

ENGLAND'S GROWING PAYROLL

MANY MILLIONS ADDED TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BUDGET.

Protests Against the Increase in the Number of Officeholders—Shall the Kaiser's Daughter Marry an Austrian—Amundsen's Antarctic Plans—German Peasant Physique Deteriorating—A Farm Rest for Society Women—Missionaries in China Criticized by a Chinese—Help for Discharged Convicts—American Singers in Germany—Prince Arthur of Connaught a Haberdasher—Steamship Subsidy—A Museum of London's Greatness.

LONDON, April 1.—"Curse your charity, give us work" used to be the cry of the processions of the unemployed in London. "Make us officials" is the modern demand.

England is fast rivaling bureaucratic France and Germany in her quick production of state functionaries, who have been increasing of late years at the rate of 1,000 a year. When the Liberals came into office in 1906 the civil service appropriations amounted to \$140,000,000. They have now risen to \$210,000,000, and the enormous payroll is further to be increased at the end of the year when the telephone service will be absorbed by the Government.

In the last four years 873 new civil service appointments each worth more than \$500 a year were made, of which 325 were in the Inland Revenue Department and they involved salaries amounting in the aggregate to \$1,198,875. All the salaries are on the rising scale, and all are patronage appointments.

The budget alone has given jobs to more than five hundred officials while the labor exchanges have provided for 600 more who are drawing \$25,000 a year in salaries. Then there are the posts created to control the super-taxation of the rich, and the evicted tenants administration in Ireland, which is costing \$25,000 a year. The new mine inspectors will have salaries of \$50,000 a year. In every department of local government new posts have been created for which the taxpayer has to find the money.

The County Councils Association has protested against control by a bureaucracy in London and the Birmingham and other Chambers of Commerce have declared that the multiplication of officials is a menace to the commercial welfare of the country.

Rumor has been busy this week concerning plans for closer relations between the imperial houses of Germany and Austria. Princess Victoria Louise, the Kaiser's only daughter, accompanied her father to Vienna, and her presence has revived the report of her impending betrothal to the Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, the Austrian Emperor's nephew.

The Princess is 19 and the Archduke 24.

so in point of age it would be a suitable match. The young people saw a good deal of each other during the visit. The alliance would no doubt be popular among the Germans in Austria.

The difference in religion is an obstacle and it is thought unlikely that the Princess would become a Roman Catholic in view of the very definite religious opinions known to be held by her mother. On the other hand marriages with Protestant princesses are not unknown in the Austrian imperial family, although none has taken place in the last few decades. The mother of Maria Theresa and the consort of Charles VI, of Austria was a Protestant.

The future position of the Duchess of Hohenberg, the morganatic wife of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, the heir apparent, is another subject of discussion in Vienna, where it is believed that the German Emperor has taken an opportunity of further showing his friendship for the Archduke, the future ruler of Austria-Hungary, by participating in an agreement which will benefit the latter's family.

It is said that the Kaiser and the Archduke have entered into a secret understanding by which the eldest son of the Duchess of Hohenberg, who is excluded from the Austro-Hungarian throne, will some day become Grand Duke of Alsace-Lorraine and take a place among the ruling princes of the German empire. Such an arrangement would have advantages in settling certain constitutional difficulties in Germany and might be gratifying to the inhabitants of the Reichsland, as the Emperor Francis I., an ancestor of Francis Ferdinand, was originally a Prince of Lorraine.

Surprise was expressed when news came the other day that Capt. Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, was ahead of Capt. Scott in his start for the south pole. It is now pointed out that Amundsen last October sent back word from Madeira that instead of attempting to cross the North Polar Basin, as he had professedly set out to do, he was going to engage in an Antarctic expedition. He then said that the Fram, Nansen's old vessel, after landing a wintering party on the Antarctic Continent would proceed to Buenos Ayres, and Pennell, the commander of Scott's Nova Terra, now reports that when he met the Fram of the ice barrier Amundsen was going to send her to Buenos Ayres as soon as he was established in winter quarters.

Amundsen did not say in October to what part of the Antarctic regions he was going to direct his attention, but it was generally assumed in Norway that he would make for the pole by what has come to be known as the British route over the Great Ice Barrier. It was also surmised that since McMurdo Sound provided the best base of attack, British expeditions having got from them to within 100 miles of the pole, Amundsen would try to establish himself in winter quarters there before Scott's arrival and so get a start of the British expedition.

