

MERRY CHRISTMAS IN OLD ENGLAND

Many Queer Old Customs Are to Be Revived.

DUKES DANCE WITH COOKS

While Princesses Hang on to the Arms of Butlers—Domestic Servants Must Be Pampered—America Taking Lead in Goll.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—There will be a merry Christmas though in consequence London is already one of the jullest spots in the United Kingdom. The fashionable world has deserted the metropolis and sought refuge in the country places.

There will be such a round of house parties as has been unknown for several years. They will be accompanied by the revival of the queer, old customs which a century ago made the season the occasion for unrestrained merry-making among rich and poor alike.

At Osborne, the queen will be surrounded by the Duke and Duchess of York, the Princess of Battenberg and several of her grandchildren. At Sandringham, the Prince of Wales will entertain the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and their children with royal Christmas trees.

Wellbeck abbey, Blenheim palace, Hatfield house and all stately homes of England's aristocracy are filling up with scores of guests prepared to make the most of yule tide. Balls, amateur theatricals and entertainments without end have been arranged, conspicuous among which is the old English custom of a dance in the servants' hall. At the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire's, Earl and Countess Spencer's, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry's and other places of the nobility, Christmas eve will be marked by the strange spectacle of butlers dancing with princesses and footmen with countesses while ladies' maids, chambermaids and cooks will hang on to the arms of cabinet ministers and other male heads of illustrious lines.

The ancient practice of London owners enjoying the servants' quadrille had almost lapsed, except in the case of a few families. The revival is, perhaps, no little due to the increasing necessity for pampering the British servant. The Overseer says the householders now have to study the comfort of their domestics as much as their own and quote one country house where a set of rooms is specially allotted to them for recreation, comprising a ball room, music room, library and billiard room in which a market is kept for the servants' sole use.

DISGUSTED GOLFER.

In striking contrast to this is the treatment accorded to Bernard Nicholls, the American golfer who defeated the English crack, Peter Paxton, Thursday. Nicholls, who is of English birth, returned here after having passed many years in America. The Totting Bee Golf Club compelled him to lunch in the workahop, though the club members were glad to face the December storm to witness his play. Nicholls said:

"Had I not been before in America and witnessed the lavish kindness bestowed on Vardon and other English players, I might not have resented this treatment; but, you may be assured, I will never remain in England long and if it were not for meeting Braid Saturday, who is a personal friend, I would not play on another English link. You may depend on it, Vardon will not remain here long, for I know he will be unable to stand this sort of thing after the kindness he has received in America."

MRS. MAYBRICK'S CASE.

Once again Mrs. Florence Maybrick spends an unhappy Christmas in her prison cell. In spite of the various reports, her chances of liberty are no brighter than last year. Secretary Hay has forwarded to Mr. Choate several private letters which will shortly be presented to the new home secretary, Mr. Ritchie, in accordance with the custom on the approach of each new occupant of that office.

But the Associated Press learns there is no possible chance of anything being done so long as Lord Salisbury is lord high chancellor. Where the cabinet to discuss the matter, as it did once before, it could only refer it to the crown's chief adviser, Lord Halsbury, who apparently made the Maybrick case the basis of a feud with the late Lord Chief Justice Baron Russell, of Killowen, and cherishes it just as bitterly now as before Lord Russell's death. When a new chancellor is appointed Mrs. Maybrick will have a good chance of freedom.

The Duchess of Bedford, who is reported to be especially interested in Mrs. Maybrick, tells the Associated Press that she only sees the celebrated prisoner in the course of her regular

visits to Aylesbury prison, not especially in the interest of her case, and does not intend to express any opinion of her guilt or innocence.

TITLES TO BE CONFERRED.

Another American woman is likely to be soon elevated to the British peerage, as Lord Salisbury intends to recognize the Right Hon. Arthur Hugh Smith-Barry's services to his party by putting him in the house of lords. Mr. Smith-Barry married the widow of Max Arthur Post, of New York, whose sister, Mrs. Adair, is also a well-known society lady of London.

