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REGAL SCENERY FOR CORONATION

Interior of Westminster Abbey Will Present Brilliant Spectacle—Elaborate Scale of Decoration

GORGEOUS ROBES TO HEIGHTEN EFFECT

Many Prime Ministers and Other Representatives of the Overseas Dominions—Princes and Ambassadors

LONDON, June 17.—All eyes are now turned to the fast approaching coronation with its series of regal and spectacular events, which culminate next Thursday with the actual crowning of King George V. at Westminster Abbey.

The decoration of the interior of the Abbey, which on this occasion is to be on the most elaborate scale, has been carried out by the office of works. The scheme is a strikingly brilliant one. Resting on the foundation of a splendid pile carpet of royal blue, into which are worked the emblems of the order of the Garter and other heraldic designs, the central figures of the historic picture are to be grouped in their gorgeous robes, the King in the imperial mantle of cloth of gold worn by the late King Edward at his coronation in 1902. It is woven from plate-gold threads worked on silk, and as it hangs from the monarch's shoulders is fastened by a clasp in front and shimmers with brilliant effect in any light. It bears a design of laurel leaves, and is covered with emblems representing the imperial crown, the imperial eagle, the rose, shamrock and thistle, and also the lotus flower, representing India.

Several Indian and other princes in their multi-colored costumes will form part of the central group, which includes also the sultan of Perak and the sultan of Kedah, and the honorary Indian aides-de-camp of the King, including the Maharajahs of Idar, Gwalior and Bikaner, who, with the Gaekwar of Baroda, are among the special guests. The Indian deputation is restricted on this occasion owing to the King's intention to visit India later on and hold an imperial durbar at Delhi.

The special ambassadors and envoys of those states and republics unrepresented by princes form an interesting group, together with delegations from the overseas British colonies. The latter include the prime ministers of Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier; of Australia, the Hon. Andrew Fisher; of New Zealand, Sir Joseph George Ward; of South Africa, the Right Hon. Louis Botha, and of Newfoundland, Sir Edward P. Morris.

Besides the foregoing the premiers of New South Wales, Tasmania, Western Australia, Victoria, New Brunswick Ontario, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec take their places, while the representatives of the Bahamas, Bermuda, British Honduras, Barbados, Bermuda, British Guiana, Ceylon, Hongkong, Jamaica, the Leeward Islands, Malta, Mauritius, the Strait Settlements, the Malay States, Trinidad and the Windward Islands complete the group.

The metropolis now appears in extreme gala attire. From early morning until late at night the streets are thronged with cosmopolitan crowds. Musical rehearsals are proceeding with full choir and orchestra for the ceremony in Westminster Abbey. No fewer than 450 voices compose the choir, drawn from every cathedral in England.

The week's programme includes a dinner at Buckingham palace, a dinner by the Duke of Connaught and a dinner by Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary.

Sentence of Death

DIGBY, N. S., June 17.—Nineteen-year-old John Oliver Tebo, convicted of the murder of Edward McGregor, was sentenced to death today, the execution to take place on July 4. While men and women in court were moved to tears, Tebo, unconcerned, chewed gum. The trial was the shortest on record in the Maritime Province, forty-three witnesses being examined from noon on Thursday to noon on Friday. The complete trial, from arraignment to sentence, occupied fourteen hours. Tebo's motive for the crime was robbery. He took $500 from the body of his victim.

BERLIN, June 17.—The floating dock which was recently completed at the Howaldt works has been towed out and is now anchored off the Imperial yards at Kiel. The dock is 100 metres long and 45 metres broad and will take ships with a draught up to 10.75 metres. It is of 50,000 tons, so that there can be no doubt concerning its capacity to take capital ships of whatever dimensions they in future may be.

The battleship Ersatz Heimdall, the first Dreadnought built at the new Vulkan yards at Hamburg was launched on June 10.

