note.

The abatement of the smoke nuisance is another. London's climate has changed as a consequence. But motor cars, taxicabs, and the almost universal use of the telephone, have resulted in an additional pressure of engagements which

make the life of the great mass of the people an exceedingly arduous one. Nine-tenths of the men attending the levee of the king in St. James arrived in motor-driven vehicles.

As they passed rapidly by, one caught visions of be-wigged heads and the most ornate of robes, uniforms, and the regulation court dress. There is no limit to the speed of motors in London itself, nor is there any need for one, but the latest regulations regarding the speed outside London have resulted in a most curious impasse. Police watch with untiring vigilance, but they are watched in turn by uniformed members of the automobile association, who signal the drivers of motors as to where the police are hidden, whether a "spurt" of speed is safe or not, for the contention is, that were the law obeyed to the fullest extent, no time could be saved by the use of the motor, and it is not only the saving of time, so precious in London, but the joy of the open vehicle that makes the use of the automobile so popular.

### "Ich Dein"

The Court of George the Fifth is said to be remarkable for the business-like way in which all arrangements are carried out. There is no longer the captive of the monarch to be considered in the making of arrangements. King George is true to the motto he bore as Prince of Wales, "Ich Dein," I serve, and his majesty is not only determined that this motto shall regulate his own movements, but those of the court circle. No subject of the king serves the people more truly than does this sailor king, whose early life was spent under strict discipline.

After a period of unusually hot weather, the week has ended with a cool, sunless day, and devoutly thankful are many of those who had to stand among vast crowds in conferences and social gatherings, in a temperature which was simply stifling.

"In the coming years there must be some new arrangements for coronations," said a hard-worked official the other day. "It is becoming almost impossible to cram all this work and play into the heart of a great city already over-populated. We must have two coronations, one for the visitors from over-seas, and another for the people of the British Isles."

One distinct feature of the present coronation season has been the attention paid to the provincial and state premiers and ministers. The dinner given to the Premier of New Brunswick, and the one in honor of the Premier of British Columbia, drew together a large number of distinguished members of Colonial and British Parliaments.

### Absence of Lady Laurier Deplored

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen, of New Brunswick, spent Whit Sunday with Mr. Rudyard Kipling; and the writer had the pleasure of meeting them at the magnificent luncheon given by Lord and Lady Northcliffe at Sutton Place on the 7th.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, owing to slight indisposition, was unable to be present at the party at Sutton Place, where one noted that all the representatives of the great London journals were conspicuous. The absence of Lady Laurier is constantly deplored and commented on.

General and Mrs. Botha are now well-known figures at the great gatherings of colonials, and it is asserted by one who knows that never before have the doors of the great houses been flung so widely open to visitors from over-seas as on this occasion.

The Honorable Richard McBride is also conspicuous at all the many gatherings of premiers, and his personality well represents the importance of the vast province which looks so largely in London at this moment. The Premier of New Brunswick, tall and handsome, is another figure which attracts attention.

A cloud on the brightness of the moment is the closing of the doors of the Birkbeck Bank, which ruins thousands of small depositors. Unionist newspapers are using this unhappy event to the utmost advantage, as pointing to a ruinous policy by the present government, and the political tension which reigns in England is unprecedented in history.

### The Efficient Police

Not even the prime minister of this great country can break the regulations issued by the police regarding traffic.

The home secretary is possibly the most important minister at the moment, and the authorities at Scotland Yard are working day and night, every precaution that human brains and strict discipline can devise are being worked out, but the strange sympathy which has existed for so many years between the London "hobby" and the London crowd in the strongest guarantee of safety. Scarcely if ever, has there been the slightest friction between the representatives of civil power and the vast crowds in London. Possibly the suffragettes have tried the patience of the police more sorely than any other element in the community. There is a giant march and demonstration of the militant body of these ladies on the 17th, which promises to seriously embarrass the already sorely tried officials.

### MR. PARTRIDGE'S CONDITION

The many friends of Mr. E. A. Partridge will regret to know that he is still confined to his bed in the General Hospital, in Winnipeg, suffering from partial paralysis as an aftermath of diphtheria. Mr. Partridge was stricken with diphtheria while attending a directors' meeting of the Grain Growers' Grain Company, in Winnipeg, on March 30, and has been unable to attend to business since. His physicians advise that he will entirely recover, but that it will be some time before he will be about again. Mr. Partridge has been unable to attend to arrears of correspondence in connection with the Hudson Bay railway and wishes his friends to accept this notice that he will attend to that matter as soon as he is able.

### WARNING TO SENATE

Washington, D. C., June 25. With the plain declaration by Republican

senators, who have talked with President Taft, that he will veto the Canadian trade bill if amendments are attached thereto, and public announcement by Democratic leaders in the Senate that they will not support amendments to the bill, Republican insurgents who have been dickering with the Democrats in efforts to bring about tariff amendments to the reciprocity position. They see all hope of defeating the Canadian bill going glimmering. In the opinion of Senator Cummins, of Iowa, who is opposing the Canadian agreement bill, and at the same time advocating radical changes in the tariff law, the Democrats will not at this session consent to any tariff changes along lines that will be suggested by the Republican Insurgents.

Mr. Cummins asserts that in his opinion the Democrats would greatly prefer to see Canadian reciprocity carried through by their votes, and against the protests of a majority of the Republicans in both houses, than to see any of the tariff bills which the house Democratic majority has put through that body, presented to the president for signature at this time. In other words, the Democratic position, as interpreted by Senator Cummins, is that they regard the tariff as being too good to be lost at this time by the passage through congress of tariff bills which might be accepted by President Taft, and receive his signature.

The foregoing is the explanation given for the opinion expressed that, even if the Canadian trade bill has been passed by the senate, there will be no chance for an agreement among the Democrats and Insurgents for any important changes in the tariff laws.

It is apparent from suggestions made by Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, one of the ultra-protectionist members



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