

LONDON'S SOCIAL SEASON WILL BE BRILLIANT PERIOD

Coronation of King and Queen and Investiture of Prince of Wales Responsible for the Elaborate Entertainments.

By Lady Mary Manwaring. (Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) London, March 4.—The season of 1911 will be a notable one in London society. The coronation of King George and Queen Mary and the formal investiture of the young Prince of Wales will of course be the principal events of the season. They will attract notabilities not only from all parts of the empire but from the rest of the world as well, and have been arranged for their entertainments and social functions. The spirit is infectious and hostesses who have not entertained on a large scale for many years will throw open their doors, and endeavor by the brilliance of their receptions to eclipse memories of all previous efforts.

A new hostess will be the Duchess of Devonshire, Mistress of the Robes, who will lead the way with a series of magnificent functions, including a royal ball at Stafford house in honor of the debut of her daughter, Lady Rosemary Leveson-Gower.

Three American duchesses—the Duchess of Marlborough at Sunderland house, the Duchess of Roxburgh at a new house at Chesterfield house, and the Duchess of Manchester, in Grosvenor square—will entertain on a large scale.

Another American peeress, the Countess of Granard, will, as the wife of the Master of the Horse, give a series of official and private entertainments at Fort St. James.

The Duchess of Portland will give a royal ball in Grosvenor square. The Duchess of Wellington will give another at the Apsley house.

The Duchess of Norfolk will entertain largely at Norfolk house; and at Grosvenor house, which has been closed for two years, the Duchess of Westminster will give one ball, or possibly two. Chelsea house will be thrown open—the first time for many years—and Earl Cadogan will entertain largely both in honor of the new Countess Cadogan and of his granddaughter, the Honorable Sybil Cadogan, who is just 18.

These are simply a few of the many notable affairs which have already been arranged and which will make this the most brilliant social season of recent years.

Investiture of Young Prince.

The investiture of the Prince of Wales is to take place at Carnarvon castle during the first fortnight of July, but the exact day of the ceremonial is not likely to be fixed for some time to come. The prince is to be accompanied to Wales by the king and queen, who will spend three days in the principality, and it is generally expected that they will reside at Penrhyn castle, which is to be placed at their disposal by Lord North Wales. The king is to be accompanied by the prince of Wales, and his coronation will take place on the day after the investiture at Carnarvon. The foundation stone of this college was laid by King Edward. The royal yacht Victoria and Albert will be at Holyhead during their "maternity" visit to North Wales, and she is to convey them thence to Kingstown.

Careless With Jewels

In connection with the coronation festivities it has been suggested that another Godiva procession should be held at Coventry. After the bickering which centered round the principal figure on the previous occasion, many thought the "lady" had ridden for the last time. It is now hoped, in the exceptional circumstances, that the hatchet will be buried, and that Coventry, like other cities, will be enabled to celebrate the coronation with its distinctive pageant.