Others mentioned for a peerage include Henry Cosmo Orme Bonsor, chairman of the Southeastern railroad, and James Lowther, M. P. Lord Salisbury has already created nearly 80 peers. If the present rate is kept up the upper house will soon be in numerical superiority over the commons.

BRITISH CAPITAL NOT WANTED.

W. R. Hobbs, head of the recently formed Canadian furniture combine, now in London, has decided that the Canadians have no need of the assistance or of the co-operation of English financiers which was originally projected. A significant fact showing Canada's progress is that sufficient funds are easily obtained there while the new law coming into force January 1 in the United Kingdom imposes an almost prohibitory taxation on new corporations.

AT THE THEATERS.

About forty pantomimes will be produced in and around London during the holidays. "Cinderella" being the most popular production, no fewer than nine versions being presented. Nearly all the theaters are already doing a crowded holiday business.

Frohman's production of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Vaudeville Wednesday, with Ella Line Terris as Alice and Seymour Hicks as the mad hatter, was not successful from the critics' standpoint.

"Mr. and Mrs. Daventry" continues to attract fashionable audiences. The Prince of Wales witnessed the performance Thursday.

HILL IN NEW YORK.

President of Great Northern in Conference With Important Capitalists.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Herald says:

James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway Company, has arrived in this city and was in conference last evening with some of the most important capitalists of the country, representing Moran, Vanderbilt and Standard Oil interests.

Mr. Hill's presence in the city is regarded as of peculiar interest in view of the recent stock market activity in Northern Pacific with the accompanying reports of a readjustment of the capitalization of that company and his recent election also to the directorate of the Erie railroad, the shares of which have also been extraordinarily active in the market.

From inquiries it appears that Mr. Hill's visit is of a special nature and will be brief. Attempts made to see Mr. Hill proved unavailing, as were also attempts to reach other prominent financiers identified closely with such properties as the Great Northern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Northern Pacific and the Erie roads.

Harmony of interest and community of ownership is the bee in every Wall street bonnet at present and the suggestion is made that this theory may be extended to properties which, while not recently regarded as disturbing factors, might become so in hands other than those now representing the control. Among such properties are the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the Erie railroads. The latter, it is said, has great potentialities, particularly since it has acquired the Pennsylvania Coal Company and seems likely to assume an important position among the trunk lines.

It is asserted upon the very best authority that the three principal stockholders in the Great Northern Railway—namely, James J. Hill, John S. Kennedy and Lord Stratheona—are now the three largest stockholders of the Northern Pacific road. Lord Stratheona and Mr. Kennedy were formerly directors in the Great Northern. The former is a director and a member of the executive committee of the Canadian Pacific and is of great influence in Canadian affairs.

It appears as though harmony of interest in the Northwest is now complete through these great interests and those of Mr. Morgan in these properties, the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific.

In view of this situation, Mr. Hill's election to the directorate of the Erie road is of considerable significance. The stock of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul has been steadily acquired by powerful interests not far removed from those that have recently bought into the Northern Pacific.

One peculiar fact is that while the stock, selling at a relatively high price and bought presumably for investment or in furtherance of some great plan, is being picked up continually, it is now being transferred on the books of the company. This leads to the belief that it is being gathered in for some great purpose to be made clear later on.

By persons well informed on the railroad situation it is said that a trifle more than one-half of the combination stock of the St. Paul road is represented in the board of directors. It is said also that this is not necessarily a fixed interest and that some one large holder, the Standard Oil, for instance, uniting with the new purchasers, who may for illustration be assumed to be James J. Hill, John S. Kennedy and J. Pierpont Morgan & Company, the

latter of whom already has a considerable holding, might give absolute control of that property.

In well-informed banking circles the belief prevails that the great announcement to be made in railroad circles includes this proposition:

Entire harmony of interest in the Northwest between the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific and, through community of ownership, an arrangement with the St. Paul road in the middle section and the Erie railroad to tide water, the eastern outlet to be used in much the same manner as the Lake Shore and New York Central are by the Northwestern and the Union Pacific.

That in addition to this something is to be done in the line of a readjustment of Northern Pacific securities is the belief in Wall street. In connection with the matter various plans have been suggested and the price movement gives evidence that something of the kind is under consideration.

