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THE WEAK POINT OF ROYALTY.

Among other things the dangerous illness of King Edward VII. brings out the inherently weak point in the whole monarchical system, and demonstrates it to be the anachronism it is in the twentieth century even when under existing circumstances that rob it of almost all its original powers. It is common to say in England that the king reigns and the people rule. It is true, too, but nevertheless it is possible for the king to interfere with the rule of the people in a way most disastrous to the public interests. The danger was minimized during the reign of Queen Victoria, both because she was a woman, and because for a generation or more, at any rate, it was known that her not inconspicuous abilities were mated to a wisdom and patriotism that must prove a help rather than a detriment to the government if her help were needed. And so with the present king. His long apprenticeship as Prince of Wales made him familiar with the things he would have to do as king, and with the temperament and desires governmentally of the people who permitted him to occupy the position of titular head of the British Empire. But it is different with his son, who, should he die, will at once succeed to the throne. The young man is 37, was brought up as a sailor in the royal navy, is happily married and has three children. He is of good character and at least fair intelligence. But if he were of bad character and small intelligence he would still succeed to the throne. Sometime ago a newspaper in commenting on the facial expression of a noted prizefighter said it was almost human. Of a kindred character are some of the comments of the newspaper on the Prince of Wales. One rejoices that he has shown a capacity for forming opinions of his own, and another is jubilant because he can speak a little extemporaneously, while the exultation over the fact that he actually learned his business as a sailor and won his present rank rightfully is in a sense pathetic. His countrymen, or his "subjects," as he would call them, give thanks that his educational and other useful equipment was received when he was not the Prince of Wales, and therefore had to be fitted, to discharge the duties and obligations common to most men. The Duke of Clarence, older brother of the present Prince of Wales, who died some ten years ago, was known as "Collars and Cuffs" because of the extremes to which he went in the dress of the day. If such a person had succeeded to the English throne, and particularly in the heyday of his career as a young man about town, without any restraints whatever, the result could not have been scarcely less than degrading to the English people. And if the evils resulting from such a succession were confined to its personally humiliating aspects, the country would have occasion to be proud that its system of constitutional government was strong enough to counteract the evils it is in the power even of a masquerading monarch to inflict. When England assumes the name, as well as the form of a liberty-loving republic, the beginning of the end of all monarchical forms of government shall have come for the old world.—Ex.

AFRICA'S EUROPEAN OWNERS.

With the surrender of the Boers Great Britain acquires undisputed title to 167,465 additional square miles of territory in South Africa. She has paid heavily for this fresh acquisition of real estate, but she has also at the same time gotten rid of an old boundary line controversy which has been the source of endless annoyance. Great Britain's holdings and "spheres of influence" on the dark continent now aggregate more than 3,000,000 square miles, or an area equal to the continental domain of the United States, exclusive of Alaska.

France comes next to Great Britain as an owner of territory in South Africa, her combined possessions aggregating 2,000,000 square miles; but most of her property is in the Sahara desert, and is not very productive. Germany, Portugal and Belgium each hold 900,000 square miles; Turkey, 400,000 square miles, and Spain, 250,000 square miles.

The president has appointed ten cadets at large at the West Point Military Academy, all of whom are sons of officers in the United States army or navy. This is a privilege which their fathers have justly earned for their sons. May the latter prove worthy sons to worthy sires.

King Edward is out of immediate danger. His majesty would do well to recommend that the coronation ceremony be dispensed with hereafter as an unnecessary and meaningless function. It is no more essential than "livery of seisin" would be in a real estate transaction today.

William Waldorf Astor is still plain William Waldorf Astor. King Edward has not forgotten some inexcusable breaches of etiquette on the part of this voluntary American exile, and evidently has not titles to bestow upon one whom he has had occasion to regard as an insufferable cad.

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On July 5th the A. & C. R. R. will resume its regular summer schedule, trains leaving Astoria for Seaside via Flavel and Fort Stevens, at 8:15 a. m., 11:30 a. m. and 5:50 p. m., daily, and for Seaside direct at 11:35 a. m., daily. Pending same date the evening train from Portland will leave Union depot at 7 p. m., daily, except Saturday, and the Portland-Seaside express will leave Portland every Saturday at 2:30 p. m., arriving at Astoria at 5:50 p. m.

Steamer E. J. Potter leaves Astoria for Ilwaco connecting with the train for all North Beach points on July 3 at 5:45 p. m. and on July 4 at 6:45 p. m. The steamer Nahcotta leaves Astoria at 7:45 a. m. on July 4, giving opportunity for a full day at the beach. The extremely low rate of single fare for the round trip to Ilwaco and all beach points will be in effect and in connection with the same rate between all river points, Astoria to Portland, presents a splendid opportunity to visit the beach at the most charming season of the year or to witness the grand celebration of the Fourth at Astoria.

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Nicol Brothers Company.

Hand Manufacturing Company.

North Pacific Planing Mill Co.

George Ainslie & Co.

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The Carpenters' Union of Astoria has taken the matter in hand and decided to use none of the products of the above-named mills. It was also decided in the union that after the first of July wages shall be \$3 per day, to be paid every Saturday night without fail.

By order of the Union.

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7:45 a.m.	For Portland and Way Points	11:30 a.m.
6:10 p.m.		10:30 p.m.

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9:15 a.m.	Astoria for Warrenton	7:40 a.m.
11:15 a.m.	Flavel, Fort Stevens	4:00 p.m.
9:20 p.m.	Hammond and Astoria	10:15 a.m.
6:15 a.m.	Seaside for Warrenton	12:50 p.m.
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