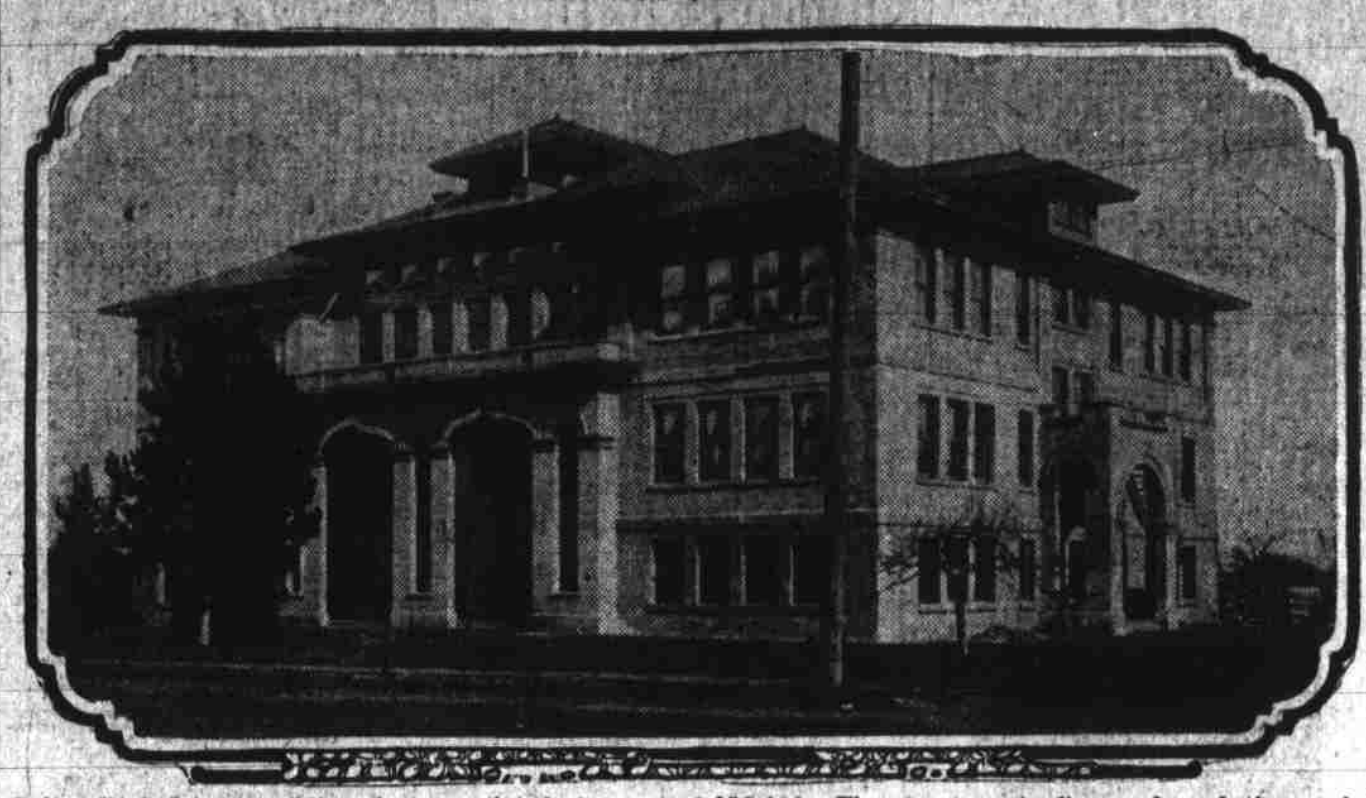
Concerning High Society Scandal.

There has been one good report of the recent "Harriet" excitement. You will recall that society was thrown into a flutter by the statement in the Times and other papers that one "Harriet" was endeavoring to bribe servants to betray the gossip of the families in which they were employed, so that it might be sold to the newspapers.

Immigration Agents Swapped.

Since the announcement made that 5000 English girls are wanted, to become the wives of young Canadian farmers, the immigration staff of the Canadian Northwest railway have been overwhelmed with correspondence. The number of letters received has grown steadily each day till one morn-

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ing's delivery reached the handsome figure of 600.

"The same thing is happening at our six branch offices throughout the country," said Mr. Howell, the Canadian Northern railway immigration agent.

"Unfortunately, a vigorous 'weeding-out' process has to be pursued, the course of which the piles of letters become very much reduced, for only women who are thoroughly domesticated are anxious to do good and steady work are likely to make good wives for the Canadian farmers in the future."

Applications have come in from all parts of England and from all classes of women—hospital nurses, school teachers and housekeepers, though the great majority are from domestic servants. A "happy matron" writes to urge the agent to visit Cornwall, where he will find plenty of "pretty faces without paint or powder." Another correspondent wants to know if "the widows stand a chance." "I do not know that I wish to marry again," writes another widow, but she does know that she wants to go to Canada in domestic service. One girl writes to say she "would like to go to Canada as a prospective bride."