RACE WAR THREATENED.

Hiring of Italian Laborers to Work in a Colorado Smelter Causes Trouble.

DENVER, Dec. 22.—Dr. Joseph Cuno, Italian consul, made an appeal to Governor Thomas for protection of his countrymen involved in a threatened race war at Florence. His request was that pressure be brought on the Fremont county authorities to exercise all precautions at their command to prevent an outbreak and, if necessary, to call out the militia. The consul also wired the Italian ambassador at Washington to appeal to President McKinley for federal aid should the state authorities be unable to cope with the situation.

The threatened trouble is the result of the importation of a number of Italians to work in a smelter for the treatment of gold ore. The mill and smelting men's union objected, but no serious action has been taken, though threats are said to have been made. Edward Seed, an employe of the smelter, was killed yesterday, apparently by accident, by one of the Italians. This incident has increased the bitter feeling and a race war has been predicted.

EXPOSITION AT SPOKANE.

Great Show of Mineral Wealth of the Northwest Will Be Held in 1902.

SPOKANE, Dec. 22.—At a meeting presided over by Mayor J. M. Comstock last night and attended by thirty business and mining men it was decided to hold an exposition in Spokane from June to November, 1902. A committee was appointed to develop the details of the exposition management.

Exposition of the mineral wealth of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and British Columbia will be the feature of the show. Congress will be asked for an appropriation of \$250,000 and each state and district represented will also contribute. Those interested in the project are the wealthiest and most prominent mining and business men of Spokane.

The governors of each northwestern state will be given official titles and be made members of the executive staff of the fair. The name adopted was the Northwest International Mining Exposition.

JUDGMENT GIVEN.

Cripple Creek Millionaire Will Be Forced to Pay His Bills.

DENVER, Dec. 22.—A judgment for \$139,555 was given in the United States circuit court here in favor of Orrin B. Peck, of Chicago, against Winfield S. Stratton, the Cripple Creek millionaire. Peck had contracted to erect a concentrating plant at the Independence mine and Mr. Stratton claimed the contract was not fulfilled.

RECRUITS FOR MANILA.

Three Hundred Left New York Yesterday by Special Train.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—About 300 recruits are to leave Fort Slocum, Long Island sound, today for Manila. They will go overland to San Francisco on a special train.

Several officers who have been detached and have received orders to join regiments in the Philippines will go with them.

RELIGION OF WORLD'S RULERS.

Kings, Queens, Emperors and Presidents and Their Various Creeds.

(Copyright, 1902, Christian Herald.) The religion of the head of a state or nation is usually the predominant belief of the nation itself. In the religions of the world's rulers today, many different creeds are represented. With rare exceptions, the heads of nations are punctilious in fulfillment of their religious duties, thus setting a good example to their subjects.

Queen Victoria, as devout a Christian as the humblest member of the Church of England, is a great lover of hymns. Her favorites used to be "Nearer My God to Thee," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds." Of late years, her choice has become confined almost entirely to hymns relating to the future state and breathing the spirit of resignation. At service, she has frequently asked that the choir sing, "Wake for the Night Is Flying."

Wilhelm, the young and energetic German emperor, is a sincerely moral and religious man. He is a Protestant, believing in the tenets of Luther. Wilhelm is one of the few monarchs in

history who have preached. On his yacht he never takes a minister along, but personally acts as spiritual father of the family aboard. On Sundays at sea he conducts divine service, taking his place behind the altar and preaching a sermon.

The husband of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland will surely be a Protestant, for she is herself the best and most regular worshiper in the Dutch church. Moreover the law of her land will not permit her to marry a Catholic. She studied the Bible under a special professor, and many anecdotes are related of the questions by which she sought enlightenment.

King Christian of Denmark, though personally inclined to the Lutheran church, holds most liberal religious views regarding his people and members of his family. King Oscar II. of Sweden is of the Protestant faith, a practical Christian, and an ardent student of the Bible. Switzerland's president, Colonel Edward Muller, is a Protestant and a member of the Church of Berne. He worships simply as a private citizen, walking to and from church every Sunday morning with his African republic—if he can now be called the president—is of course a member of the Dutch Protestant church. He is fond of lay ministrations.

The Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is a devout Catholic. Every Sunday morning he hears mass in the palace chapel. He wears civilian dress and remains standing throughout the service, his head bare and bowed. M. Loubet, the most democratic president France has known, is a Catholic, and prefers to worship in a simple way as a private citizen. King Victor Emmanuel of Italy is a Roman Catholic. Carlos I. of Portugal, is a Catholic, as is indeed, and as pathetic in his religious duties as in those of his rulership. Alfonso, the boy king of Spain, is a Catholic. Pope Leo XIII. is his godfather. With his mother, the queen regent, he attends mass every Sunday. Leopold, king of the Belgians, is a Catholic.

The czar of Russia, the only layman of the orthodox Russian church who is allowed to step foot into an altar, has his private chapel in both St. Petersburg and Moscow. There is high mass for his majesty every Sunday. The music is entirely vocal, the singers being invisible, according to the customs of the church—no instrumental music being allowed. The altar in the czar's chapel is behind golden gates in which sacred subjects are frescoed. Suddenly the gates burst open and the "Gloria" is sung by the invisible choir. Both the czar and czarina are very punctilious about their hours of worship.

King George of Greece, and Queen Olga are both devotees of the Orthodox Greek church. Their private chapel in Athens is one of the prettiest little churches in Greece. Here they worship every Sunday when in the capital. Nicholas, ruler of Montenegro, also lives according to the teachings of the Orthodox Greek church. King Carl of Roumania and "Carmen Sylva," his queen, belong to the same church, as does Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria. King Alexander, of Serbia, is of the orthodox Greek faith, but not at all regular in his church attendance.

The sultan of Turkey, an extreme Mohammedan, goes to public worship at the big mosque in Constantinople every Friday. He rides in a closed carriage attended by ten thousand soldiers, and all along the line of march the people shout, as he passes: "There is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet." On all other days in the year he worships in private. The khedive of Egypt and all his family are also of the Mohammedan faith. At the alabaster mosque of Mohamed Ali in Cairo, once a year, the khedive and all the male members of his household attend public worship. No outsider is permitted to attend. The shah of Persia is a Mohammedan who observes his religious duties only in a most perfunctory and worldly way. The sultan of Morocco, a young man only eighteen years old, is of the Mohammedan faith, the religion of his predecessors.

Menelek II, king of Abyssinia, goes to his native church every day in the year. On Sunday he attends Holy Trinity church; for Christianity was introduced into his country in the fourth century.

The king of Siam is a Buddhist and was for some time a priest, as is the custom with all rulers of that country. During his priesthood he shaved his

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The emperor and empress of Japan are disciples of Shintoino, the faith of their ancestors for centuries back. They are both attentive to their religious duties though their outward life, perhaps unconsciously, carries out many of the teachings of Christianity.

It is said that among the monarchs the emperor of China is the greatest martyr to religious ceremonial. As the chief priest, he has to offer a sacrifice to a different god almost every week in the year. To each sacrifice is dedicated one or more holidays, and the emperor is supposed to pass every one of these holidays in solitude. Another heathen religious rule which the emperor is bound to observe, is that of offering hundreds of silk balloons every year before the tablets of his long line of predecessors. Altogether he spends more than one hundred and fifty days a year in religious duties.

President McKinley is in every sense of the word a Christian—regular attending service at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church in Washington, or the Methodist Episcopal church of Canton. When he is not in his pew on Sunday the pastor knows that something extraordinary has occurred to keep the most distinguished member of his flock at home. Mr. McKinley, being an invalid, is not able to be a regular attendant at church, so the president has to go alone, or, at best, accompanied by a cabinet minister. He always joins heartily in the singing of hymns, reads the Psalms and listens intently to the sermon. He particularly enjoys the hour of service, because for this hour he is the private citizen, the simple worshiper.

The presidents of the South and Central American republics are nearly all Catholics, but only a few of them attend divine service. Among the few is President Diaz of Mexico, a devout religionist and most scrupulous in matters of doing good. He is very benevolent, and assists Mrs. Diaz in maintaining many charities.

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