But his friends in this country refused to believe this. They thought that if he did steer for the Ross Sea he would try to establish his base of operations on King Edward VII. Land, which Scott had abandoned as his main base of operations, though still intending to make it a base for subsidiary exploration.

This apparently is what Amundsen has done. It is assumed that he tried to land on King Edward VII. Land, but failed, as Pennell failed, and that then he returned along the ice barrier and landed at the nearest convenient spot.

As measured on Sir Ernest Shackleton's map the distance between Capt. Amundsen's base on the ice barrier and Capt. Scott's base in McMurdo Sound is between 400 and 500 miles. But though so widely separated at their base camps the two expeditions will follow very similar routes in the race for the south pole. Both will have to journey southward over the ice barrier, both ascend the mountainous coast of South Victoria Land in some high southern latitude and both complete the journey over a high plateau region ranging up to heights of 10,000 or 12,000 feet.

Amundsen's base is slightly nearer to the south pole than Scott's, as the edge of the Barrier runs eastward with a slight southerly curve from McMurdo Sound, but all the other points are in Capt. Scott's favor.

The Japanese expedition is not considered a very serious rival. When it called at Wellington in February and took on fresh provisions and coal Scott had been in winter quarters for nearly a month. The Japanese hoped to reach King Edward VII. Land about the middle of March, but considering the lateness of the season and the failures of Amundsen and Pennell it is not thought likely that they will be able to effect a landing.

Neither does their equipment seem to be sufficient. Out of a total crew of twenty-seven a party of twelve were to be landed under Lieut. Shirase. They had six sledges, but only a dozen dogs, sixteen having died on the voyage from Japan.

The London World is a weekly paper of such standing as should guarantee the bona fides of what appears in it. Last week it told the following story of the vicissitudes of a woman who played bridge and suffered personal chastisement at a country house.

The woman's persistent winning, it is said, was greatly commented on. Two ladies of title, who had been staying at a certain country house, first detected her deliberately cheating; naturally they avoided playing with her again.

It so happened that the three ladies again met at another house party. The two honest players continued to avoid the third, but they said nothing of her practices. One night, however, their wrath rose at the sight of the distress this unscrupulous woman was causing a young girl who was her opponent. The two ladies watched the woman cheat time after time and win. The girl lost more money than she could afford and was

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BROOKLYN ADVERTISEMENTS.

Jersey City 10 Minutes to (Hoyt St.) A. & S. Subway Station.

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GREAT EASTER SALES.

Women's Tailored Suits, \$18.75, \$22.50, \$27.50, That Should Be \$27.50 to \$39.75.

Easter Sales. A SALE SPECIALLY PREPARED to meet the needs of Easter, just one week away. Despite the underpricing, these handsome tailored suits are made of the newest Spring fabrics in the very favorites of favorites in the new models for 1911. Stunning serge suits in navy blue, black, tan, white, white with hair line stripe; worsteds, imported tweeds, satins, homespuns, etc., in grays, tans, brown and Copenhagen. Some are strictly "man tailored" suits, others elaborately trimmed with wide braids, satins and moire.

All sizes from 32 to 46 bust measure. None C. O. D. or on approval. Second floor, rear, Central Building.

Fine Batiste Waists, 98c.

Easter Sales. NEW MODEL, of batiste, with bands of hand embroidered colored dots, separated with Cluny insertion, peasant model; colors are blue, coral and black.

Fancy Marquisette Waists, \$1.49. Pretty sailor collar Blouse of colored striped marquisette, with tie, collar and cuffs of plain color, finished with crocheted buttons and insertion; blue, lavender and black.

Smart Colored Tailored Waists, \$2.99. Entirely new model of fine linen, in solid colors, with white collar, tie and cuffs piped in self color; tan, helio and light blue.

Chiffon Waists, Excellent Models, \$2.98.

Heavy chiffon waists over stripes and a ribbon band of chiffon extending across front, finished with yoke; sleeves with contrasting chiffon, black with king blue, navy with cerise. Stunning peasant model.

Women's White Marquisette Dresses, \$9.98.

Easter Sales. THESE ARE VERY CHARMINGLY MADE DRESSES, the like of which could not be duplicated in other stores at this time under \$15. They are similar to those which went so quickly last Monday—almost entirely composed of open work embroidery, with a long hanging girde of chiffon and a deep fold of chiffon at the foot of skirt, giving a dainty, artistic effect to the design. Dutch neck and kimono sleeves—coral, Alice and black.