Another, more brusquely, demands to know "if you would get me a young man. I don't want one very old."

Such brilliant success attended the precedent set by the "Maries" of the United Kingdom in combining to offer a coronation gift to the queen, that the "Georges" are now uniting to offer a similar gift to the king. Steps are being taken by Lord Stradbroke and several others to organize the "Georges," open a subscription list, and give effect in a spirited manner to the proposal.

The executive committee of Queen Mary's coronation gift states that they have received most encouraging reports of the enthusiasm with which the idea has been taken up all over the country.

The donations are limited from 1 penny to 1 pound, and restricted to having as one of their names Mary, May, Maria, Marian, Marion or Marie, the list of all donors to be given to the queen, though not the amount given by each. The disposal of the money will be left entirely with her majesty.



Mrs. Maldwin Drummond, widow of the late Marshall Field Jr., wearing the string of pearls she reports to be part of the \$130,000 worth of jewelry stolen from her during the London-New York passage of the Hamburg-American liner Amerika. Mrs. Drummond, who is visiting in this country with her husband, a London banker, sent a wireless from quarantine requesting that a detective be sent aboard the Amerika to investigate the alleged theft. She says that the last she saw of the jewels was upon her arrival on shipboard when she placed the gems in a drawer of a writing cabinet in her stateroom. Mrs. Drummond's maid says her mistress did not lock the drawer containing the jewelry, nor her writing cabinet, during the passage. No trace has been found of the missing articles.

RADIUM IN DEW SAYS SCIENTIST

Professor of University of Bologna Claims Interesting Discovery.

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) Rome, March 4.—Scientists are greatly interested in a discovery which has just been announced. A professor in the University of Bologna has made the important discovery that radium is to be found in dew. He has arrived at this conclusion after observations covering a long period. He placed at nightfall a piece of glass over certain plants. At dawn he found the glass impregnated with a radio active power sensibly affected by the sun. This power increased perceptibly for some minutes. After that the glass was removed further from the earth, and then in about an hour the radioactivity disappeared.

Several strange stories are told concerning Countess Tarnowska and her influential friends. Among the latter

is a Russian prince, a man more than twice the age of the countess, of whom he is a devoted admirer. He attended the trial and has remained in Venice since it ended. He visits her regularly and rarely a day passes that she does not receive a letter from him. These facts have given rise to the statement that if the countess regains her freedom, as many confidently anticipate, she will marry her aged admirer. Her brother was recently convicted of murder in Russia. She was convicted of killing her husband.

Sometimes we hear of a man reading his own obituary, but it is a rare thing for a dead man to sing at his own funeral. Pietro Fico, of Pisa, a shoemaker and amateur musician, had a great fondness for the phonograph. He purchased many records and occasionally sang into his own phonograph, keeping records of the songs. He was taken seriously ill and realized that he could not recover. Being poor and unable to afford much of a funeral he requested that his phonograph should be utilized to furnish the music for the funeral service.

Improved sanitary conditions are said to have increased the average life of a resident of Berlin nine years in the last 30.

LLOYD GEORGE IS ILL; CONDITION IS NOT SERIOUS

Liberal Leader Suffers From Sore Throat Which Gives Rise to Rumor That He Has Cancer.

By Paul Lambeth. (Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) London, March 4.—Lloyd George, leader of the Liberals, has been in poor shape but not in a serious condition. He has among other things been suffering from a sore throat. The Tories have taken advantage of his indisposition to circulate a report that he is suffering from cancer.

There is not the slightest doubt that owing to the serious strain the chancellor of the exchequer put upon his throat during the election—complications have arisen that make it necessary for him to keep exceedingly quiet. Nowadays the most trivial complaints are magnified by society scandal-mongers into the most horrible diseases—the wish, in some cases, being father to the thought. The talkative wife of a Tory marquis is credited with having set the story afloat in social circles.

Suffragists Would Oppose Census.

