PREPARING FOR THE CORONATION

CEREMONIES AT ABBEY WILL BE CURTAILED

Work of Redecorating the Streets in Progress—The Position of the Opposition.

London, Aug. 2.—New preparations for the coronation of King Edward, which event is to take place on August 9th, are proceedings apace. The erection of familiar street barriers, the cleansing and decorating of the stands, and the rehanging of decorations are in order. The outward preparations are an old story, but public interest in the actual proceedings is rekindled by official assurance that the King is getting on finely, and that His Majesty is ready to bear the fatigue of being crowned a week from to-day. The publication of the official programme of the procession shows no special changes from the original arrangement, but the ceremonies in Westminster Abbey have been curtailed by the omission of the Litany and sermon and by the recital of the recognition once instead of four times. A new

Series of Rehearsals

have begun at the Abbey, with dignified movements and recitals, and these are far more impressive than anything connected with the street spectacle.

The city council of Westminster, in compliance with the King's wishes, have voted that no further expenditures be incurred in replacing the street decorations. The club houses, which line a considerable portion of the route, and most of the other buildings, are being redecorated. The Canadian arch is being redressed with fresh specimens of Canada's agricultural products and the Indian contingent is erecting an arch on Parliament street.

The illuminations on coronation night will be largely as originally planned. The vicinity of the Bank of England,

LORD ROSEBERY.

the Royal Exchange, and the Mansion House will be a blaze of electric lights, and the Strand, Trafalgar square, Whitehall, Pall Mall, St. James's square and Piccadilly will be

Gorgeous With Illumination,

many of which will be displayed on Kitchener night, August 6th, also.

Calmer estimates of the significance of the Liberal victory in this week's parliamentary election in Leeds indicate little real basis for the renewed hopes that the Liberals are gaining control of the government. The government has been severely lectured and solemnly warned this week, not only by its opponents, but also by some of its staunch journalistic supporters, but the opposition's enthusiastic prophecies about early getting together of all branches of the opposition were pretty effectually squelched by Lord Rosebery's dispassionate reiteration that he has

No Intention of Abandoning

the Imperialistic platform and the equally stubborn contention of the Radicals that they will not relinquish Home Rule as a standard party issue.

In politely deploring Lord Rosebery's utterances, the chief Liberal organ disappointedly remarks: "We do not think Lord Rosebery quite realizes the passionate desire for unity that exists among Liberals throughout the country, nor the passionate desire to arrive at it with or without leaders." The paper scolds the Liberal leaders for their folly in splitting hairs at a time when the government is floundering in the labyrinths of the patched up Education Bill and is "revealed to the country to be without aim or policy."

The confessed inefficiency of the post office telegraph service is revealed in a circular of instruction to the effect that a considerable percent of the 3,000 persons employed

In the Central Office

at London are inexperienced and inefficient, and directing operators at outside offices to adapt their rate of working to the capacity of the receivers in the Central offices. Austin Chamberlain, financial secretary to the treasury, endeavored to explain the matter in the House of Commons on the theory that there must always be many recruits employed, but older telegraphists deny this and point out that years of instruction were required formerly, while now only three months' preparation is exacted before actual service is begun. The inefficiency, it is claimed, is due wholly to the new economies undertaken in the department, since plenty of efficient employees are available. It is considered extraordinary that in the entire telegraph service no typewriters are used, except a few in the foreign departments.

There was an interesting ceremony at Windsor Castle to-day, where the Duke of Marlborough had forwarded a banner to be placed over the bust of his famous ancestor, John Churchill, the first Duke of Marlborough. This ceremony is necessary each year, and by carrying it out the head of the Churchill family retains possession of Blenheim Palace, which was granted by parliament to the great military leader.

ONE TABLET AFTER EATING and what a world of distress would be saved. Dr. Stan's Pineapple Tablets cure sour stomach, distress after eating, weight in the stomach, wind on the stomach, loss of appetite, dizziness, nausea, and a dozen other troubles traceable to bad digestion. One Tablet gives instant relief. A positive and pleasant cure that nature has provided. 35 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—123.

ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

Mr. Baldwin Preparing for a Polar Dash Next Year.

