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VICTORIA IS DEAD; EDWARD VII IS KING

England's Greatest Ruler Passes Away—Her Son, the Prince of Wales, Ascends the Throne.

Victoria, by the Grace of God Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, defender of the faith and Empress of India, is no more. Her long reign is at last ended. She died at Osborne House Isle of Wight, at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, London Time, which is 1:30 p. m. Baltimore time. Edward VII is now King, and Alexandria, his wife, is the Queen.

Victoria's fatal illness began with a paralytic stroke, suffered on Wednesday of last week. It was her first serious illness in all her long life and she did not submit to prompt precautions. Her condition rapidly grew worse, and in the last few days all hope of saving her life had been abandoned.

About 10 o'clock in the morning the day of her death, the royal sufferer had a slight rally, recognizing her eldest son and others about her bedside, including her grandson, Emperor William, of Germany. She soon sank into a fitful sleep and remained unconscious to the end.

It is expected that the coronation of the new King will take place in about six months. In the meantime he rules with all the prerogatives of the Kingship.

Queen Victoria died on the anniversary of the death of her father, the Duke of Kent.

All England mourns, as it never did before, and the world sympathizes. Messages of condolence are pouring into the Royal family.

The manifestations of regret and sorrow in the United States have been marked and widespread. President McKinley cabled his sympathy to the new king, as also did Gov. Tyler of Virginia. Congress and all the State legislatures in session, including the Virginia General Assembly, passed appropriate resolutions of sympathy and sorrow to the English people for the loss of their venerable and good sovereign.

On Thursday the Prince of Wales took the oath of accession to the British throne, in a touching speech before the Privy Council and Parliament swore allegiance to the new monarch, who will be known as King Edward VII.

Sketch of Victoria's Life.

In the first quarter of the past century, on the 24th day of May, 1819, was born, in Kensington Palace, London, a child, who, eighteen years later, was crowned Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and the story of whose subsequent life is a history of the British Empire.

No British sovereign ever reigned so long nor was one ever more beloved than the Queen, whose death has cast a gloom over the great Empire upon which the sun never sets.

Alexandrina Victoria, as she was christened, was the only child of Edward, Duke of Kent, fourth son of George III, and of his wife, Victoria Mary Louisa, daughter of the Duke Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, and sister of Leopold, King of the Belgians. Her father having died January 23, 1820, she was educated under the care of her mother and of the Duchess of Northumberland.

The story of the childhood of the little Princess is one of absorbing interest. She was brought up with the most absolute simplicity and her childish greetings to strangers whom she met in her walks in Kensington garden won her many friends. Steady hard work was the order of the day, and in her early years she acquired an ability to accomplish hard tasks that stood her in good stead, when in later years she directed the affairs of the greatest nation upon earth. She was early proficient in singing and music and acquired languages with wonderful facility.

Not until she was eleven years old did the little Princess know anything of her position in regard to the throne, and at that early age she heard of it with a feeling that the responsibilities were much greater than the glories of the crown. "Now many a child would boast," she said, "but they don't know the difficulty; there is much splendor, but there is more responsibility." She concluded with the utterance, "I will be good," a re-

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olution she has truly kept throughout the long years in which a kind Providence has preserved her to rule with a gentle hand, the English people—her people.

In quiet study and in visiting the different cities of the kingdom her girlish years were spent, and everywhere by her quiet, dignified and gentle manner she won the love and admiration of all who met her. And this love for the girlish Princess has increased until now that her life of usefulness has been ended and she has gone to the well-earned reward, it can be safely said that she was the best beloved sovereign that ever held the sceptre of a loyal and enlightened people.

Princess Victoria attained her eighteenth year and her majority on May 24, 1836. The momentous event was marked by a state ball and costly gifts. A few days after came a brilliant drawing-room at court in her honor, and a little later she appeared at the ball held at the Opera House for the relief of the Spitalfield weavers.

