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Memorial To Queen Victoria



ON May 16 King George will unveil the national memorial to Queen Victoria in front of Buckingham palace, which has been in process of erection for eight years. The statue represents Queen Victoria seated and is said to be an excellent likeness. The royal family express themselves as much pleased with the statue.

The opening ceremony will be performed in full state, all the royal family who are in England at the time being present, as well as the German emperor. Emperor William and empress will arrive in England on the day previous and during their brief stay will, of course, be the guests of the king and queen at Buckingham palace. They will probably stop till Friday, the 19th, and one day of the visit will be spent at Windsor castle. A state banquet will be given in the palace one of the evenings, followed by a small diplomatic and official reception. There will also be a family dinner party at the palace the day the emperor and empress arrive in London.

The elaborate ceremony of unveiling was recently rehearsed in the presence

MRS. DAVID J. HILL.

Wife of Ambassador to Germany Warmly Greeted on Visit Here. Mrs. David Jayne Hill, wife of the American ambassador to Germany, is at present on a visit to this country, accompanying her husband. She is a highly accomplished woman and was extensively entertained during a week's stay in Washington, where she had become exceedingly popular during her



MRS. DAVID JAYNE HILL.

husband's residence there as assistant secretary of state, prior to his appointment as ambassador.

The Hills are accompanied by their daughter, Miss Katherine, who made her debut last winter at the German court, where she attracted much attention. Mrs. Hill is regarded in greater favor by Berliners because of the fact that she bears a striking resemblance to the beloved Queen Louise of Prussia, one of the favorite heroines of German history.

Dr. Hill will retire as ambassador to Germany on July 1.

SPEAKER CLARK'S GAVEL.

It Came From the Apron Log of an Old Haunted Mill.

Speaker Champ Clark rules the house of representatives at Washington with a big new gavel of bur oak, which comes from the apron log of an ancient haunted mill in Pike county, Mo.

The mallet comes from the mill dam of the first gristmill ever built north of the Missouri river. Away back in 1817 Enoch Matson, said to be the first white child born in Bourbon



THE HISTORIC GAVEL.

county, Ky., who had migrated to Missouri, built an old fashioned mill on the Peno river. Many years ago the mill tumbled down and was almost forgotten, except for the fact that it was presumed to be haunted by whites there because the daughter of an Indian chief ran away with a paleface.

Last summer a descendant of Pioneer Matson and a number of Mr. Clark's constituents in Ralls county sought the old mill site and, abetted by a pair of Missouri mules, drew from the sand and water the apron log of the now useless mill dam. The gavel was cut from it, brightly varnished and sent on to Washington.

On one face the mallet bears the inscription: "Made from the apron log of the first mill built north of the Missouri river, on the Peno, Pike county, by Enoch Matson in 1817. Presented to Champ Clark, first speaker of the house of representatives from Missouri, by his constituents in Ralls county Missouri."

On the opposite face is engraved one of Mr. Clark's favorite maxims: "He serves his party best who serves his country well."



TWELVE FOOT GILDED BRONZE "VICTORY" WHICH DOMINATES THE VICTORIA MEMORIAL.

of the Duke of Connaught. His royal highness stood on a wooden platform at the base of the memorial, from which position he could watch the movements of the Irish guards, who lined the approaches. Guards of honor were also posted. The massed bands of the brigade of guards were in attendance and rehearsed their musical parts. For upward of an hour the various evolutions were repeated, so that on the day of the ceremony they may be performed with absolute precision.

HIS ASHES TO SWITZERLAND.

Restaurant Keeper's Wife Obeys Dying Request of a Customer.

Mme. Gabrielle Girard, wife of a New York Bohemian restaurant proprietor, sailed recently for Switzerland carrying an urn containing the ashes of Pere Du Bois, who was the oldest member of the Swiss colony in this country.

Du Bois was for many years a leading patron of Girard's restaurant. Re-



MME. GABRIELLE GIRARD.

cently he fell ill, and the Girards called upon him. He realized that he was mortally stricken and asked his friends to have his body cremated and the ashes taken to his old home in Neuchâtel.

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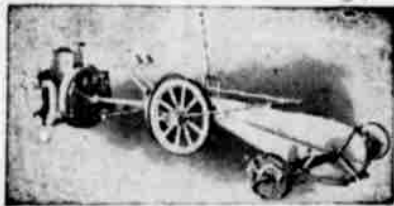


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