Honningsvaag, Norway, Aug. 1.—The steamer Atlas, with the Baldwin arctic expedition, arrived here to-day. Mr. Baldwin says the year's work has been special in that depots of condensed food have been established by means of sledges, one in Rudolf and another in sight of the Italian expedition headquarters; another, in latitude 81 deg., 33 min., and a third at Kane Lodge, Greely Island. These depots, together with houses and stores left at Camp Seigler, will afford the means for a Polar dash in 1903.

"All the channels through Franz Joseph Land remained blocked with ice during the autumn of 1901, and prevented the establishment of depots by steamer last year," said Mr. Baldwin. "The breaking up of the ice early in June compelled the use of reserve supplies, hence the departure from Camp Seigler on July 1st, in order not to imperil the expedition. I dispatched balloons with 300 messages, and in June obtained the first picture of Arctic life. I discovered Nansen's hut, recovering some original documents. Marine collections for the national museum, including new charts, etc., were obtained. In the field work 30 men, 13 ponies, 60 sleds and 110 dogs were employed from July to May, and this severe work resulted in the destruction of sleds and in the depletion of food for the ponies, rendering our return imperative. I shall remain at Tromsoe a week for repairs to the Atlas" rudder and propeller frame, which were broken by the ice on the return voyage. The main anchor was lost during a squall in October."

GROWING MELANCHOLY.

Sarah Berthardt is Causing Her Friends Some Anxiety.

Paris, July 31.—Sarah Bernhardt has lately been giving concern to her intimate friends on account of her growing melancholy since her return from London. She is now at her country place, Belle Isle, on the north coast, and shows a morbid disposition for solitary brooding. All food is distasteful to her, and she is constantly saying: "I am an old, played-out woman. My days are over. It would be merciful if death would spare me the bitterness of conscious decrepitude." Her attendants never relax their watch, lest she should attempt suicide in a fit of despondency. Her son, Maurice, and an eminent Paris physician, have been summoned.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT EXPECTED SHORTLY

REGARDING THE FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE

Canadian Ministers Yesterday Considered Tenders—The King May Return to London on Thursday.

London, Aug. 1.—The Canadian ministers met yesterday and discussed the Allans and C. P. R. Company's tenders for the fast Atlantic service. Sir Wilfrid Laurier afterwards intervieved Lord Selborne, first Lord of the Admiralty. An official statement respecting the establishment of the service is expected within the next fortnight.

The colonial conference met to-day, under the presidency of Hon. Joseph Chamberlain. It is understood the subject considered was the Admiralty's naval defence proposals. The questions of an Imperial Court of Appeals and trade preferences were also discussed.

To-day's announcement of the official order of the procession has greatly stimulated interest in the coronation. No such attempt is being made to decorate the streets on the lavish scale which was assayed prior to the King's illness. The redecoration of the Canadian arch is proceeding. The Westminster city council, in spite of police protests, yesterday granted permission for the retention of the arch on condition that it be removed directly after the coronation.

King Edward increases his walking exercises, upon which his physicians no longer place any restraint. There is now no doubt that His Majesty will be strong enough to undergo the coronation ceremonies, on August 9th, but in order to guard against contingencies, a special mobile chair is being prepared for His Majesty's use should it be found necessary. The King is expected to remain on board the royal yacht at Cowes until the latest possible moment on Friday, the 8th, if this is possible, but there is a strong probability of his coming to London on Thursday. His Majesty is in excellent spirits and greatly enjoyed his seven hours' cruise to Brighton and back to-day.

SALMON FISHING NEAR STEVESTON.

MINERS MEET.

First of Series of Gathering Addressed by the President of the Union.

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 1.—The first of the series of strikers' mass meetings, planned to take place at the various strike centres, was held to-day in the Round Woods. There were 7,000 strikers present from all parts of the city and the adjoining towns, some lodges having marched four miles to the meeting, headed by a band or drum corps, and carrying flags and banners. The National President, John Mitchell, District President T. D. Micholls, District Vice-President Adam Ryscavage, District Secretary John T. Dempsey, Organizer Mortini Memolo, and Sub-District President Theophiles Phillips, delivered addresses. The crowd enthusiastically cheered all the speakers, and fairly went wild over Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell's speech was brief and dealt only with the live issues of the fight. He said: "It has been said by some who are not our friends, that the miners of Scranton region are getting tired of the strike, and are about to return to work. I come to find out if this is so. I want to know if you are going to return to work, dishonoring your organization and dishonoring yourselves. (Cries of never, never.) ("No, don't you believe it.")