One likes to imagine Her Majesty as she appeared at the time of her coronation, twelve months after her call to the throne—not regal in height but with a symmetrical figure and dignified mien which caused her stature to be unobserved; her neck and shoulders were of particular fairness, whilst her arms and dainty hands were singularly beautiful. Her eyes of a clear blue, were steadfast in expression, her complexion a delicate pink and white, and she possessed rare charm of appearance and an engaging smile.

For a year she had grown in the love of the people, had shown how thoroughly she meant to be a queen regnant in the largest sense of the term, devoting herself, heart and soul, to the cares of state and government, and showing, even to her ministers at times, how absolutely she was head of all, when the glorious pageant of the coronation took place.

Scarcely a month had passed when the young girl, in the first blush of her young womanhood, was called upon to occupy a throne, and that the throne of the greatest kingdom that has flourished upon the earth since the annals recorded history began. Arising from her slumber on the morn when the great tidings were brought to her, she knelt with the Archbishop and implored his prayers in her behalf. A few hours later, with wonderful self-possession, she met her lords in council, with Lord Melbourne, at all times her friend and adviser, as principal Minister, and the Duke of Wellington among the distinguished men, gathered round her. The Queen read her address in that clear musical voice which has already been acknowledged as one of her greatest charms, and the only moment when her composure seemed likely to desert her was when her two aged uncles knelt before her to swear homage, and the girl-queen blushed hotly, perhaps realizing, as these men to whom she had been taught to look up, bowed humbly before her, how lofty was her position and how absolute alone she already stood.

In the first year of the Queen's reign Hanover was separated from England, its laws requiring a male heir to succeed to the throne, so the Duke of Cumberland, the Queen's uncle, became King of Hanover.

Arrayed in her coronation robes of crimson velvet and ermine over her gown of white satin, and with brilliant flashing on the white throat, the Queen passed from the robing room to the abbey, the principal figure in that most beautiful and impressive ceremonial, of which, perhaps, the culmination was reached when the Archbishop placed the crown upon Victoria's head, and each peeress raised to her brows her gorgeous coronet, till the abbey was a flash of blinding light. The Queen's gracious act of coming forward to meet the Veteran Lord Rolle, as he ascended the steps of the throne to

do homage, heightened the good impression made by her forethought for the people on the road.

Shortly afterwards Her Majesty became engaged to Prince Albert, a young man as ideal in thought and character as the Queen whom he wedded, and whose unostentatious and lofty influence was exerted alike for good over Victoria and her subjects. The romance of the royal lovers is a theme the attraction of which never wanes, and the match which had been so ardently desired by those nearest concerned became one of the deepest and truest love.

The opening of the year 1840 brought great happiness to the Queen; it is true she had had to suffer many annoyances from those who would not grant her natural womanly wish to let her husband rank next to her, and who had struggled against allowing him a grant suitable for his position, but otherwise the course of true love had run very smooth, and on February 10, 1840, this union of love was ratified.

A few months later the Queen was the victim of one of those attempts on her life, which have occurred from time to time, the miscreant being Edward Oxford, a potboy of 17, who fired at the Queen as she drove with the Prince up Constitution Hill in an open carriage. Oxford was seized, and being subsequently judged guilty and insane, was duly punished.

The royal pair were still more closely knit by the birth of their first-born, November 21st. A second son, the Prince Alfred, was born in the next year to increase the happy family, but death had meantime chastened the loving circle, for on January 29th Prince Albert, to his great grief, learned the death of his father.

On January 22, Peel explained, in an eloquent speech, why he gave up protection and proposed to bring in free trade, and on June 25th the bill passed the House of Lords, and the corn laws were repealed, in which movement Richard Cobden and John Bright were the chief agents, their energetic and untiring zeal in this very necessary reform being the principal means of passing the bill. This was Peel's last great work in the House.