STOPPED BY "DUMPING"

American and German Manufacturers of Steel Bars Undersell English Makers and Get Trade

LONDON, June 17.—A deputation representing the trade union workers affected by the stoppage of the steel works of the Ebbow-Vale company was received by the managing director, Mr. Mills, this week. He stated that in the present year things had taken a serious turn owing to dumping. While 300,000 tons of steel bars had been dumped into Newport in the years 1908, 1909 and 1910, at the rate of dumping in the present year 1911 would show double the previous quantity. He had had conversations with prominent manufacturers of steel rails in America and Germany, and they had made it clear to him that at whatever price the manufacturers of this country were prepared to sell steel bars, they were determined to capture the trade by selling them at least $1.25 per ton less.

"Under these circumstances," said Mr. Mills, "it became an absolute necessity that the works should stop until better prices prevailed in the market. He had no intention of asking the workmen to accept any reduction of wages, for a 25 per cent. reduction would not meet the present difficulty. He anticipated that the works would stand idle for at least three months unless something extraordinary happened."

Declare For Open Shop

VANCOUVER, June 17.—Agreeing to pay all striking carpenters in this city $4.25 a day, the independent contractors at a meeting tonight decided to support the open shop principle. The strikers profess surprise at the decision, and regard it as likely to retard a settlement.

Coal Steamer Ashore

HALIFAX, June 17.—Miles out of her course on account of a dense fog, the British steamer Ben Ern, with coal from Sydney, N. S., for St. John, N. B., ran ashore on Half Moon ledge, 20 miles from Barrington Heads, today. The crew reached shore safely in small boats. The Ben Ern is under charter to the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, but is owned by the Straight Back Steamship Company, Ltd., of Glasgow, and is valued at about $225,000.

SUCCESS CLAIMED BY BOTH SIDES

Seamen's Organization and Shipping Federation Hold Different Views of Strike—Some Steamers Delayed

LONDON, June 17.—Both sides in the seamen's strike continue confident of victory. Havelock Wilson, secretary of the seamen's union, declared today that five thousand more men were affected throughout the country. He was confident that they would be shipped at the full union rate next Wednesday. The strike, he declared already won, in spite of the "bluff" of the shipowners.

On the other hand, the manager of the shipping federation said that the position of that organization had not changed. He asserted that the Transport Line steamer Minnewaska, which was reported delayed, had sailed on schedule time and would pick up in the channel a full crew at the old rate of wages.

Lively scenes were witnessed at Glasgow docks today at the sailing of the Atlantic and other liners. Strikers flocked to the piers and endeavored to prevent the men from signing. The Anchor Line steamer Furnessia, the Allan liner Ionian, and the Donaldson liner Cassandra arrived off Greenock short-handed, expecting to find men waiting to fill the vacancies, but it was late this afternoon before the Furnessia had sufficient men aboard to enable her to sail.

At Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON, June 17.—At nine o'clock tonight the stewards of the St. Paul, who are mostly British subjects, joined the strike at Southampton. They marched up the dock carrying the stars and stripes. Later they interviewed the American consul-general, Albert W. Small, who explained the points of the question of responsibility in deserting the ship. The stevedores here threaten to go out on Monday. They demand an increase of 12 cents a day. It is estimated that there are a thousand strikers in Southampton.

Nome Magnate Dead

NOME, Alaska, June 17.—William S. McCray, proprietor of the Northern railroad, a former councilman of Nome, and one of the best known men in the north, died here today following a paralytic stroke. He was a brother-in-law of J. D. Thaggard of Seattle.

Eastern Capitalists Coming

WINNIPEG, June 17.—A. Nesty of Toronto, with a party of eastern capitalists, arrived today. They represent a large amount of eastern capital and their intention is to invest in western land. They will remain in Winnipeg over Sunday and journey on Monday to Vancouver.

MANIPULATION WILL BE EASY

Method of Public Works Department in Calling for Tenders for St. John Harbor Work Raises Suspicions

CONTRACTORS MUST BID IN LUMP SUM

Specifications Drawn So Indefinitely that Favorites Can be Played—Cost of Work May be $10,000,000

OTTAWA, June 17.—The Department of Public Works has issued a call for tenders for work in the harbor of St. John, N.B., which will probably bulk up to $8,000,000 or $10,000,000.