"I want to say the anthracite miners went on strike themselves. They themselves voted for the strike. It was not the officers of the United Mine Workers who called the strike, it will never end until you vote it ended. From the officers of the coal operators in New York comes the declaration that the strike will be settled only in their way of settling it. I would direct your attention to similar declarations made in the 1900 strike. The coal trust may be strong, but the American people whose hearts throb in sympathy with the miners' cause, are stronger than the coal trust."

Two hundred and fifty trains leave London every hour.

A RATE WAR.

Buffalo, Aug. 1.—The Commercial says: "It was learned late this afternoon that the Great Northern elevator, capacity 3,000,000 bushels, has withdrawn from the Western Elevating Association. The Great Northern elevator is owned by the interests controlled by Jas. J. Hill, owner of the Great Northern railway, and one of the principal factors in the Northern Pacific railway. The withdrawal of the Great Northern from the Western Elevating Association was followed immediately by discrimination on the part of the railroads controlled by the Vanderbilt interests against the Great Northern. In brief, a fight is now on between the Vanderbilt interests and James J. Hill. It was also learned late this afternoon that the railroads are discriminating against all the elevators in the Elevator Owners' Association, the new elevator pool that was organized recently in this city. What the outcome of this wholesale discrimination will be remains to be seen."

FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Direct Service of Steamers From Canadian Points.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has received a communication from Sir Wm. Mulock, in London, stating that he was arranging for a direct service from Canadian points to South Africa, and asking that he be advised as to the date the first ship could be filled. The association replied that the 1st of October would be a suitable date.

A HITCH.

London, Aug. 1.—A news agency from Shanghai says a serious hitch has occurred between Sir James L. Mackay and the Chinese treaty commissioners threatening to interrupt the negotiations looking to the adoption of Sir James L. Mackay's scheme for Chinese tariff revision.

MORE SHOCKS.

Large Number of People Have Left San Luis Obispo.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Aug. 1.—Shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, two severe shocks of earthquakes were felt in Los Alamos valley. They were not as severe as the shocks which caused such widespread destruction of property at an early hour yesterday morning.

Not a house was inhabited last night, the people building huge fires in the streets and spending the night huddled about in groups. Others slept in straw stacks in the open fields.

A special train from San Luis Obispo, sent to Los Alamos at the request of residents, took away about half the people remaining in the town, and this morning everybody who owned or could secure vehicles deserted the place, leaving for San Luis Obispo, Lompoc or Santa Maria.

A few minutes past 11 o'clock to-day two more shocks visited Los Alamos. The grammar school building was badly damaged. Advices received at noon state that the earth continues to tremble and give forth heavy rumbling sounds.

FIGHTING IN COLOMBIA.

Two Hundred Revolutionists Reported to Have Been Killed or Wounded.

Panama, Colombia, Aug. 1.—A severe engagement is now being fought between the revolutionary forces under General Herrera, and government troops at Agua Dulce. The battle began on Tuesday, July 29th. Two hundred of the revolutionists were said to have been killed or wounded by Wednesday. The government had then suffered 19 casualties. Ammunition is being sent from here to the fighting troops.

A Dublin mechanic has made a kettle, cup, saucer, basin and spoon out of a single farthing, a feat often attempted, but never previously performed.

Business Change Sale.

Boys' Suits and Blouses, Half-Price for cash. Boys' Bathing Trunks, 5c pair. Big Bargains for Cash Buyers in Flannel and Business Suits, Straw Hats, Panama Hats, Canvas Hats, Etc., Etc. . . . . .

B. WILLIAMS & CO., 68-70 YATES STREET

WILLING TO FORGIVE.

May Yohe Says She Cares Only For Bradlee.

London, Aug. 1.—May Yohe spent the day at the hotel dejectedly reading and rereading a batch of letters which she had just received from Putman Bradlee Strong, in which, while urging forgiveness and beseeching news of Miss Yohe's movements, he carefully disguised his own whereabouts. On the side flap of one envelope Strong wrote: "Send word by him (bearer) if you forgive me."

