

GLANCING OVER THE OLD WORLD

The British Metropolis Quieting Down—People Have Had Enough Pageantry—Politico Stroke in Regard to Ireland—Puzzled About the Situation in South Africa—Thames Improvement a Live Topic—New Warships for the British Navy.

London, Feb. 17.—The King and Queen went quietly to Windsor Saturday in plain carriages without a guard of honor. This is a sign that the period of royal pageants and town shows has ended and that London is settling down to normal conditions of prosaic existence. An interval of peace and quiet will be welcomed by all classes, except possibly the smart sets, which find it difficult to resign themselves to a state of public mourning without other source of pleasurable excitement than theaters or small dinner parties, with the game of "bridge" played sub-rosa. Military parades and state functions at St. Stephen's interfere with business and interrupt the course of trade. Sober-minded people are glad to have a release from unnatural excitement and turmoil in the streets. The splendors of court pageantry have not blinded the eyes of thoughtful spectators to the public responsibilities either of royalty or of parliament in a period of war, when military operations are dragging and the burdens of taxation are steadily increasing.

CAUSE OF IRRITATION.
The arrangements for the historic tableau in the House of Lords caused much irritation among those who were entitled to be present, but were displaced by 400 peeresses and smart ladies in diamonds. The majority of the peers were turned out of their own houses, and only one commoner out of six managed to enter the overcrowded hall, and then, after an unseemly scramble and a rough-and-tumble struggle like a street mob, the grumbling among the commoners has not yet ended, and even those who are not nursing their bruises are declining against the conversion of a stately function into a peeress' matinee and a jeweled masquerade of smartness, and urging that the traditions of the College of Heralds would be better honored in the breach than in the observance.

IN PARLIAMENT.
There has been a sense of artificiality in the speeches and proceedings of parliament. The front benches have spoken in muffled tones and there are premonitions of a dull, uneventful, disagreeable session. No large legislative measures have been proposed, and the programme is made up of scraps and odds and ends. The revision of the civil list will cause embarrassment to both sides of the commons, and the main business of the session will be the sanctioning of fresh taxes on tea, spirits, tobacco and incomes to provide for deficits in the war chest. This is not an exhilarating pastime, even for well-to-do Tory squires, and the dispositions among the commoners to find fault with Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, for standing in awe of Sir William Vernon Harcourt and refusing to finance the war in a broad-minded, enlightened spirit, as was done in America by Secretary Gage.

IN IRELAND'S INTERESTS.
The prominence given to Irish legislation in the King's speech is regarded as another instance of the policy of the present government to kill home rule with kindness. The demand for the compulsory sale of tenant farms has been the subject of bitter controversy, resulting in the severance of Mr. T. W. Russell, a former member of the Salisbury government, from the ministry, and his adherence to the Nationalist party. Since then Orange Ulster has been almost unanimous in supporting Mr. Russell in public meetings, and this probably led to the adoption in the plank in the govern-

ment platform which the King's speech really means. Another question on which all the Irish parties are united is the financial relation of the two countries. According to the act of union Ireland is supposed to contribute a share of the imperial taxes proportionate to her population, but for years this has been exceeded by an average of £2,500,000 (\$12,500,000) a year. When the question comes up this session there is likely to be hot debate, a strong party both in the lords and commons demanding redress.

CORONATION IN JUNE.
There is a general agreement among London tradesmen that the coronation will come on early in June in the nick of time for a thriving season's business, but they are self-interested witnesses. A prominent court official says that nothing will be known about it for two months, but that it is probable that the coronation will occur about July 1. He did not take into account the illness of the Empress Frederick, which is likely to have a fatal ending in the course of a few months, possibly week or ten days. The coronation will inevitably be deferred in that event until next winter.

THE WAR IN AFRICA.
The heads of Great Britain's war department scarcely knew more than the public, except that the stern, laconic commander of the troops in South Africa is busily engaged in systematizing his huge forces for an extended campaign in him they trust implicitly and no amount of tactiturnity makes their faith waver. During the months Gen. Kitchener has had the command in South Africa he has been employing his energies to prepare for events six months hence, rather than to dealing with the emergencies of the present.

FAITH IN KITCHENER.
The secretary of state for War, Mr. William St. John Brodrick, and his fellow-cabinet ministers believe the same resolute progress which comes from the perfection of every minor detail of the machinery will eventually reward Gen. Kitchener's patience, as it did in the Sudan. But in private conversation they frankly confess it is utterly impossible to speculate on the time which must elapse before the end is achieved. Even the capture of Dewet, they now think, will only in a small degree hasten the pacification of the extended territory which is in such a hostile condition. When the republics become in fact, instead of in name, colonies of Great Britain, Gen. Kitchener will be the man who will get the credit, and on whom the rewards will be heaped.