Contractors are asked to put in bids for a drydock and ship-repairing plant of the first class, for dredging Courtenay Bay, for the construction of three steamship berths, and a breakwater. All are to be bid for in the lump.

Contractors are aghast at the proposal. They say that only one firm which has inside pull will have any chance of getting the contract. It is pointed out that it will take more than a year, perhaps two years, to do the necessary dredging before a stone can be laid in the steamship berths or the drydock.

The specifications are so indefinite that a concern not having the benefit of confidential relations with the Department of Public Works will be unable to make an offer that can not be set aside for the benefit of favorites.

A deposit of half a million dollars is supposed to accompany each tender. The manner and method of going about such an important undertaking will be severely criticized in the House when parliament re-assembles.

NINETIETH'S PET NAME

Winnipeg Regiment Officially Given Permission to Style Themselves "Little Black Devils."

WINNIPEG, June 17.—It will interest the many former members of the 90th battalion, Winnipeg, now living on the Pacific coast to learn that Col. O'Grady announced tonight that permission had been received from the militia authorities at Ottawa for the 90th to wear as collar badges a crest emblematic of the name given them by the followers of Riel during the late rebellion. A notable feature in connection with this is the fact that this is the only regiment in the British empire ever named by an enemy on the field of battle, and the apparent compliment of the rebels was at once recognized by General Middleton, who always referred to the regiment afterwards as "little black devils," the name by which they are generally recognized throughout Canada.

SUFFRAGETTES HOLD PARADE

Procession Through London Streets Led by "General" Drummond Mounted on Fine Charger

MRS. PANKHURST FORSEES VICTORY

LONDON, June 17.—The suffragettes held a grand parade today. "General" Drummond, astride a fine charger, led the colossal procession. The international contingent was picturesque, with the representatives of continental and eastern nations in their native garb. The majority of the demonstrators were dressed in white, "short gowns with small hats and no hat pins," being the order of the day. Immense crowds viewed the pageant. Some jeering cries of "jail birds" were heard, but on the whole, their reception was not so antagonistic as on previous occasions.

The leaders were jubilant at the demonstration, pointing out that for the first time the militant suffragettes and constitutional agitators had made common cause.

The meeting at Albert Hall was enthusiastic. Mrs. Pankhurst, who presided, elicited loud cheers by the declaration that the demonstration proved that victory was close at hand.

HUNT FOR ROBBERS

Two Men Who Held Up Shasta Limited Put Dogs off Scent by Peppering Their Trail.

DRAIN, Oregon, June 17.—Up to a late hour tonight no trace had been found of the two robbers who held up and robbed the Shasta, Limited, of its registered mail pouches. Bloodhounds were put on the trail this evening, but it was soon discovered that the men had "peppered" their trail, throwing the dogs off the scent. This incident would indicate, the detectives say, that the men were not as amateurish as was at first reported. Tomorrow morning the dogs will be given a new scent from the suit cases of clothes left by the robbers when they donned the garments which they took from Kent's general merchandise store here last night. A number of railroad detectives who are hereabouts believe the men will not get away.

CHAUFFEUR FLEES

Frightened When His Auto Turns Over, Killing One and Injuring Two of Occupants.

KANSAS CITY, June 17.—Frightened when an auto he was driving turned turtle on a freshly oiled road south of here today, killing one man and injuring two women, an unidentified chauffeur fled from the scene of the accident. He was uninjured. The dead and injured lay by the roadside until found by another auto party.

John Stotts was instantly killed. Miss Genevieve Pierce and Miss Minnie Collins were injured. Stotts was caught under the car. All were residents of this city.

The women said that they went riding upon Stotts' invitation. They said he did not introduce the driver.

Church Union.

ST. JOHN'S, N. B., June 17.—A union of the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist churches of Canada will become an accomplished fact if the plans of the Methodist congress of New Brunswick and Prince Edwards island are carried out. The Methodists, who are holding their annual convention here, voted 101 to 9 in favor of consolidation.