On reading this, Miss Yohe exclaimed: "There have been all sorts of friends here to-day offering me all sorts of inducements to leave here, but I care only for Bradlee. Where is he? Why don't they bring him to me? Why does he write me if he does not love me? I would forgive him in a minute, if he would only say that he is sorry."

Musolino, the Italian brigand, now on trial at Lucca, has had his skull photographed by Roentgen rays.

THE MINING DISASTER.

One Hundred and Twenty Lives Lost in the Australian Mine.

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 2.—The total number of lives lost by the explosion at the Mount Kimbla colliery, Wollongong, on Thursday, was one hundred and twenty.

BUNGLING AT EXECUTION.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 1.—Geo. Robinson was hanged at Wise court house, Virginia, to-day, for the murder of another negro. On the first drop the rope broke. He was brought up the steps on the outside of the scaffold for the second drop, and had to wait until the sheriff went to a store and secured another rope. He was conscious throughout the whole time, and did not show the faintest signs of a collapse. A thousand people witnessed the execution.

May Yohe arrived at the Savoy hotel, London, yesterday, and registered as Lady Francis Hope.

WESTERN MEN ON THEIR WAY HOME

SPECIAL TRAIN LEFT MONTREAL YESTERDAY

Welshmen Are Doing Well in the West—Cyclist Fatally Injured While Crossing Railway.

Montreal, Aug. 1.—A special train of troopers, which left Halifax on Wednesday night, reached here about 7.30 this morning. At 9 o'clock a special train with Western members of the contingent left the C. P. R. station for the West. The troopers, although they did no service in South Africa, managed to obtain many curios of that country. They have monkeys, Kaffir dogs, Boer rifles, etc.

Doing Well.

Winnipeg, Aug. 1.—W. L. Griffith, the Canadian government agent in Wales, who originated a scheme for the settlement of Patagonian Welshmen in Western Canada, is in this city on his return from a visit to Saltcoats, where the Welshmen are located. He says they are settled in a very desirous section of the country, and are doing famously.

New Bank Building.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—Mr. E. E. Webb, general manager of the Union Bank of Canada, announced to-day that the bank would erect a building on the corner of William avenue and Main street next year.

A Married Woman.

Lindsay, Ont., Aug. 1.—An Illinois man, who advertised for a wife and received an answer from a Haliburton woman, has arrived here to claim his bride, but is surprised to find her a married woman.

Customs Revenue.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—The revenue in Toronto customs for July, shows an increase of $98,524 over the same month last year.

Clearing House Returns.

The remarkable activity on the local stock exchange and in mercantile circles is reflected in the bank clearings which, for July, total $64,448,000 as compared with $52,867,000 for the same month last year.

A Compromise.

Toronto, Aug. 2.—The striking machinists have compromised with the employers and will return to work. The agreement reached will give the men an advance in wages of about seven and half per cent., instead of 15, which was demanded.

Fatally Injured.

Sydney, C. B., Aug. 1.—Isaac Ein, 38 years old, while crossing the railway tracks on a bicycle yesterday, was struck by an engine, and received injuries which caused his death an hour later.

Post Office Robbery.

Dalhousie, N. B., Aug. 1.—The post office was robbed of $500 on Wednesday night. There is no clue to the burglars as yet.

A WOMAN'S RISK

As a trapeze performer is greater than a man's. She must have a man's courage and a man's muscle to succeed. But she must also work under conditions of which a man knows nothing. Many an accident to women acrobats must be attributed to the sudden weakness to which all women are subject at certain times.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription heals the womanly diseases which cause weakness. It establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

"With pleasure I write to-day in praise of Dr. Pierce and his medicines," says Mrs. Mary Conway, of Appleton, Lawrence Co., Tenn. "Was troubled with female disease; the back of my head hurt me so I could not lie in bed and I would have to sit up, and then I would have such pains from my waist down I could scarcely raise up. My feet and hands would feel almost like ice. Since taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription I can sleep well all night. Could hardly drag around before I took your medicine, and now can do my housework and help my husband in the field. Words cannot express the thanks I owe to Dr. Pierce."

