

AMERICAN EDITORS SEE KING AND QUEEN

Visitors Personally Conducted Through Sandringham.

ALL CEREMONIES WAIVED

King Understands American Jokes, Likes Baseball and His Laugh Is Ready and Contagious.

BY EDGAR B. PIPER. (Sixth Letter.)

LONDON, Oct. 15.—(Editorial Correspondence.)—The American editors, on their arrival in Sandringham, were notified, after a round of rather severe social entertainments, and of dutiful attendance upon various political functions, that King George and Queen Mary would be graciously pleased to receive them at Sandringham on Sunday, October 13. It was intimated that it was a most unusual concession, for His Majesty and his court preferred to receive their American visitors at their country seat—on the Sabbath day, at least.

Sandringham is the summer home of royalty, and about 100 miles from London on the eastern coast, near the sea. It had been acquired and developed by King Edward, and was his private estate, the location of his fine racing stables and splendid gardens, and it is now the permanent residence of his widow, Queen Alexandra.

Interest of King Evidenced.

The first group of American magazine and periodical editors and writers, through a coincidence now in London, were also included in the royal command, and together all were to go, furnishing for His Majesty his personal view of composite American journalism.

The proposed audience, it was hinted by those who arranged it, was substantial and convincing evidence of the high interest of the King in the forthcoming contents of the two great English-speaking nations. One hears much on that fruitful subject just now in England.

The first result of the royal invitation was to throw the gratified editors into a flutter of discussion about the kind of dress needed for a court presentation. The Ministry of Information, which has the journalists in charge, gravely informed them, however, that it was to be no formal occasion, but a social and unofficial visit at the week-end to Sandringham, and that nobody need be awake of nights worrying about whether to wear a high hat and morning dress or the usual work-a-day suit of the average American.

Everyday Clothes Worn.

But the decision of the Ministry did not entirely settle this important matter, nor did the Ministry itself adhere to its ruling for informality. Some officious personage came hurriedly from headquarters and announced that it would be strictly de rigueur to wear a top hat and a cutaway, and other such apparel.

After due arrangements had been made to accord with this latest decision as to the dress to be worn, fashions, someone higher in authority at the last moment gave out final word that everybody might dress as he pleased, but that the King would undoubtedly prefer to see his guests in the costumes they ordinarily wear at home.

Time of Visit Unpleasant.

The time of the visit was most auspicious. Great news had just come out of Germany to the effect that it had decided to capitulate, after four years and more of war, and it was to be supposed that the atmosphere about Sandringham would be most congenial for felicitations.

There are no Sunday papers worth the name in Great Britain, but the King, of course, had his own private information about the happy turn of

events. A royal messenger was, indeed, in the train which bore the 23 Americans to Sandringham. His office was to tell King George what he already knew.

The journey to Sandringham was taken in a special train under a semi-cloudy sky, through a lovely landscape. There was a glimpse of the famous college town of Cambridge, and of the historic cathedral at Ely. The party arrived at the Sandringham station, reserved for the guests of royalty, about 2 o'clock, and found waiting there three spick and span garrigalls.

King Has "Bully Day" of It.

There had, meanwhile, been received from the major domo of the ministry specific instructions as to how the party was to be received. They were to be divided into three groups, and each of them was to enter the august presence separately, and was to remain not more than ten minutes. It was expected that His Majesty would have had quite enough in that brief period.

But it proved that this thought of the courtiers who seek to decide just who shall be privileged to bask in the smiles of royalty and how long was erroneous. For the King upon the entire programme and had a bully day with his visitors, as Mr. Roosevelt might call it; so did his family. All ceremonies were quickly waived, forgotten, and everybody had a grand time.

Sandringham is a noble estate, with fine drives, spacious lawns, prodigious quantities of flowers, and occasional ponds. Queen Alexandra, the mother of the King, occupied the "castle," which is no castle at all, but a fine old manor house. The King, during his stay there, in a comparatively modest place called York Cottage. Here he rests for several weeks in the summer—the pleasant hunting season—and here all the children of George and Mary were born.

Guests Made to Feel at Home.

A drive of about a mile through winding ways and over an attractive landscape brought the party to Sandringham. A functionary in a bright red coat, decorated with many medals, indicating worthy service in the Life Guards, ushered them into the waiting-room. The medals, which he had no special insignia of rank or station, and who, with well-bred ease, put themselves so much at the disposal of the guests that they soon felt quite at home.