COMMEMORATES CONFEDERATION

Unveiling of Tablet in Westminster Palace Hotel, in the Room Where Dominion Act Was Drawn Up

LONDON, June 17.—Lord Strathcona yesterday unveiled a tablet in the room of the Westminster Palace hotel in which the Canadian Act of Union was framed in 1866.

Sir Henry Kimber, M.P., presided at the luncheon held in the hotel after the unveiling, among those present being Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Premiers Roblin, Sifton and Hazen, Lt.-Gov. Gibson, Hon. Clifford Sifton, Sir Edmund Walker, Mayor Geary of Toronto, Senator Melvin Jones, and Hon. N. A. Belcourt.

The only toast was that of the Dominion, proposed by Sir H. Kimber, who remarked that of the fifteen men who framed the Act of Union, only Sir Charles Tupper survived, and he rejoiced he was present that day.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in responding, spoke of the master work of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Charles Tupper and others. After forty years they could say the Canadian federation had been living well through the test of time. Only one amendment had been made to the constitution, and this without any friction whatsoever. The present generation had every cause for gratitude to those assembled in that same room forty-four years ago.

Sir Charles Tupper's health was then drank on Lord Strathcona's call. In replying Sir Charles did not hesitate to say that the historic event they were celebrating that day had been the greatest event in the history of the British Empire during the past century. The difficulties the Fathers of Confederation had to encounter had not been overstated, and in proportion to the smallness of the province the greater was the difficulty in inducing it to merge its existence within the larger ones. He did not hesitate to say that but for the abrogation of the Elgin treaty by the United States it would have been impossible to accomplish confederation. The object was to starve the British provinces into union with the States, but American statesmen never made a greater mistake.

With all her present riches and prospective wealth, was it any wonder that the eyes of all the world were turned on Canada. He was proud to say the policy of imperial preference had the support of their distinguished premier. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and also had the support of the other overseas dominions and of more than half the people of Great Britain. No wonder the sagacious leader of the American Republic was sounding a warning note. If we did not insist on the present opportunity of consolidating the Empire it would never come again.

GRAND OPENING OF WESTERN TOUR

Mr. R. L. Borden and Party Given a Magnificent Reception on Arrival at Capital of Prairies Last Night

THOUSANDS GREET CONSERVATIVE LEADER

Procession With Four Bands and Four Marching Clubs of Conservatives — Great Crowds Line Route

WINNIPEG, June 17.—Winnipeg, the centre of the opposition of western Canada to the reciprocity agreement with the United States, gave R. L. Borden, the leader of the Conservative party, a magnificent welcome to the west tonight on his arrival here at 9 o'clock to begin his tour of the prairie provinces, which will last until the middle of July.

As Mr. Borden wended his way through the depot waiting rooms dozens grasped his hand, while as he merged from the doorway to the square in front of the depot rousing cheers, lasting several minutes, were given by the large crowd, numbering thousands, congregated there.

The party arriving consists of R. L. Borden, M. P., George Perley, M. P., Andrew Brodie, M. P., T. W. Crothers, M. P., Col. Hugh Clarke, M. P. P., and a small army of newspaper men, some twenty in number.

Thousands of people were at the depot to meet Mr. Borden, and thousands lined the route of the procession, which latter included four bands and four marching clubs of Conservatives from the three constituencies of Winnipeg, and from St. Boniface. Hundreds of autos were also in line.

Transcontinental Progress

OTTAWA, June 17.—The Transcontinental railway commission is receiving gratifying reports regarding the construction of its line. From a considerable distance west of Edmonton to Lake Superior junction is now in operation. Other sections are proceeding rapidly.

Cromarty Election

LONDON, June 17.—The bye-election in Ross and Cromarty resulted as follows: Macpherson (Liberal), 3712; Templeton (Unionist), 1253. At the general election G. Galloway Wier (Liberal), was returned unopposed. In 1910, with a much heavier poll, the Liberal majority was 3012.

C. N. R. Collision.

WINNIPEG, June 17.—The Capital Cities Express on the Canadian Northern crashed into the rear of a freight train on a siding at Eli, Man., yesterday. Nobody was injured, but the freight cars were badly smashed up and the engines damaged.