Weak and sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, *free*. All correspondence is held as strictly private and sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, containing over a thousand large pages, is sent *free* on receipt of stamps to pay expense of customs and mailing *only*. Send 50 one-cent stamps for the cloth-bound volume, or only 31 stamps for book in paper covers. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

EX-PRESIDENT STEYN

Arrived at Southampton To-Day, and Will Leave on Monday to Visit Oom Paul.

London, Aug. 2.—Ex-President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, arrived at Southampton to-day, with his family, on the steamer Carisbrook Castle. He was met by Messrs. Fischer, Wessels and Desbruyn, the former Boer delegates. He will go to The Hague, where ex-President Kruger will go from Utrecht to meet him Monday.

Mr. Steyn was too ill to bear the journey to London, although a special saloon carriage had been atached to the regular boat train for him. His physicians would not allow him to be interviewed by the press, but Mr. Steyn sent word that he wished to express his thanks for the courtesies extended to him by the British authorities since the surrender, and for the care given him during the voyage. The ex-president was removed on a stretcher to the deck of the steamer Batavier, which was moored off the Carisbrook Castle. He will be landed at the Hook off Holland and conveyed in an ambulance to the cottage reserved for him near The Hague.

BULLET ENDED TWO LIVES.

Salt Lake Mining Man Killed Young Woman and Afterwards Committed Suicide.

Salt Lake, Utah, Aug. 2.—At the Salt Palace grounds early this morning, J. C. McCaslin, a well known mining man of this city, shot and killed Lottie Russell, seriously wounded F. Max Peters, and then committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. McCaslin, Miss Russell, Peters and another man, whose name has not been learned, formed a party which attended the bicycle races. It is said that McCaslin had trouble with his wife and had been drinking. Peters and Miss Russell are said to have taunted him about his domestic troubles, whereupon he became enraged, drew a revolver and shot Miss Russell, who had started to run, through the back. Peters, who attempted to keep McCaslin from shooting the girl, was shot through the chest. McCaslin, after firing a shot at the other member of the party, placed his revolver at his right temple and sent a bullet through his head. He died an hour later. Peters is in a precarious condition, but it is thought he will recover.

LYNCH COMMITTED.

He Made a Statement in the Bow Street Police Court Yesterday.

London, Aug. 1.—Col. Arthur Lynch, the Nationalist M. P., who is accused of high treason during the Boer war, was taken to the Bow street police court today. Before the court committed him for trial, he made a long statement in which he said that he went to South Africa under contract with the Paris Journal, and that he did not expect then to stay more than two months. He also arranged to serve the Century Magazine, Collier's Weekly, and several other American publications. He denied that he saw any Boer agents before starting or that he went on any mission from Leyds to the Transvaal. At the close of his statement he was committed for trial.

Before going to the court he was visited in his prison cell by Mr. Redmond and other Nationalist leaders.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

Chairman of Telegraph Company Does Not Fear Competition by Wireless System.

London, Aug. 2.—At a meeting of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company yesterday, the chairman, Francis A. Bevan, said nothing had occurred so far as he knew to alter the opinion of the directors, that although wireless telegraphy would carry a certain class of telegrams, such as those between ships or between ships and the shore, there was no reason apparent why it would compete in the class of telegrams sent by cable companies. During a conversation the other day with Lord Kelvin the latter said to Mr. Bevan: "I have given careful consideration to this subject, and I don't believe the shareholders of your company need be alarmed at the prospect of wireless telegraphy."

NOTES FROM NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Aug. 2.—St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school left this morning for Vesuvius Bay, Salt Spring Island, where they will hold their annual picnic. They went by the Strathcona, that steamer calling for them again this evening.

While working about the cylinder press in the Free Press office, Geo. Jones, a member of the composing staff, had his hand crushed. He was taken to the hospital and it is thought his hand may be saved. The bones of the wrist were wrenched out of place. He was just finishing up his work preparatory to leaving to-day for a holiday in California.

Wm. Wilson, who was dragged by the tender of the engine at South Wellington a few nights ago, is progressing favorably in the hospital. Hopes are entertained now that he may recover. His hip and the back of his head were badly bruised. Out of his hip a large piece of scrap iron was taken. The doctors in attendance wonder at his escape.

A sad fatality occurred on the York road, Guelph, whereby Miss Maggie McCall, of Dryton, was thrown from a carriage and instantly killed. A freight train frightened the horse.