In moving a resolution at the Women's Freedom league meeting protesting against the omission of women's suffrage from the king's speech, and threatening the hampering of government business by tax resistance, Mrs. Despard said they were calling upon the women to absolutely refuse any information when the census papers came around. So far as they were concerned there should be no census. If, however, the government gave a pledge that the suffrage bill would be taken this session there would be no occasion for this form of protest. The resolution was carried.

The coronation committee is completing the arrangements in connection with the representation of the self-governing and crown colonies at the forthcoming coronation, and also as to the inclusion of certain of the colonial military forces in the procession. As to the civil representatives, invitations are being issued to the prime ministers of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa and Newfoundland, who will on the occasion be treated as royal guests.

The colonial office has decided to

exclude the contingents of black soldiers from West Africa and other crown colonies from taking part in the celebrations. On the occasion of the coronation of King Edward the native soldiers were "housed" in the Alexandra Palace grounds, but as they were not strictly on military duty, and had a good deal of leisure in many instances they ran out of bounds, with consequent scandal.

During their stay here they went about the streets linked arm in arm with white women calling themselves respectable. One duchess just showed attention on a big black darkey out on the Strand. English women think it altogether proper to walk in public with black men.

Suggestions for Imperial Conference.

Amongst other suggestions for consideration of the imperial conference, which is to be held here the following have been submitted by New Zealand. That there should be an imperial council with representatives from all constituent parts of the empire, and in fact, advisory to the imperial government on all questions affecting the interests of the over sea dominions.

That the high commissioners be invited to attend the meetings of the committee of defense, when questions on naval or military imperial defense affecting the over sea dominions are under discussion.

That the conference recommend government to approach the governments of other states favorable to universal penny postage, with the view of united action being taken at next meeting of the Universal Postal union.

That a state owned cable be laid between England and Canada, and that the powers of the Pacific cable board be extended to enable the board to lay and control such cable.

That there should be more uniformity throughout the empire in the law of copyright, patents, trade marks, companies, accident compensation, naturalization, immigration, aliens exclusion, currency and coinage.

before long will have assumed definite shape. There will be a chorus of more than 5000 voices. It is proposed to erect a mosque here, the capital of the greatest Mohammedan power in the world. The building is to cost \$500,000, to which the Aga Khan has contributed \$25,000. The committee in control is presided over by Amir Ali, and includes the Turkish and Persian ministers.

CROWN PRINCE LOST ON COUNTRY ROADS

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) Calcutta, March 4.—There is rather an interesting story connected with the missing by the German crown prince of the recent Talukdars' fete at Lucknow. His imperial and royal highness started in a motor car for a drive of some length.

The prince took the wrong turning, and his staff, who were following in a second car, proceeded by the direct road. Eventually the prince's car broke down in the country, and some inhabitants of a neighboring village gathered round to assist. Suddenly a cow charged the throng, knocking down and injuring an old woman, whom the prince personally attended. After housing the car the prince and his driver took the river boat for a short distance, and then, in an ekka (a country vehicle) drove across country to a small railway station, where the prince telegraphed to Lucknow informing Sir John Hewitt, the Lieutenant governor of the United Provinces, of his adventure.

After traveling during the night in an ordinary railway carriage the crown prince reached Lucknow early in the morning. He was highly entertained by the novel experience, which gave him a chance of testing ordinary traveling in India and of seeing the country. Meanwhile his staff, both by motor car and train, had made a vigorous search for the prince, and on receiving by telegraph news of the prince's safety they returned to Lucknow.

BATTLESHIPS TO TEST PACIFIC COAST COAL

(United Press Leased Wire.) Puget Sound Navy Yard, Wash.—March 4.—The coal tests which will be engaged in by the cruisers West Virginia and Maryland are extremely important, said Admiral Cotnam, commandant of the navy yard, today. "The tests will establish the efficiency of coal mined in the east and west. The cost of production, amount consumed, in fact all features of the tests will be watched with great interest in naval circles."

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