

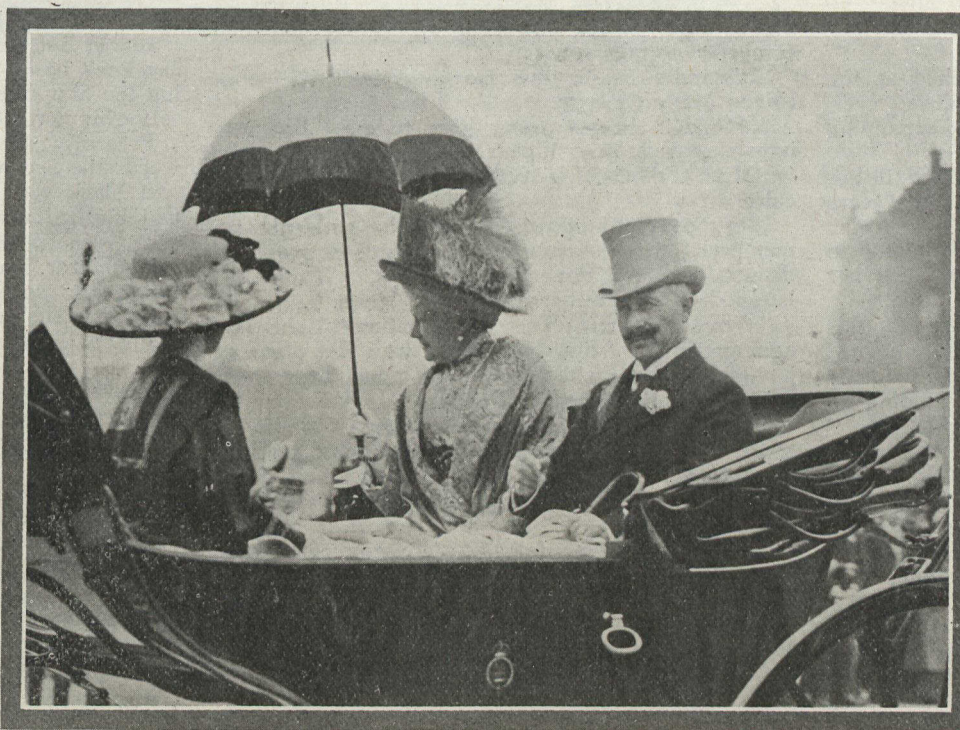
AT THE SIGN OF THE MAPLE

A DEPARTMENT MAINLY FOR WOMEN

German Royalty in London

THE unveiling of the Queen Victoria Memorial brought to England some forty royal personages, among them being the Kaiser and Kaiserin and their only daughter, the Princess Victoria Louise, affectionately called by her own people, "The Little Mouse-Princess." Since their arrival in London the gossips have started to talk about the possibility of a marriage between Prince Edward and the young Princess. It may be that the wish was father to the thought, and that many people conceived that an alliance such as this between the two royal families of Great Britain and Germany would be more potent than an arbitration treaty. However, there are many people who find objection to the match. The chief of these is that she is nearly two years older than Prince Edward, and that the fathers of both are first cousins. These two objections can be appreciated by every subject since they are the objections which are most seriously considered when they arise in connection with marriage among all classes of people.

The young Princess is nearly nineteen and is the youngest child and only daughter. Not long ago she was confirmed and presented with her own castle and practically her own court. The castle is at Rheinsburg and has been re-modeled and re-decorated to suit her taste, the colour running mostly to the paler shades for which the Princess has a preference. She is only moderately fond of sport, although she rides a horse exceptionally well, and the castle has been fitted up with an idea to interest her in out-door exercise. There is a tennis court, croquet grounds and even a skating rink. According to the *Ladies' Field*, for an only daughter of a ruling monarch, surrounded by everything that



GUESTS OF THE KING AND QUEEN

The German Emperor and Empress and their only daughter, the Princess Victoria Louise, who came to London to be present at the unveiling of the Victoria Memorial. The picture was taken as they were leaving Buckingham Palace to lunch at the German Embassy.