King George was attended by Queen Mary, the Dowager Queen Alexandra, Princess Mary, (his daughter) and Victoria (his sister) and several ladies-in-waiting. A very old man, Sir Richard Proby, a hero of Indian warfare and possessor of the Victoria Cross, was the personal attendant and courier of Queen Alexandra. The King was garbed in an ordinary business suit and all the courtiers were dressed much as one sees every day the women of America in any American city, in an admirably fitted tailored suit. There was no ostentatiousness, and but little ceremony. The party had been individually warned not to offer to shake hands with the King or Queen unless they first made the appropriate inquiries as to whether they were dressed in the manner they desired. "Address him always as 'Your Majesty' and the Queen in the same way," said the Princess. "Your Highness" was said. Some of the editors perhaps forgot the rules, but no one attempted any familiarity, and certainly none was invited; but every one of the personages, after the introductions, descended into easy conversation with someone or other of the Americans.

King Understands America.

The pleasure of King George do not do him justice. He is animated in action, ready and distinct in speech, with an inclination toward the humorous, and talks in a manner that is not only pleasant, but is not afflicted with the English habit of swallowing his words, and he is at a loss at no time for something to say. His conversation is free and without constraint, his pleasure at their visit, and showed an understanding of American affairs, and of the purpose of their visit, in a manner which was quite surprising.

It is not permissible to quote him directly on any matter of politics or statecraft, but probably it will be in accord with the sentiment in England for a close union with the great American Republic, no binding agreement, merely a rapprochement which would prevent any vital disagreements, and which would mean harmony and unity among all the English-speaking nations of the world, with resultant benefit to civilization and humanity.

Some one had the temerity to say that the Republican party in America sadly needs a candidate for President, and asked if the King might not come to America and stand for the nomination with the assurance of certain election. The King merely responded to the novel suggestion with a loud "Ha Ha." The laugh of England's King is ready and contagious. He understands an American joke. He likes baseball, too. He was immensely interested in his several reviews of American troops, and he permitted it to be understood that he would like soon to see again the American soldiers in camp or on march.

Visitors Shown Estate.

After many pleasantries with the King and Queen and their attendants, the guests were asked if they might not desire to go over Sandringham. All were, of course, delighted to say yes, and the whole company started under the guidance of the King and Queen, over the grounds. The King and Queen walked rapidly. First there was a visit to York Cottage, where there was an interesting view of how the royal family lives. Some one of the King's entourage took charge of certain groups of the editors, and each appeared to be anxious to show the advantages and attractions of the great estate at its best. One curious journalist asked half a dozen lords and ladies in turn what was the area of Sandringham, and all said they did not know. But the King promptly settled all doubts by ruling that it was 10,000 acres.

York Cottage is a plain brick dwelling of 15 or 20 rooms, of only moderate size, with a workshop or study for the King. If there were any special couriers or equerries there they were not seen. The equipment in furniture and in modern conveniences was complete, and in some respects elegant; but there are many homes in America, some of them in Portland, which might be compared favorably with it.

There was a long tour afoot to the gardens and to the stables, both the particular hobby of King Albert Edward. A pony and cart, driven by the faithful Proby, followed the company around. It was for the use of Queen Alexandra, but she went the entire rounds with the others, and did not wear any time at all in her stables. In her stables or in what they were saying and seeing.

In the vicinity of the royal stables is a great stable of Percherons, which won the Derby in 1896, and which was a pet of the former King. He was bred at Sandringham. It is a magnificent effigy of a splendid horse. In the stable were many animals, each in charge of an attendant who brought them out for exhibition. Both the King and Queen and the Dowager Queen, busied themselves in passing to the thoroughbred carrots, which they took with great gusto. In all, there must be 100 first-class animals in the stables. The chief of the stud is Friar Marcus, which was never beaten as a 2-year-old.

Queen Makes Presents.

Several members of the party who had the fortune to fall in with Queen Alexandra were asked to accompany her to a place she called a "workshop." It appears to be modeled somewhat after the artcraft establishments common in America. There were many beautiful specimens of delicate hand-

made furniture. The companions of the Queen were delighted with what they saw, and said so, of course; whereupon she graciously presented to each of these surprised and somewhat embarrassed Americans a tea table. One of the pieces will go to Buffalo, one to San Francisco and one to Portland.

The tour was completed by a second visit to Sandringham, where tea was served. It was a most interesting function, though all the royal party continued to mingle with the visitors in the most democratic fashion. The King later expressed a desire to show the editors his library, doubtless with the idea that it should be of special interest to men in a supposedly literary calling; but it was, it had been a bowling alley, but King Albert Edward had thought it would be more useful and ornamental as a place of study and reflection, and was to remain not more than ten minutes. It was expected that His Majesty would have had quite enough in that brief period.

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Portland District First

ADMIRAL ROUSSEAU, OF FLEET CORPORATION, COMMENDS.

Government Official Arrives to Make Inspection of Shipbuilding Plants.