\$7.00 Stripe Gingham Dress, \$4.98.

Panel in front of skirt piped with lawn. Waist is trimmed with piping and cotton Cluny lace—Dutch neck with elbow sleeves—all sizes. Sold here formerly at \$7.00, Monday at \$4.98. Second floor, front, Central Building.

Women's \$5.00 Black Moire Pumps, \$3.35.

Easter Sales. THEY ARE in a dainty Pump model with an attractive short forepart, light weight, closely trimmed, welted soles, with high Spanish heels. A very pretty moire bow, puckered up at each side, is placed very cleverly at the vamp, giving a chic appearance to this dainty foot covering.

Women's \$5.00 Patent Leather Shoes, \$3.95.

Made of all patent leather kidskin, both upper and vamp in button model, with a short forepart and straight tip. The top of the shoe slants the same as the buttonholes and the soles are of oak tanned leather welted and stitched; heels are the sloping Cuban style. Second floor, West Building.

Monogram Correspondence Cards.

Another Novel Engraving Idea, 32c. a Box.

Correspondence Cards are very popular for small notes, so we thought Brooklyn letter writers would like their monograms or names engraved on Cards. During this week we will take orders for a carton of 24 white fabric Cards and 24 Envelopes to match, the cards to be stamped with 2 or 3 letter monogram in any color desired. Fifteen designs of monograms. The die does not become your property.

Monogram Cabinets of Writing Paper, 45c.

Ask for particulars at the Engraving Store, just inside entrance to East Building, Main floor, front, East Building.

\$2.45 Untrimmed Hats, \$1.69.

Easter Sales. JUST IN TIME for Easter. These fine quality chip with three inch flange of contrasting color making a very effective Hat. The shapes are ten of the most up-to-date medium and large sailor, side and front flaring effects; the same models as our higher priced goods. The colors are white with black flange, black with white, burnt with black, black with green, navy with white, white with navy, burnt with black, etc. None C. O. D.

\$1.95 Fancy Braid Hats, \$1.39.

Made of a fancy lightweight braid in a number of the new turban, Continental, medium and large side rolling effects in black and burnt. Also some black imitation tagal in a number of medium and large sailor and flaring ideas. None C. O. D.

\$1.45 Fancy Jap Braid Hats, 83c.

Of fancy Jap braid in a number of the season's new models, in small, medium and large rolling brim and sailor effects. Some styles in black and burnt only, others in black, burnt, navy, royal and red. None C. O. D.

Men's \$15 to \$18 Fancy Suits, \$12.50. Every Fabric All Wool or All Worsted.

Easter Sales. Just before Easter, when most men are thinking about their Spring Clothing, comes this excellent opportunity for POSITIVE SAVINGS on new fresh, Spring Suits, just from the tailor's hands. Fabrics selected by us in the piece months ago, made by our very best popular price makers during their slack season and ready for you just now when you need them. About 200 Suits. Smart customers in gray or tan shades. Pure worsteds in gray of various shades, brown, blue with self or pencil stripes, made over new 3-button models with linings of serge or alpaca, tailored for the utmost service. Regular or stout sizes.

Men's \$15.00 English Style Mackintoshes, \$9.85. Imported fabrics of covert design in gray, tan or olive shades; garments that have brought as high as \$20.00 in this market within a year.

Men's \$20.00 and \$25.00 English Style Mackintoshes, \$15.00. English worsted Farnata cloth, all worsted surface and back. English cantons with plaid backs, usual \$20.00 to \$25.00 values.

Men's \$20.00 Silk Lined Overcoats, \$14.75. Fine all worsted coatings of standard make in Oxford or black, dress lengths, silk lined throughout, some faced to edges. Second floor, Men's Building.

Women's \$24 Full Length Satin Coats, \$17.98.

Easter Sales. FINE BLACK SATIN, loose or semi-fitting; imported black lace collar; black braid buttons.

\$37.50 Full Length Satin Coat, \$29.95. Black satin, lined with satin. Sailor collars and deep revers trimmed with broad black braid.

\$16.00 Black Serge Jackets at \$12.95. New Spring models, smartly tailored, semi-fitted; 28 inches long, silk lined throughout, notched collar. Some have black lace collars.

\$14.50 Rubberized Satin Bengaline Raincoats, \$10.95. Semi-fitted, full length, double breasted styles, high neck, sleeves with turned back cuff; patch pockets. Colors, navy and black.

