

Prince, the new Duke has a right to be addressed as Royal Highness, whereas his title as reigning Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha is only Highness. If he retains the higher title, it is pointed out that both he and the Hereditary Prince will necessarily take precedence of the other Dukes of the Ernestine Line, who held rank before the late Duke Ernest.

The Duke of Edinburgh's promotion to be an admiral of the fleet is generally expected in naval circles. This (as the London correspondent of the Manchester Courier reminds us) is tantamount to placing him on the retired list.

Duke Alfred of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha will (says Truth) come to England about the middle of November, in order to wind up his affairs in this country, when he is to deliver up to the Queen his uncle's insignia of the Garter, of which order the late Duke was a "Knight Companion" for nearly 49 years, and his George is a very fine one, and exceptionally valuable. In the House of Commons questions will be raised as to whether Duke Alfred of Coburg will continue to draw his annuity from the English Exchequer. It is understood that an answer will be forthcoming on behalf the Treasury to the effect that his Royal Highness, whilst continuing to receive his usual allowance of £25,000 a year, will return the cheque to the Treasury, thus not relinquishing his hereditary right, while foregoing a pension not now necessary to him.

Prince Alfred of Edinburgh is in very delicate health, and he has (says Truth) suffered for years from a dangerous internal malady, and has to observe a strict regimen. Prince Alfred will in future be known as the Hereditary Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. The next heir to the throne is the Duke of Connaught who also has but one, son, and then comes the Duke of Albany. If the English line failed the succession would pass to Prince Phillip of Saxe-Cobourg Gotha, who is the son-in-law of the King of the Belgians, and the possessor of the great Kohary estate in Hungary.

The question which has recently been agitating to their depths all the smaller Court circles in Germany, namely, as to the title and precedence of Duke Alfred of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha—this latest guerelle Allemande—is (says a Standard telegram) at length found to have been decided long ago. In future, as heretofore, the Duke will have to be addressed as "Royal Highness," and not as simply Serene Highness. In all official decrees and other State documents the Duke will continue to be designated by the superior title which he inherits by birth. This follows as a matter of course from the general principle that no Prince can lose his rank by the simple act of accepting a Dukedon. Duke Alfred is a Royal Prince of England and as such will, of course, take precedence of all the other reigning Dukes in Germany.

NAVAL AND MILITARY RECORD.

The Bengal Times has been telling some tales out of school concerning the looting during the Sepoy mutiny. It says: "When Bithoor (Nana's place of residence) was captured, our people found thirty lacs of rupees in a well. By loot obtained at Lucknow, encumbered estates of many officers were cleared of their mortgages. 'Before we left Lucknow,' says Mr. Forbes-Mitchell plunder accumulated by prize agents was estimated at over £600,000—vide Times, May 31, 1858—and within a week it had reached a million and a quarter

sterling. Certain small caskets in battered cases contained redemptions of mortgaged estate in Scotland, England and Ireland. I could myself name one deeply encumbered estate, which was cleared of mortgage to the tune of £180,000 within two years of the plunder of Lucknow."

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That the earth's motion has an appreciable effect upon artillery fire, deflecting the projectile from a straight course, may be news to many, and as such would probably seem a novel notion. It has, and the exact nature and extent of the effect is an important point of study with artillery experts. An English army expert told of the results of many interesting experiments along this line in a paper read before the Royal Artillery Institution the other day. Firing from north to south there is a divergence of projectiles to the left, due to the earth's rotation, and firing due north the divergence is to the right. The extent of the "pull" varies at different points on the earth's surface, and with projectiles fired at different speeds and elevations. In England a deflection of five inches is found to occur with the projectile of a twelve pounder in a 4000-yard range.

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A new gatling gun can fire 8,129 shots a minute, and, worked by a small electric motor, 5,000 shots.

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A long discussion on the army and navy occurred in the House of Commons on Sept. 12. The practice of purchasing horses in Canada and meat and fodder in the United States and the colonies was particularly criticised. It was urged that native breeders should be encouraged; that it was not necessary to buy horses in Canada or in Ireland. It was also charged that three-fourths of the meats bought abroad were unfit for use. The War Secretary defended the quality of supplies brought from foreign countries, and said that the troops were well satisfied with them. A vote to reduce the estimate, which was proposed in order to express disapproval of the government's policy, was rejected by a vote of 141 to 31.

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The earliest standing army in Europe was that of Macedonia, established about 358 years B. C., by Phillip, father of Alexander the Great. It was the second in the world's history, having been preceded only by that of Sesostris Pharaoh of Egypt, who organized a military caste about 1600 B.C.

SOLDIERS' STORIES.

Mistress—"Well, I am sorry you want to leave me, Mary; but what's your reasons?" Mary keeps silent. Mistress—"Something private?" Mary (suddenly): "No mum, please mum, he's a lance corporal."—Tit-Bits.

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She was a shy retiring young thing, and she stood on a street refuge the while a battalion marched by. To her spake a very rude cabman from his seat up aloft: "Want a soldier miserie? Very well, take one." If looks were killing that Jehu would now be a stiffened corpse.

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He was a very estimable fellow, though a Cockney, and he had been ap-

pointed to the adjutancy of a battalion not a hundred miles from Oldham, in Lancashire. In making his first inspection of the ranks he espied a member whose hair was not of the shortest. Quoth he:—

"I say, my man, when was your hair cut last?"

"Whur?"

"When did you have your hair cut last?" he repeated.

But the only reply was an incredulous stare, and he passed on.

"Captain Jones," said he afterwards, "what is wrong with that man?" pointing to the long-haired one. Three times I have asked him when he last had his hair cut, but he does not appear to understand the question."

"Indeed, sir; that's curious, for he is one of the most intelligent men in my company. Jimmy!" he called out, "when did tha have thi yure pow'rd last?"

Like a flash came the reply:— "Last Whit-week, sir".

THEY APPRECIATE THE GAZETTE.

The well known Lieut-colonel of one of the best known regiments in Ontario a man whose good opinion every one in the militia values, writes—"I have thought on more than one occasion of writing to express my satisfaction with the manner in which the Gazette is at present being conducted".

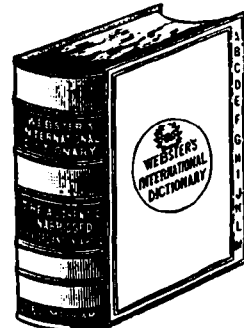
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