

# BUSY SEASON IN LONDON VISIT. EXPECTED FROM THE KAISER

## Anglo-German Exhibition to Aid Entente Cordiale

Kaiser Expected to Attend Show Which Will Be Opened in Crystal Palace and Will Send Finest Examples of Porcelain from Kadinen Factory.

### BRITISH MANUFACTURERS WILL EXHIBIT WARES

**[Special Despatch.]**  
LONDON, Saturday. POSSIBLY the German Emperor and members of the German royal family will make a short trip to England when the Anglo-German Exhibition is opened at the Crystal Palace. The administrators of the exhibition are confident that the result of their efforts will have more permanent value in establishing the entente cordiale between the two countries than any quantity of government despatches, and already some of the most influential citizens in Berlin and London are working on the details of the exhibition.

An invitation to the Kaiser to come to London at the opening on May 10 is about to be sent, and it is confidently expected that he will accept if his engagements permit. At any rate, some members of the Kaiser's family will be present, for the Emperor has taken a deep interest in arranging the forthcoming exhibition ever since it was first mooted. For more than a year an influential committee has been working on the details and an office has been established in Berlin in direct communication with that in London. The Earl of Londsdale, who is a personal friend of the Kaiser, is working on behalf of the administrators, and the International Exhibitions Committee of the London Chamber of Commerce is also doing its share.

## London Outlook Is for a Busy Season After Easter

Greater Demand for Big Houses, Duchess of Manchester Reopens Grosvenor Square Mansion and Duchess of Roxburgh Coming Forward as a Political Hostess.

### EAGER PURCHASERS CAUSE REAL ESTATE BOOM

**[Special Despatch.]**  
LONDON, Saturday. LONDON town is really "empty" now from the social point of view, but preparations are advancing for what would appear to be a very busy season. There is a greater demand for big houses than has been known for very many past seasons. Everybody who is anybody in the matter of wealth appears to be flocking to Mayfair or Kensington, Regent's Park, Bayswater, or Hampstead, where huge houses built for men with long purses abound. Big houses are booming and house agents are wearing a smile which has been absent since the South African slump. In all the best residential districts eager purchasers are paying bigger prices for houses than has ever been known in London.

A huge house, like a country mansion in town, in Kensington Palace Gardens sold for \$135,000, with annual feu-duty of \$1,400 for Upper Grosvenor street, Mayfair, \$72,500 for under lease of ninety years with feu-duty of \$1,250 a year; and in Park street, Mayfair, \$112,500 and \$80,000 paid for under lease of ninety years with feu-dues of \$1,500 and \$1,200.

## Brilliant Season at Covent Garden Under the Direction of Herr Nikisch

First Month To Be Devoted to German Operas, Including the "Ring" to Mark Wagner Centenary; Remaining Weeks to French and Italian.

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LONDON, Saturday. THE first month of the fourteen weeks grand opera season, commencing at Covent Garden on April 21, will be devoted to German works, including two cycles of Wagner's "Ring" under the musical direction of Herr Arthur Nikisch, to mark the centenary of Wagner's birth, which will occur in May. The remainder of the season will be devoted to the French and Italian repertoire, and Mr. Charpentier's new work, "Julien," will be produced.

The German performances will include "Der Ring des Nibelungen," "Tristan und Isolde," "Der Fliegende Holländer," "Parsifal" and "Lohengrin." Beyond these works, Humperdinck's "Königskinder," one of the successes of the autumn season of 1911, will be revived; and a new opera by a young composer, Herr W. von Wolfershausen, "Oberst Chabert," which has been very favorably received in all the important German theatres, will be produced for the first time in England. To the Italian and French repertoire two all-stars will be made—"La Du Barry," by the young Italian musician, recently heard with much success at Milan, and an opera with novelty as yet to be perceived by Mr. Gustave Charpentier, whose "Louise" quickly became one of the most admired works in the Royal Opera repertoire. This new opera, "Julien," which may be regarded as a sequel to

## THE MAN WHO HAS DECIDED THAT HIS ARMY MUST BE SUPREME IN EUROPE



THE KAISER AMONG HIS SOLDIERS

**[Special Despatch.]**  
LONDON, Saturday. WE need hardly say that the world is watching with curiosity and possibly some little anxiety, Germany's fresh efforts to make her army supreme in Europe, and there are those, even in his own country, who seem to think that the German Emperor is perhaps dangerously zealous in his desire to assure peace by preparing for war. The moment for proposing a great increase in the German army has been chosen. As the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph said the other day: "This year Germany celebrates the centenary of the liberation from the yoke of Napoleon. \* \* \* It is probably calculated that the wave of patriotism which will be set in motion by the centenary festivities will afford a unique opportunity for inducing the Reichstag to agree with a hasty vote to the necessary extraordinary military credits. Meantime it is apparent that financial Germany is by no means pleased with the suggested method for raising the necessary £50,000,000 or so.

## London to Have Fine New Hotels

Several Immense Structures Projected, with Every Convenience of Comfort and Elegance.