First in production, economy and patriotism among the shipbuilding zones of the United States is the Oregon district, according to a statement received yesterday from the Philadelphia office of the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the flattering position of the territory was made known last night at a dinner given at the Roosevelt Hotel, S. N. manager of the shipyard division of the corporation.

Admiral Rousseau reached the city yesterday on a tour of inspection of ship plants, and will spend today on the same mission. As the finale of his first day's labors he was entertained at the Chamber of Commerce and it was when he was making a response to the welcome accorded him that he told of the esteem in which the district was held at Philadelphia, the information having come to him to the effect that Mr. Wentworth, district supervisor, but who had not mentioned it. In explaining the compliment Mr. Wentworth said it was in response to the fact that the men employed in shipyards had gone over the top more than 100 per cent in the fourth month of the war.

"I have been more impressed with the growth of shipbuilding at Portland during the past two years than anywhere else," said Admiral Rousseau, in company with Mr. Wentworth and J. W. Hall, assistant supervisor, he visited the Grant Smith-Porter Ship Company's yard and that of the Peninsula Shipbuilding Company, and the fitting-out plant of the Pacific Marine Iron Works yesterday, and in going from one end of the harbor to the other, he obtained a full view of the shipyard facilities.

Oregon Grain Will Move

MORE TONNAGE PROVIDED FOR OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

M. H. Hauser, in Letter to Public Service Commission, Promises Relief in Near Future.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Relief to the growers of the state in the shape of tonnage cars for grain and get it out of the warehouses where it has been tied up is promised in a letter from M. H. Hauser, just received by Public Service Commissioner Corey.

In writing to Mr. Corey he says in part: "Thought you might be interested to know we have been promised a considerable improvement in the tonnage situation. I am leaving for New York and Washington and I hope before my return we will have secured the right to relieve all the outlying districts that could not avail themselves of shipping facilities before terminals were congested."

"Astoria is cleaning up its cars, which at one time exceeded 400. If we can get the allotment of tonnage cars which I expect to arrange for I think we will be able to start the country movement by December 1, so that by January 1 every place should be cared for, as the situation is by no means serious."

"As near as I can ascertain, by furnishing transportation for 250,000 bushels we will practically clean up the wheat in the Willamette Valley."

Publicity Worker Resigns.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Leigh Kelly, director of the division of news of the committee on public information, has resigned and will leave on Nov. 1, to a newly-created executive position on the Chicago Tribune. His resignation was tendered November 1.

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FAITH EXPRESSED IN HUMANITY OF ALLIES

Boche Women Need Not Worry, Say Portland Women.

JUSTICE SURE TO FOLLOW

Appeal of German Mothers of Hun Murderers for Lighter Terms Regarded as Unnecessary.

"Leave it to the supreme war council at Versailles."

This in effect was the reply of Portland women yesterday to the appeal made by women of Germany to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Miss Jane Adams, of Chicago, that the armistice terms be lightened. The German appeal sent out by wireless asserted that starvation faced the women and children of Germany unless relief were granted by the victorious allies.

Many Portland women expressed the opinion that the German women were judging men of the allied nations by the German standard and that had they waited to hear General Petain's order to the French troops to refrain from seeking revenge upon the enemy in the present hour they would have felt any interference on their part unnecessary.

Vengeful Spirit Not Shown.

The answers of Portland women to this complaint from the mothers of men who murdered, outraged and enslaved the women and children of Belgium, who sunk the Lusitania and committed other atrocities, lacked any spirit of revenge, and all seemed content with the justice that would be dealt with justly by the allied war council.

Mrs. Julius Louison, a member of the board of the Council of Jewish Women, made the following statement: "Still ringing in my ears are the wonderful words of Frazer Clemenceau that 'we are waging war not against humanity but for humanity, and now comes the heaven-inspired order of General Petain to his troops at the moment of their glorious victory. With the affairs of the world in the hands of the greatest humanitarians in all history, there need be no fear that merciful treatment will be extended to all distressed and starving peoples of the earth.'"

Fears Declared Unfounded.

Miss Ruth Catlin was firm in her belief that the plea of the German women was unnecessary. "There is every indication that the allies have taken an attitude of humane consideration toward unprotected women and children of Germany," she said. "If the German women had but suspended their judgment for a few days they would have known that their fears were unfounded."

Mrs. Alice Benson Beach, chairman of the National League for Women's Service, spoke for clemency. "We can't deal with a nation that is starving. We must care for the women and children and show them all clemency and leniency. A war for humanity must show humanity."

Sincerity in Questioned.

Mrs. Vincent Cook, who has served as chairman for Multnomah County on the activities committee of the fourth liberty loan, said: "We must be merciful and magnanimous to our foes," said Mrs. Cook. "This is the hour in which everything possi-

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ALDER STREET AT WEST PARK

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