The reign brought to a close by the death of Queen Victoria, though the shadow of a war now hangs over the empire, has been one, both in length and in peace and prosperity, unexampled in the annals of England. Under the successive administrations of Lord Melbourne, Sir Robert Peel, Lord John Russell, Earl Derby, Earl Aberdeen, Lord Palmerston, Benjamin Disraeli, W. E. Gladstone, Marquis of Salisbury and the Earl of Roseberry, the British Empire has increased in peace and prosperity at home and in dignity and influence abroad. The ties of affection that bind the colonies to the mother country have been strengthened, and the measure of freedom and self-government allowed them has been increased. The Boer war has furnished a notable proof of the loyalty and devotion that the colonies, though separated by oceans and continents, bear to the mother country, of which they speak as "home."

Among the important events of Queen Victoria's reign have been the repeal of the corn laws; the Irish famine and emigration to the United States; the Chartist agitation; the Crimean war; the Indian mutiny; the assumption of the direct government of India; the "cotton famine" and the delicate relations with the American belligerents during the civil war; the Mexican intervention and its rupture; the reform bill of 1866; the confederation of British North America; the disestablishment of the Irish Church; the abolition of religious tests at the Universities and of the system of purchase in the army; the Alabama claims treaty; the introduction of the ballot; the wars in Abyssinia, Aethiopia, Egypt and Soudan; the assumption of the title of Empress of India; the creation

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and rapid growth of the Australian colonies; the remarkable development of public education and the prolonged agitation of the question of home rule in Ireland.

The Queen has been the pattern of every domestic virtue, and beyond any other monarch has shown that she regards her authority as held in trust for her people. This may explain in some measure the affection of her subjects of every class, which almost amounted to a worshipful devotion. Her death brings sorrow and grief into homes of high and low in every country, climate, nation and people in the whole world, for whose betterment the race to which she belonged has done and are doing so much.

Snap Shots of the Prince.

The following "facts about the Prince of Wales" have been printed in a number of newspapers and magazines and in the main are considered accurate:

He is 5 feet 6 inches high and weighs 250 pounds.

He has light gray eyes, a gray beard, a brown complexion and a bald head.

His hands and feet are small and neat.

He is 59 years old. His favorite wine is champagne of 1889, and his favorite liquor a cognac 10 years old.

He is a great admirer of beautiful women.

He is a first class judge of horses and dogs and he thinks he knows something about actresses.

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He sets the fashion in clothes for all England and part of America.

He is a doctor of civil laws of Oxford, a doctor of laws of Cambridge and a barrister.

He has laid 73 large and important foundation stones.

He opened part of the Suez Canal. He has made more speeches than any other man in the world, but mostly short ones.

He was the first Christian to dine with the Sultan of Turkey.

He never allows a typewriter in his house.

He is a colonel eight times over.

He has one private secretary, two assistant secretaries and a staff of clerks.

He receives 200 letters a day and answers most of them.

Every minute of his time in London is spent according to schedule.

He has every order of knighthood in Europe.

His uniforms are worth \$25,000.

He is a field marshal and an admiral.

He is the chief horse owner, dog owner and yachtsman in England.

He goes to church every Sunday morning.

He never goes to races on Sunday.

He loves to travel incognito in Paris.

He buys hundreds of theatre tickets without using them.

His favorite vehicle in London is a handsome cab, yet his stables cost \$75,000 a year.

He thinks his nephew, the German Emperor, is too sensational.

He has friends in every nation and speaks German, French, Italian and Russian.

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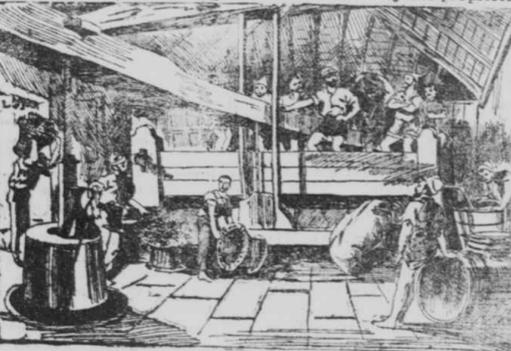


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