

to their souls only God heard. When their Majesties appeared all heads were uncovered. "God Save the King," sobbed through the night as though cathedral arches spread about us, and the notes were those of an anthem. In little groups the people dispersed. Save for an occasional low voice floating back to the empty square, the masses along the Mall were noiseless shadows in a dim picture. And when all were gone and the scarlet-tuniced sentries alone remained before the Palace, a strangely white moon seemed to sail straight to the centre of the vast space, and its light fell as if in augury upon the austere head of the old Queen sitting guard over her loyal capital.

As was London that night, so is London this morning. The aspect of the city is unaltered. Save for the Press bulletins, and the cries of the paper-sellers, one meets with no sign of perturbation or excitement. Regiments march through the streets attended by no greater crowds than one usually finds in the wake of parading soldiers. The unaltered price tickets in the shop windows proclaim the absence of business panic. The Strand maintains its accustomed appearance and seeks to lend assurance to the moment by calmly proceeding with its scheduled repairs. It seems to say to the passer-by: 'Steady, my friend. Why worry needlessly? Time alone controls affairs. All things are episodes to my vast experience. For a thousand years I have borne the tread of regiments, and always the to-morrows of London are greater than her yesterdays. Take example from me, and attend to your allotted tasks, as I now proceed with mine.'

I do not fear for Britain's future. A people possessed of such adamantine patience, or stubbornness—call it what you will—that they can afford to wait for their war news until the death notices and legal advertisements on the front pages have been carefully perused can hardly be expected to fail before any crisis."

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We regret to notice the death of Captain Bertrand Shaw in a recent engagement with the Germans. Our readers will remember that he was confined in a prison in Germany for two years for alleged espionage, but was released on the occasion of the Kaiser's