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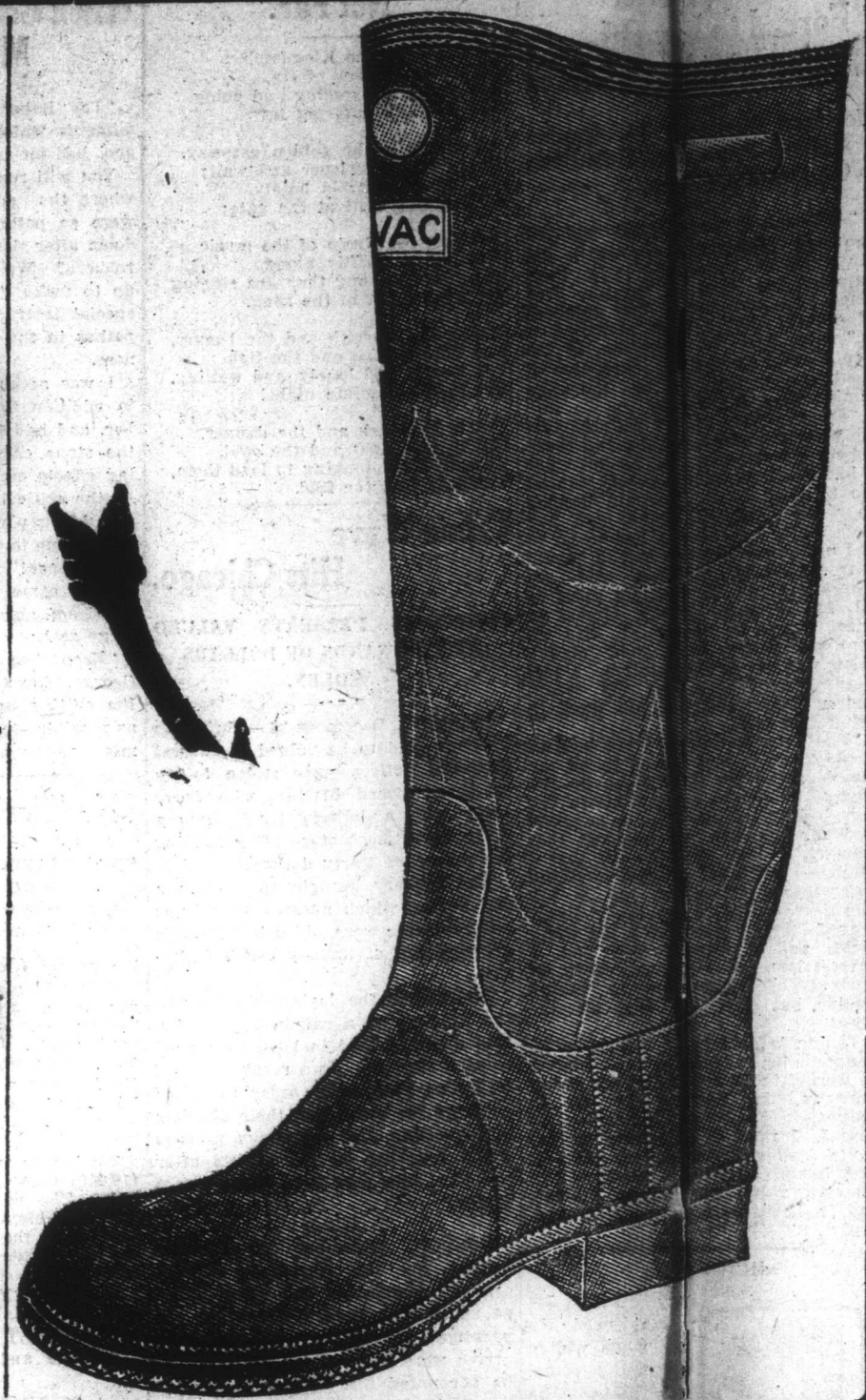
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King's Speech From Throne.

ON PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

The Government Propose to Make Every Endeavor to Reduce Expenditure—Hope to Bring About Unity and Friendship Between all the Peoples of the Kingdom.

LONDON, December 28.—The Speech from the Throne on the occasion of the proroguing of Parliament at midnight to-night, after reference to the continued friendly relations with foreign powers, alluded to the Greek difficulty and declared that the Government would, in conjunction with the Allies, endeavor to reach a solution compatible with their joint responsibilities.

The situation with respect to Russia was described as still unsettled and obscure, and the King expressed the hope that trade would shortly recommence with Russia and lead to an era of peace, greatly needed by the people of Eastern Europe.

"It is of the highest importance," the speech continued, "that Poland and her neighbors should compose their political differences and devote their undivided energies to producing internal stability and in the task of economic construction."

The distribution of the mandates and other work of the Assembly of the League of Nations was taken up, and the Assembly was declared to have "shown the sense of the importance of including all nations in its membership by admitting two late enemies."

"It is my earnest hope," added the speech, "that the spirit of harmony and good-will manifested at the Assembly is an augury of the value of the League as a force making for conciliation and peace throughout the world."