BIG STEAMSHIPS FOR THIS COAST

Pacific Company Reported to be Making Arrangements for Construction of Two Large Turbine Liners

TO HAVE SPEED OF TWENTY KNOTS

SEATTLE, June 17.—According to a story published in the Post-Intelligencer this morning, the Pacific Coast Steamship company is making arrangements for the construction of two large turbine passenger liners, to cost approximately $1,500,000 each, for service between Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Bids for building the steamships, which will be of 8,000 tons each, will be called for in a few days, it is said. The ships will be double bottom, twin screw steel steamships, capable of making a speed of twenty knots an hour.

Cunarder Strikes Rocks.

QUEENSTOWN, June 17.—The Cunard steamship Ivernia, which struck near Daunt Rock during a fog on May 24, when bound for Queenstown and Liverpool from Boston, was refloated yesterday and towed farther inshore for a completion of temporary repairs which will enable her to proceed to Liverpool.

TIE UP VESSELS

Coasting Steamers at New York Kept From Starting by Strike of Seamen and Others.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Four big coasting vessels tug at anchor and mooring, deserted by five hundred of their seamen, stewards, firemen and stokers, as the result of the strike declared today by the International Seamen's union against the Morgan line. The El Cid, a fifth freighter, scheduled to sail today, was unable to get away until tonight, when she sailed with a crew of strike breakers. The Momus, with 99 passengers, bound for New Orleans, lies in midstream with picketing tugs manned by sailors hovering near to dissuade strike breakers from enlisting. Three others, Antilles, El Rio and El Norte, are fast to their docks. It is announced that the Momus will sail tonight. The men talk of the strike in joyous mood. A thousand or more members gathered in mass meeting near the river front late today in view of the anchored vessels and roared an announcement across the water to the silent ships that they were ready to "Fight all summer." Officials of the line replied by sending out a boat load of recruits, but the picketing tugs intercepted the strike breakers and few reached their destination. Boats of the New York harbor police circled the river craft to prevent disorder, and there was none.

Condemns Reciprocity

OTTAWA, June 17.—The Conservative association of the agricultural constituency of Leeds has passed a resolution strongly condemnatory of the reciprocity pact.

Canadian Ministers' Return

LONDON, June 17.—Premier Laurier, Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. L. B. Brodeur will leave on the Empress of Britain on July 1, along with the Canadian coronation contingent.

Eastern Lumber Deal

OTTAWA, June 17.—A report is current that the immense lumbering business of J. R. Booth, valued at $11,000,000 will be bought by British capitalists.

FIRE IN GARAGE PROVES COSTLY

Vancouver Establishment Destroyed Along with Forty Automobiles — Damage is Estimated at $120,000

VANCOUVER, June 18.—At one o'clock this morning a fire broke out in an automobile garage in Georgia street, known as the Franklin Garage, and in half an hour the big building was reduced to ruins, forty automobiles being reduced to ashes. The damage is estimated at $120,000.

Hundreds of persons rushed from their homes when the cry of "Fire" was raised, and the streets were filled with people in their night attire. The panic, however, quickly subsided when it was seen that no other building was threatened by the outbreak.

HANGS HIMSELF

Quat Sing Foy, Chinese Club Employee, Commits Suicide.

Hanging by the neck in a small room off an alley leading on to Fisguard street, the dead body of Quat Sing Foy was found by some fellow Chinamen at 6.30 o'clock on Friday night. The police were summoned, and Constable Robert Foster took charge of the remains, which were removed to the undertakers.

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon, the result of which was a verdict of suicide. The evidence of Dr. Rayner showed that death was due to strangulation. There were no marks of violence upon the body. Constable Foster testified that when he arrived the body was suspended by a rope attached to a beam in the ceiling of the room. The legs were resting upon a bunk. Aw Wing, the Chinese interpreter, stated that of late deceased had been employed in one of the Chinese clubs, was a man of about forty-five years of age, and of good repute in Chinatown. Other Chinamen had last seen him alive about 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Submarines Make Record

GLOUCESTER, Mass., June 17.—American records for submerged runs were broken by the flotilla of several submarines, which arrived here today from Newport. All of the number stayed under water for ten hours yesterday during the run from Nantucket to Provincetown, while two of the number did not come to the surface for eleven hours. This is the longest time any submarine of the United States navy has ever remained beneath the surface according to the officers of the flotilla. The run from Provincetown to this port was made entirely beneath the surface, and consumed seven and a half hours.

