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News Summary.

The programme of functions for coronation week is as follows:

Monday, June 23—Arrival in London of the Royal representatives; dinner at Buckingham Palace and reception of the suites.

Tuesday, June 24—Their Majesties will receive the special foreign envoys and deputations to the coronation and give a state dinner at Buckingham Palace.

Wednesday, June 25—Reception of the colonial premiers and other envoys; the Prince of Wales will give a dinner party at St. James Palace to the princes and envoys.

Thursday, June 26—The coronation.

Friday, June 27—The procession through London, which will be a military pageant, some two miles long, representing every portion of the British dominion. In the evening Their Majesties will attend a reception at Lansdowne House.

Saturday, June 28—The royal party will leave London for the naval review.

Sunday, June 28—Dinners to the foreign princes by their respective ambassadors.

Monday, June 30—Their Majesties return to London; gala performance of opera.

Tuesday, July 1—Garden party at Windsor Castle.

Wednesday, July 2—Departure of the foreign princes and envoys; Their Majesties dine at Londonderry House.

Thursday, July 3—Their Majesties attend the service at St. Paul's and lunch at the India office.

Friday, July 4—Their Majesties attend the reception of Indian princes at the India office.

Saturday, July 5—King Edward's dinner to the poor.

Starr & Sutcliff, running a departmental store at Kingston, Ont., have assigned with liabilities of \$50,000. Assets, \$60,000.

Serious floods caused by recent heavy rains are reported from Virden, Dauphin and Grand View districts in the territories.

The government crop report shows an increase in the total acreage in Manitoba grain crops of 223,140 acres of wheat. The acreage is 2,039,940.

Eben Scribner's house at White Cove, Queens county, caught fire Wednesday and one side of the roof was completely destroyed.

At the Toronto Anglican Synod a resolution was passed demanding the elimination from the history used in the high schools of Ontario of the statement that the Church of England dates from Henry VIII.

Hon. H. G. Carroll, Solicitor General, and Mrs. Carroll, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Mrs. Fielding, Hon. W. Paterson, Mrs. Paterson and Miss Paterson, and Hon. W. Mulock have started for England.

What may be termed the first gold to arrive from the Klondyke this season arrived at Vancouver on the steamer Princess May on Friday. Approximately \$150,000 in dust came on that boat. About \$70,000 came down on the City of Seattle.

Arab tribesmen have massacred a caravan of wealthy merchants in the desert at a point one hundred miles from Koweit, in Asiatic Turkey. According to a Constantinople report, only twenty persons out of the five hundred who composed the caravan escaped.

In a lecture before the Royal Institution of Great Britain, William Marconi announced that he had invented a highly sensitive magnetic detector of electric waves by which it was possible to read about thirty words per minute in wireless telegraphy.

It is reported in Montreal that C. W. Spencer, general superintendent of the eastern division of the C. P. R. is about to sever his connection with the C. P. R. and become general manager of the Canadian Northern. In C. P. R. circles it is generally admitted Mackenzie & Mann are negotiating for the services of Mr. Spencer, who has shown great ability as a railway administrator.

The Official Gazette fixes July 10 as the limit in which Boers or rebels who surrender will receive the benefit of the peace terms. All rebels surrendering before that date will be merely disfranchised for life and will not be subject to trial or punishment. Exception is made in the case of field cornets and justices of the peace, who may be tried and fined or imprisoned, but they will not be executed. Rebels who hold out after the 10th will be subject to the extreme penalty for high treason.

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY AND AFTER

for June has just come to hand. Its table of contents includes:

THE SHIPPING COMBINE AND THE BRITISH FLAG. By Edmund Robert Cook, C. M. P.

THE NAVAL SERVICE. By Hugh R. E. Childers.

PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS WITHIN THE EMPIRE—a reply to Sir Robert Giffen. By Henry Birchenough.

CANADA AND THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE. By Lieut. Colonel George Denison.

THE FIGHT AT "ROIVAL (50)." By Captain L. Oppenheim.

LONDON UNIVERSITY—A Policy and a Forecast.

GEORGE ELIOT. By Herbert Paul.

ANOTHER ASPECT OF THACKERY. By Mrs. Leech.

SOME POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE EDUCATION BILL. By Sir Joshua Fitch.

SOME BYGONE CORONATION PROGRESSSES. By S. E. Hope, C. B.

THE CHINESE DRAMA. By Archibald Little.

A VACATION WITH NATURE. A Minister's Wood Rambles. By Frank De Witt Talmage. Ornamental cover. 12 mo, cloth. Price, \$1 00, net; postage 9 cents. New York and London: Funk and Wagnalls Company.

The author of this volume is a son of the late Dr. T. De Witt Talmage, and the son has evidently inherited a considerable measure of the ability for thought and expression which distinguished the father.

A writer in The Christian Herald of New York has recently said: "The Rev. Frank De Witt Talmage is an ardent student of nature and rural life, and many of his brightest passages are drawn from wood and valley, stream and field, farmhouse and cabin."

This is the spirit revealed in "A Vacation with Nature," the first book of the young minister. It has been admirably described by a minister who read it in manuscript as "a book of the outdoor world translated into the high lessons of the soul." Taking a text from Goethe's Faust in which nature as the revelation of Deity's attributes is described under the figure of the "garment of God," the author, in the manner of his great Master, portrays spiritual lessons in parables drawn from the forest and field. As an illustration of Mr. Talmage's style, as well as presentation of the theme of his book, we quote a portion of the preface:

"A naturalist claimed that dumb brutes are not dumb. The reason they do not speak intelligently to man is because man has never learned their languages. To test this theory, he hid himself to African jungles and built a cage. He lived there for weeks and months, listening to the chattering of the squirrels, the hissing of snakes, the whistling of the birds, the convocations of monkeys, and the salutations with which forest monarch called to mountain king. At last this naturalist came forth and tried to startle the world with the idea that he had manufactured a Rosetta Stone, which interpreted those babbling tongues. Such a theory is absurd. But the inanimates poetically feel as the dumb brutes can figuratively speak. Then clouds weep, and their cheeks are wet with falling tears. Then setting suns enjoy the reflections of their own glow. Then happy brooks laugh and gurgle and sing, and modest roses blush under their wistful glance of love."

The body of Peter Carroll was found by searching parties at the western entrance of St. Andrews harbor at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday night. A rope around his neck, with several pieces of iron attached, told the sad story. Of late the old man had become despondent because of threatened blindness and falling strength. It is thought that, dreading he might become a burden on his friends, he took his life.

Cecil Rhodes' will as probated is only for Oxford scholarships in British North America to the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and to Newfoundland, leaving out the five other provinces of Canada. The senate of Dalhousie College, Halifax, and other universities of the Maritime Provinces are now forwarding memorials to the executors of Rhodes' will asking that it be so amended that scholarships shall be given to each province of the Dominion. It is believed that the executors have sufficient discretionary powers to enable this to be done.

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