THAMES IMPROVEMENT.
The coming election of members of the London County Council is likely to prove interesting to shippers. The condition of the port of London has long been a subject of indignant protest for everybody compelled to use it. During the busy season there is usually a shoal of vessels lying off Gravesend unable to find dock accommodation. The management of the docks is in the hands of 53 distinct, independent authorities, entangling enough red tape to fit out any ordinary vessel's cables, etc. At the coming election the Radicals, or, as they are called in local politics, the Progressives, have a platform calling for municipal ownership of all docks and excavations of a thirty-foot channel as far as Blackwell, clearing out the fossilized corporations and privileged companies, remodeling the docks up to date and intrusting their future management to a committee representing the council, the shippers, the government and the London corporation. The programme is the most drastic onslaught on the London corporation system there has been for centuries. Many of the privileges at-

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MILLIONS PAID IN A FEW DAYS.
The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, is taking measures to circumvent the immense clearings of dutiable goods in bond, chiefly liquors, tea and tobacco, which he is making in anticipation of increased duties. It is estimated that millions in duties have been paid within the past few days.

NEW WARSHIPS.
Some fine warships which will greatly reinforce the British navy will launch within a month. On Feb. 21 the Fairfields, builders of the Campania and Lucania, will launch the armored cruiser Good Hope, of the Drake class, and the Browns, of the Clyde Bank-builders of the Paris and New York, will launch the armored cruiser Bacchante, of the Cressy class. On March 5 the battleships Montague and Albemarle will be launched at Devonport and Chatham, the cruiser Drake at Pembroke, and the cruiser Kent at Portsmouth.

THE KING'S CHAMPION.
An interesting feature of King Edward's coronation will be the probable appearance of the King's champion, who, in the presence of the assemblage, rides forth, throws down his gauntlet, and challenges all to dispute with him by personal conflict the right of King Edward to reign. The present King's champion is a hard-working young farmer, who glories in the name of Dynoke. He lives in Lincolnshire, is of a modest nature, and is much exercised at the prospect of the greatness which is likely to thrust upon him. Neither in his figure, which is small, nor in his appearance, which is that of the typical Lincolnshire farmer, is he cut out for such martial duty. Since the times of the Norman Kings, the Dynokes have been champions. Several rulers, notably Queen Victoria, held their coronation without the appearance of the inevitable Dynoke, but it is thought King Edward is likely to revive the duty so long devolved on the ancient family.

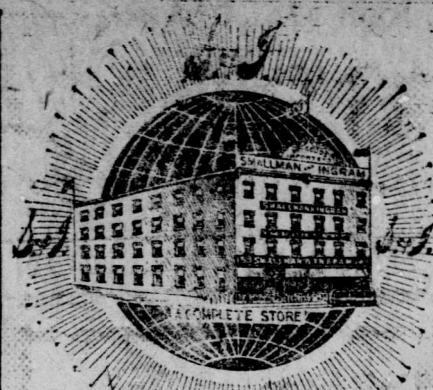
A CHECKERED CAREER.
Jack Wilson, a veteran of the Klondike, who has been made a lieutenant of General Kitchener's body guard, has had a remarkable career. He is only 23 years of age, began life as a telegraph messenger in London, became an operator, studied law, and was made a solicitor. During the gold boom in Australia he was mayor of Kalgoorlie. He afterwards went to the Klondike. On the outbreak of the war he joined the Light Horse as a trooper, and was twice invalided. He is now commissioned as lieutenant.

DUKE OF YORK'S TOUR.
Elaborate preparations are being made for the colonial tour of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. The steamer Ophir is being fitted out with the greatest of luxury. Her deck cabins have been removed, and suites of royal apartments have been substituted. Accommodations for five hundred persons are being provided. Besides the large royal suite, there will be representative of the admiralty and navy. The navy officers and crew will number 200, selected from the royal yachts and the navy.

THE RUSSIAN TARIFF.
M. De Witte, minister of finance, has issued a decree regarding the application of the increased tariff to certain imports from the United States. The decree is based upon the first paragraph of article 68 of the customs statute. The measure will become effective a fortnight after its promulgation.