The speech referred with gratification at the success of the Prince of Wales' imperial tour, and regretted that the Prince was not able to inaugurate new councils in India. The promise was given that the Government would make every effort to reduce expenditure.

Dealing with the subject of Ireland, the speech said:

"The state of affairs in Ireland grieves me profoundly. I deplore the campaign of violence and outrage, whereby a small section of my subjects seek to sever Ireland from the Empire, and I sympathize with the loyal servants of the Crown who are endeavoring to restore peace and maintain order under conditions of unexampled difficulty and danger. It is my most earnest hope that all sections of the people of Ireland will insist upon a return to constitutional methods, which alone can put an end to the terrible events, which threaten ruin to that country, and make possible reconciliation and a lasting peace."

Then, announcing briefly the passage of the Home Rule Bill, the

speech continued:

"I sincerely hope that this act, the fruit of more than thirty years of ceaseless controversy, will finally bring about unity and friendship between all the peoples of my kingdom."

The King concluded by recounting the measures passed during the course of the Parliamentary session. He referred to unemployment as the darkest cloud on the horizon, springing less from internal causes than from contraction of the export trade, arising out of the poverty of nations and their inability to secure credits. The government, he said, was giving unremitting attention to this problem.

The session was somewhat unusual. It was expected that Parliament would prorogue about eight o'clock, but there was difficulty in adjusting the differences between the two Houses over the Agriculture Bill, which had been tossed about from Lord to Commons and from Commons to Lords throughout the evening. This resulted in delay. The Lords insisted on their amendment, and the Government suffered four defeats in succession, and in most of these cases the House of Commons, had, perforce, to accept these amendments, to prevent the bill from becoming a dead letter.

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Dr. Johnson's London.

On a recent Saturday afternoon a group of admirers of Dr. Samuel Johnson rambled through that part of London associated with his name. London changes so rapidly that its former aspects are soon obscured, but Dr. Martin, in addressing the pilgrims in St. Clement Dane's Church, where Johnson worshipped, enabled them to picture something of the surroundings in the days when Boswell accompanied his hero to church, and was deeply impressed by the earnestness of his petition: "In the hour of death and in the Day of Judgment, good Lord deliver us!" In examining the church the visitors were, of course, interested in Dr. Johnson's pew.

The sage himself said that in order to appreciate London one must know its courts and alleys as well as its important buildings and the guide led his followers through several of these byways. Those of the Temple, perhaps, are not much changed except that Brick Court, where Goldsmith died, is no more paved with brick and the pump which gave its name to Pump Court, no longer exists, having been condemned for yielding contaminated water.

Johnson's buildings in Inner Temple Lane are merely a modern block occupying the ground on which the philosopher received his visitors in a shabby room with dilapidated furniture, where his dishevelled appearance moved some to caustic criticism in their records. But one, at least, confessed that "his slovenly peculiarities were forgotten when he began to talk." Boswell, who missed no opportunity of revelling in the great man's society, took rooms close by. Thence, through Serjeant's Inn, the company crossed the much-changed Fleet Street and entered Johnson's Court, which was not named after Dr. Johnson but another and earlier Johnson, and suggested the philosopher's description of himself as "Johnson of that ilk." His house has gone. In Wine Office Court there was an opportunity of visiting the "Cheesier Cheese" and of seeing "Johnson's Chair" and many contemporary memorials. The party went on to Gough Street, where Johnson's house, No. 17, is carefully preserved. It retains the air of comfortable respectability that no doubt marked the other residences occupied by merchants and professional people in the square. Only one, besides No. 17, now exists. Here Johnson's wife died, and the extensive 2466, where the company sat down to tea, is the scene of the production of the famous dictionary. Finally, in Bolt Court a pause was made where Johnson died.

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Points on Cooking Sugar

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Spent Four Winters in the Arctic.

CAPT. BERNARD, OF THE S.S. "TEDDY BEAR," ON HIS WAY TO HIS HOME IN TIGNISH, P.E.I.

OTTAWA, December 28.—After spending four winters in the Arctic, having been frozen in the ice of Coronation Gulf for more than 24 months, and being unaware that the war was over until a year after armistice, Captain Joseph Bernard, skipper of the little gasoline schooner "Teddy Bear," reached Ottawa last night, on his way to his home in Tignish, P.E.I.

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been located in the north since 1901, but only since 1909 did he take to trading in the Canadian Arctic, fitting the "Teddy Bear" and sailing up to the icy desolation of Victoria Island, King William and Coronation Gulf. He is now in Ottawa renewing acquaintances with members of the Canadian Arctic Expedition which set sail in 1913. His little ship wintered in Coronation Gulf in 1913, the first time any ship wintered there since Captain Collinson, Royal Navy, did so in the winter of 1852-53. Collinson was looking for survivors of the Franklin Expedition, which, in 1847, set out to discover the Northwest passage.

The tragic end of that expedition is history. The men—one hundred and five in all—abandoned the ship, deserted their captain and attempted to reach civilization by way of the mainland to the south. Not till twenty-five years later was the story unfolded, and it was through the trail of skeletons along the route the men took.

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