**[Special Despatch.]**  
LONDON, Saturday. EVERY season one hears the complaint from Americans that London has not enough hotels—or of the right sort. But before long Americans will be able to sample more new hotels, which it is said will reach "the limit" in size, comfort and elegance.

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## Special Trains for 500 Birds

Selected Feathery Destroyers of Grubs Travel in Style from England to Vancouver.

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LONDON, Saturday. FIVE hundred happy emigrants are leaving the shores of England forever. At least they showed every sign of joy when an interested visitor called upon them yesterday. They were all singing or whistling as loudly as they could, as if they had not a care in the world. They are going to Vancouver, in British Columbia, and it is rare that emigrants have as much care bestowed upon them as these selected five hundred. From London to Liverpool the proprietors of the special express, special accommodation has been prepared for them on the Canadian Pacific steamship Montreal, and another special train, to insure the comfort of the travellers, will carry them across Canada.

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## Etonians Like Their Top Hats

Only Form of Head Covering with Pet Name Will Soon Reach Its Centenary.

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LONDON, Saturday. ETONIANS are deeply distressed at the threatened decay of the top hat. The "Eton boy" in a bowler or even an algerette plumed Homburg would be a feat anomaly.

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## Value of Marines in the Naval Base Garrisons

Well Known Naval Correspondent Writes of Probable Effect of the Scheme Arranged to Protect New Depot at Cromarty—Some Interesting Tales of Marines of Old.

### ORIGIN OF THEIR SELECTION FOR DISCIPLINE

**[Special Despatch.]**  
LONDON, Saturday. AN interesting announcement has just been made that a garrison for the new depot at Cromarty, on the east coast of Scotland, will be provided by marines, who will be accommodated in the old battle ship Renown when that vessel is ready to be removed in Cromarty Frith for the purpose. The employment of marines in such a connection is a novel proceeding, and in some quarters is regarded as the first step to their withdrawal from the navy altogether. The fears expressed on this point recall the circumstances in which in November, 1866, an order for the removal of marines from the vessels of the United States Navy was issued by Mr. Roosevelt, but subsequently was rescinded. It is not likely, however, with the difficulties at present confronting the British naval authorities in regard to the manning of the fleet, that there is any real intention of "beaching the Marine Corps," though such a step would commend itself to a large number of naval officers and men, especially men.

The history of the marines is not without a bearing on the present day situation. Probably they owed their origin to a desire for some permanent disciplined force for use when sailors were picked up only for a commission or for shore periods. When war broke out there was a demand for seamen those obtained either by voluntary enlistment or by means of the press gang naturally contained a proportion of turbulent spirits which, once on the crew was not for good and was subversive of discipline. Then it was that the value of a marine detachment on board to restrain the disorderly members which only proved the rule, being noted for their loyalty to authority.

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## Prince of Wales in Amateur Theatricals

His Practise on Bagpipes Not Relished by His Fellow Students at Oxford.

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LONDON, Saturday. IN addition to his other relations at Oxford the Prince of Wales has been taking part in amateur theatricals. Whence by house at last. In one play a certain line assigned to the Prince was, "Which happens to be named Warren, and which are explained as 'the Royal' 'honest practice' the bagpipes,' are cordially disliked by his fellow students, for practice has not made perfect yet. In fact a magistrate named the royal apartments and effectively silenced the pipes by means of a penknife.

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### Screaming Announcement Election? The Expositor

On Thursday, March 28, the Brantford Expositor, front page, top column, under the heading "Indications of Commons in Ottawa," advised that the Expositor is advised from Ottawa yesterday that the above announcement is known as "The Book of Kings" is like the driving of a nail.

### Little Effect

It encountered the news that the executive was called to get tips off the line as well. These days in Paris just ask him if he has seen

### Fatal Accident

NORTH BAY, March 28.—A fatal accident occurred here on Monday, March 25, when a man named Charles, who was employed at the C.P.R. station Sunday morning, was returning to Chapel street and had stepped on a train at Bischoff's. The man was killed when he tried to get up again in some way, thrown beneath the wheels, and immediately killed.

### Grand Opera House

Five Nights, Commencing Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, with special matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. The program includes "The Merry Widow," "The Bohemian Girl," "The Song of the Lark," and "The Merry Widow." Prices: 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 75c, 1.00.

### Fine Ponies for Big Polo Games

**[Special Despatch.]**  
LONDON, Saturday. THE ponies for the use of the English team in forthcoming polo matches in the United States are to be sent to America on board the Minneapolis on May 3. Only four of those taken over by the Duke of Westminster from the American Cup Race season are going, namely, Energy, Machine, Pretty Boy and Nubling. Others are being sent to the Duke's special stud, Royal Diamond, Unknown, Ariel, Piffly, Midge, Selma, Sprite, Lore, Charm, Harlowe, Twenty-seven, Orion, and a fine sense of color, as for instance, in "Delphinium," against a sunlit background, "Penstemon" and "Phlox," and "A Garden of Roses." While her "Mosses" and "Road" is a rather pleasing landscape. The water color sketches in "Britany" and other places by Miss Evelyn Hill. The Duke at the same gallery has a number of water color sketches of color and clearness, and of style which stand to win her popularity.