GERMAN COMMENT ON THE KING'S SPEECH.
The Lokal Anzeiger says King Edward's speech at the opening of parliament Thursday is more remarkable for what it omits than for what it says, adding: "It passes over England's foreign policy, momentarily so interesting, with a meaningless allusion, and entirely avoids touching on the subject of Emperor William's visit and attendant circumstances, which at least open important prospects, unless changed relations have intervened. What he says about the Transvaal appears decidedly too optimistic to any person who has followed South African events. Those who indulged in hopes of peace will be thoroughly disappointed with the King's words." The Vorwarts says the speech cunningly conceals behind arrogant words discomfort over the South African war. The paper misses an allusion to special intimacy with Germany.

AMUSEMENTS.
"An English Woman's Love Letters" is creating a sensation in London comparable only with the "Tribby" vogue in America. The weeklies and comic papers contain columns of comments, parodies and speculations as to the authorships. One paper credits the late Oscar Wilde with being the author of the book, but the publisher, John Murray, denies it. The Academy claims that



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John Houseman is responsible for the work. Houseman, who is a minor dramatist and reviewer, does not deny this. Nevertheless, literary people refuse to believe him to be the author. Theatrical stock, which was destroyed by the fortnight of mourning, is rising, on the prospects that the King will give an impetus to the revival of old-time gaieties so soon as the official period of mourning has expired. Several new theaters are projected or building.

The promised event of the week is George Alexander's production of Haddon Chambers' "The Awakening." "The Twelfth Night" continues to draw at Tree's Theater. The staging is exceedingly rich.

SMALLPOX REPORTED AT VARIOUS POINTS

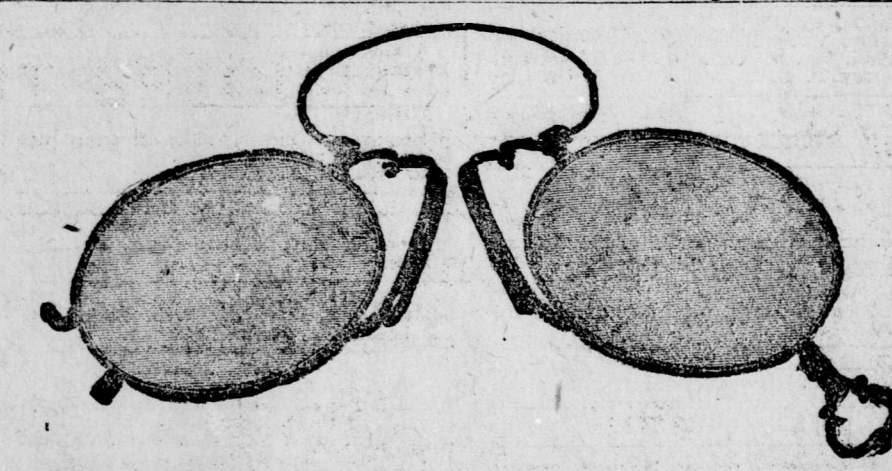
Probably Another of the Railway Porter's Victims—Precautions Taken at Ottawa.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—J. B. Eager, of 78 Concord avenue, western representative of Broek & Co., with headquarters at Winnipeg, was removed to the smallpox hospital today, and his home strictly quarantined. Eager seems to have been another victim of the railway porter who is found to have been traveling up and down the line after visiting at Sudbury a sick friend, who, it was afterwards discovered, had smallpox. Eager left Winnipeg ten days ago and came down for a visit to his home. He developed symptoms of smallpox on Wednesday last, and after observation, was removed to the hospital.

Dr. Bryce, provincial medical health officer, returned from Ottawa Saturday morning, and was busy all day with correspondence relating to the several outbreaks of smallpox in the province. He has received a letter from the provincial inspector sent up north to investigate. That gentleman reports several new cases in the places where they have had the disease for some time. No estimate of the number of cases has been made, nor have any details been reported so far. The great trouble seems to be that the doctors attending the sick people were very slow in diagnosing the disease properly. At most of the points a person to board a train has to have a non-exposure certificate. At Bracebridge there are no more new cases, but at Sudbury, there are ten cases.

AT OTTAWA.
Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The Ottawa board of health, on the advice of Dr. Bryce, provincial secretary of health, will recommend to the city council at its meeting tonight that all school children be vaccinated as soon as possible. This precautionary measure is deemed necessary because of the large number of shanty men, who come into the city in the spring and who are believed to be much exposed to smallpox contagion.

AT SAGINAW, MICH.
Saginaw, Mich., Feb. 15.—Investigation develops the theory that numerous cases of the disease called chickenpox is really smallpox, and the whole south



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The Kidneys and the Skin.

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