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driven very rapidly with the coachman and footman in their usual gray liveries with mourning bands on their arms. An equerry was seated beside him. The king was of course dressed in the deepest and most simple mourning and carefully raised his hat in acknowledgment of the silent uncovering of heads which was more impressive than the most enthusiastic cheers. The king looked tired and very sad but very well. Following him came the Duke of York, the Duke of Connaught and others.

Both the king and Duke of York looked pathetically up at Buckingham palace as they passed, and acknowledged the salute of the guard of honor drawn up inside the palace grounds. The troops there and elsewhere showed no signs of mourning except that the bands were not present. All the officers had crepe on their sleeves. The king drove to St. James palace from Marlborough house to preside at the first privy council, by way of Marlborough house yard, the Mall and the garden entrance of the palace. He was attended by Lord Suffield and was escorted by a captain's escort of the Horse Guards.

The procedure was exactly as on levee days.

By the time the king arrived a great gathering of privy councillors, in levee dress, with crepe on their left arms, had taken up positions in the throne room. Cabinet ministers, peers, members, bishops, judges, the lord mayor, etc., including the Duke of York, the Duke of Connaught and lesser members of the royal family, Lord Salisbury, Lord Roseberry, A. J. Balfour, the Duke Devonshire, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, and a host of the most prominent personages in the land were there to receive the king's formal oath, binding him to govern the kingdom according to its laws and customs, and hear him assume the title of King Edward VII of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India.

The ceremony was interesting and according to precedent. The King was in a separate apartment from the privy councillors. To the latter the Duke of Devonshire, lord president of the council, formally communicated the death of Queen Victoria, and the succession to the throne of her son the Prince of Wales. The royal dukes with certain lords of the council were then directed to repair to the king's presence to acquaint him with the terms of the lord president's statement. Shortly afterwards his majesty entered the room in which the councillors were assembled and addressed them in a brief speech. The lord councillor, Lord Halsbury, then administered the oath to the king. Afterwards the various members of the council, commencing with lords in council, took the oath of allegiance and then passed in turn before his majesty as at a levee, excepting that each passed and kissed the king's hand before passing out of the chamber.

This brought the ceremony to a close. By 3:30 p. m., when his majesty returned to Marlborough house, the crowd in the neighborhood was of immense proportions. The king's prior journey was accomplished in almost complete silence, but on this occasion he was lustily cheered all along the line of the route.

Immediately opposite Marlborough house

London, Jan. 23, via Skagway, Jan. 28.—The death of Queen Victoria, which occurred last night at Osborne castle on the Isle of Wight, is announced here this morning.

All London has donned the garb of mourning from one end of the city to the other. Throughout the West End drawn blinds are the order of the day, while on all the embassies, government offices and buildings the flags are at half mast.

The king-emperor entered his capital

at 12:55 p. m., today and proceeded to Marlborough.

After attending the first privy council meeting at St. James palace at 2 p. m., when a decision was reached regarding a public announcement of his accession to the throne, which will be read tomorrow at 10 a. m., his majesty proceeded to the house of lords for the meeting of parliament.

The house of lords and house of commons assembled at 4 p. m. and all members took the oath of allegiance to the new sovereign.

All public buildings are draped in black; the stores are displaying many signs of mourning and all business is practically suspended.

Early in the day dense crowds began to assemble on St. James street and soon it was lined the entire route to Victoria palace until the Mall and Buckingham palace were especially thronged. All along the former place to Marlborough house carriages filled with ladies were drawn up as if in line for a great drawing room event, except that occupants, coachmen and footmen were all dressed in deep mourning. Unusual police precautions were taken, guards on foot and mounted covering nearly every yard of the crowded thoroughfare.

The crowds waited patiently for hours to greet their king.

Finally, preceded by half a dozen mounted policemen, the new sovereign arrived in a plain brougham which was

The law courts, stock exchange, produce and metal exchanges throughout the country only assembled to close immediately after the presiding officers had addressed to the members present a few words of tribute to the dead monarch.

Exceptionally large crowds of people gathered at the churches throughout the country. At St. Paul's Cathedral the prayers for the royal family were altered to read: "For our sovereign lord, the king and the queen consort." All the services closed with the death march.

The various naval and military stations fired a salute of 31 guns, at midday to signalize the death of the queen, one gun for each completed year of her age.

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