COMPLETE SHOWING of imported and domestic Coats in serge, navy, black and rough mixtures, for traveling and motoring, \$13.95 to \$75. Second floor, center, Central Building.

A Surpassing Sale of Silk Stockings For Men, Women and Children.

Easter Sales. WE HAVE SOLD MORE SILK STOCKINGS in the past few weeks than ever before in twice the length of time. There are two reasons for this—ONE, the fact is becoming more appreciated every day that silk is the only really dressy Hosiery to properly show off dressy shoes. SKIRTS are short this year, and pretty shoes and Stockings are needed. BUT THE PRINCIPAL REASON is that, as usual, the STORE ACCOMMODATING is selling Silk Stockings just when they are wanted most AT THE SMALLEST PRICES in the history of the business. Take this sale for Monday as an example.

NOTE—These Stockings are guaranteed by us to give satisfactory wear—a new pair given for any that do not. Fact is that we have always guaranteed all our Hosiery.

Women's Silk Stockings, Special, 29c. Pure thread silk Stockings with mercerized tops, heels and toes; in black and colors. A few slight imperfections.

Women's \$1.00 Silk Stockings, 79c. Pure silk Stockings, ingrain, in tan, white and black, with lisle tops, soles, heels and toes.

Women's Silk Stockings, 98c. Pure silk Stockings, ingrain, with lisle or silk garter tops, in black and all the new shades; some with lisle tops.

Women's \$1.75 Silk Stockings, \$1.35. Pure silk Stockings with wide silk garter tops, suitable for women needing the wide tops but not the extra size stocking.

Children's Silk Stockings, 50c. Ribbed, boot silk Stockings with lisle tops and feet, in black and white.

Children's Silk Stockings, 98c. Ribbed silk Stockings in pink, sky, white and black.

Children's Silk Stockings, \$1.25. Pure silk Stockings with lisle garter tops, soles, heels and toes, in tan, pink, sky, white and black.

Put in neat boxes suitable for Easter gifts.

Men's Silk Plated Half Hose, 19c. Silk plated Half Hose, made with mercerized heels, toes and tops. The colors are navy, tan, burgundy, green, purple, gray, cadet, lavender, dark gray and black.

Men's Silk Half Hose, 27c. Silk Half Hose, made with lisle soles and tops, with slight imperfections. Colors are black, gray, purple, navy, tan, cadet, green and burgundy. Colored Half Hose have mercerized heels and toes. Black have lisle soles and tops.

Men's Pure Thread Silk Half Hose, 3 Pairs for \$1. Pure thread silk Half Hose, in colors of tan, green, lavender, burgundy and black. The colors have lisle soles and tops; the black are seamless with heavy mercerized heels, toes and tops.

Men's Pure Thread Silk Half Hose, 48c. Pure thread silk Half Hose, in tan, navy, cadet, burgundy, helio, green, gray and black; made with mercerized heels, toes and tops.

Women's and Children's, Main floor, front, Central Bldg. Men's, Main floor, Men's Building.

The Finest Scotch Madras In Best Made Shirts to Order—\$3.00, A Dollar Saved on Each.

Easter Sales. EVERY MAN WHO LIKES SOLID COMFORT and fine wear should see and appreciate this offer. Every woman who appreciates it should tell her man folk about it. BECAUSE IT IS MOST UNUSUAL even for this famous Shop of Shirts to Order.

"David and John Anderson's Scotch Madras" is a weave so famous that the name has come to be like sterling or solid on gold. It is among the very best of shirtings. Sent to us direct from Glasgow, in a larger variety of pleasing patterns, it has never, to our knowledge, been made before into custom Shirts at \$3.00.

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19c. & 25c. Embroidered Byron Collars, 10c. **Easter Sales.** V shape linen Collars, styles cut low in front and high in back, embroidered in several pretty patterns; values 19c. and 25c., at 10c. None C. O. D. Main floor, center, Central Building.

Two Tempting Glove Offers. Women's New Cyrano Kid Gloves at 98c.

Easter Sales. First showing of the 1911, new two pearl clasp, Paris point Cyrano—just in time for Easter, in champagne, pearl, mode, tan and white. Greatest value in the country at 98c.

JUST RECEIVED another big shipment of the very popular German kid Gloves, in white and colors, 59c. pair. Main floor, West Court.

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