Mrs. L. J. Ostrander, Saskatoon, is a visitor in the city and is staying at 641 Superior stret.

BUYS SITE ON DOUGLAS STREET

Hudson's Bay Company Will Build in Victoria One of the Largest Department Stores in Canadian West

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY MR. H. E. BURBRIDGE

Decision Gives Great Impetus to Local Realty Market—Property Worth $2,000,000 Changes Hands

The Hudson's Bay company has purchased the St. John's church site on Douglas street, and during the present year will commence the construction of a thoroughly up-to-date departmental store in Victoria, which will be one of the largest of its kind west of Winnipeg. The property for its location in this city, was acquired by the company from Messrs. T. R. Cusack and R. L. Drury for a sum in the neighborhood of $225,000. Mr. Andrew Wright acted as the local agent for the Hudson's Bay company, and the deal was negotiated by Messrs. Grant and Lineham.

The announcement of the determination of the company to extend its great scheme of departmental stores to Victoria is made on the authority of Mr. H. E. Burbridge, the commissioner whose headquarters are at Winnipeg. The site acquired was purchased some six months ago from the St. John's church trustees by Messrs. Cusack and Drury. It has a frontage of 240 feet on Douglas, 120 feet on Fisguard, and 120 feet on Herald streets. The entire site will be occupied by the structure which the Hudson's Bay company purposes erecting. The church's tenancy of the site will expire on September 15th. By that date it is understood that the plans for the new departmental store will be ready, and that actual construction will commence within a month, that is before October 15th.

Momentous Announcement

The announcement is probably the most important ever made in the mercantile life of the city. The decision of a company, which enjoys the highest of business reputations, to enter into the retail trade of the city on such an extensive scale, will have the effect of giving an immense impetus to the upbuilding of Victoria. The site selected on the city's widest thoroughfare must necessarily, not only enhance the values of property on Douglas street, but throughout the entire business area. In the announcement of its plans in Victoria, the company promises to build a departmental store which will be up-to-date in every particular, and which will rank beside any similar institution which it has established in Canada. While the figure to be expended on the structure has not been divulged, pending the drawing up of the plans and specifications, it is generally considered as probable that it will not fall far short of the million dollar mark.

When a few weeks ago the Hudson's Bay company renewed an option which it held on the St. John's church site, this action gave rise to an interest in Douglas street which eventuated in the purchase of close upon $2,000,000 worth of property by outside and local capitalists. A great proportion of the deals involved in this sum were negotiated by Messrs. Grant and Lineham. The purchasers of at least a million dollars' worth of this property were Mr. Andrew Wright, Messrs. T. R. Cusack, and R. L. Drury, and Mr. Robert Scott. Among the properties acquired by these three separate interests were the following:

Realty Movement

The southwest corner of Herald and Douglas streets, bought for $130,000.

The southeast corner of Cormorant and Douglas streets, bought for $110,000.

Three pieces of property on Douglas street, between Cormorant and Fisguard streets, aggregating in value $120,000.

The entire frontage on Douglas street, lying between Pembroke street and Princess avenue, which realized $90,000.

Two pieces of property on Douglas street, lying between Princess avenue and Queen's avenue, bought for $50,000.

The southeast, double corner of Bay and Douglas streets, bought for $50,000.

The Johns Brothers' store property at the southeast corner of Douglas street and King's road, for $40,000.

Eighty feet frontage on Douglas street, running north of Bay street, for $45,000.

All the foregoing sales, in addition to the transaction involving the St. John's church site, were negotiated by Messrs. Grant and Lineham.

Other deals on Douglas street negotiated during the week just closed were:

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