Photograph by London News Agency.

might lead a child to be autocratic, she is an exceptionally unspoilt young lady.

The London visit must have been a most interesting one for the Princess, and according to the English papers she has found sight-seeing in the great city a very delightful experience. The King and Queen entertained their Imperial guests to a banquet at the Palace, and also to a command performance of *Money*, a drama by the late Lord Lytton, presented at Drury Lane. On the following day they visited Windsor and the final festivity of the week was the State Ball at Buckingham Palace, to which over two thousand invitations were issued. The Princess should have a great many pleasant memories to take back with her to the Fatherland.

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Canadian Ladies at Court

AMONG the Canadian ladies present at the first court of King George's reign were Lady Strathcona and Mrs. J. Howard, wife of the Agent-General for Nova Scotia. Mrs. Howard presented her daughter, Miss Jean Iris. Miss Howard's gown was splendidly sketched to introduce the flower after which she is named, and the idea was most beautifully carried out by Goringe, the famous London court dressmakers, as is shown in the portrait reproduced on this page. The dress was of white satin, the skirt trimmed with silver beads, and the bodice veiled in silver lattice with a spray of white iris across the front and one sleeve. The train of white satin was bordered all round with silver beads, one corner having exquisite sprays of white iris fastened with a silver bow. The only ornament worn was a magnificent large opal carved to represent the head of Athena. Mrs. F. Orr Lewis and Mrs. Clifford Sifton were also presented. Mrs. Adam Beck was presented at the next court on May 24th.

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Pride Before a Fall

IF Mrs. Eva Willing Astor desired to cause a sensation at the ball given by Lord Winterton, in London, last week, with her impersonation of Kuno, she had her wish, although not in the way she imagined.

The ball room at Claridge was well filled when Mrs. Astor, clad in pink gauze, with a mantle of turquoise blue, and leading a live peacock by a gilded chain, swept into the room. She wore a gown of solid gold, carried a long staff, and wore sandals.

Her progress was a triumph, shared by the peacock, until suddenly the poor bird became frightened, and screaming wildly, broke away and ran about the room, terrifying the women. Lord Falconer and

others finally captured the bird, and put it in a stockade.

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Hamilton Girls to be Housed

A SPECIAL meeting of the Daughters of the Empire of Hamilton was held a few days ago in Swale's Hall, for the purpose of furthering a project for the erection of a clubhouse for young girls in the East-end. Mrs. Cregar, Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Nesbitt spoke in advocacy of the enterprise, and every girl in the audience, which filled the hall, signed the list circulated in endorsement of the scheme. A site with 125 feet frontage on Barton Street East has been purchased, and it is the intention to equip the institution with dormitories and suitable parlors and a garden, in fact, to make it a desirable home for girls.

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Honored by Winnipeg Women

A MEETING of the Winnipeg Woman's Canadian Club was called in the old rose room of the Royal Alexandra Hotel one day last week for the special purpose of conferring an honour on Her Excellency, Countess Grey, and upon Lady McMillan, by placing their names on the honorary membership list of the Club. Miss

Jones, the President, and Mrs. Matheson, both made excellent addresses, the latter proposing the names of Countess Grey and Lady McMillan as honorary members, a motion which was seconded by Mrs. A. W. Ross. A standing vote was taken, after which Miss Gertrude Simpson and Miss Hattie Strang presented the guests of honour with bouquets of exquisite roses. Later, the executive committee entertained their guests at tea in the vice-regal suite, at which a great number of prominent Winnipeg women were present.

The Women's Canadian Clubs are rapidly gaining strength in the various towns and cities.



DOING THE SIGHTS OF LONDON

Princess Victoria Louise has been sight-seeing during her visit to London. She is accompanied by the Princess of Wales who is seen on the steps behind her.

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A CANADIAN GIRL AT COURT

Miss Jean Howard, daughter of Major Howard, Agent-General for Nova Scotia, who was presented at Court on May the tenth.