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British Ambassador Is Other Who Can Entertain Royal Guest.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—When the Prince of Wales now in Canada, first in the United States, accepts the invitation of President Wilson to be his guest at the White House, he will be treated as Wilson was in Buckingham Palace recently, as the guest of the nation, not as the guest of the government. In fact, the government will be represented by the British ambassador, who will be the only one of the diplomatic corps permitted to be the host of the prince. Only two bids will be accepted, those of President Wilson and the British ambassador, Lord Reading.

The reason is not due to either the English or American governments, but to the fact that the prince is a private citizen, and as such he can accept invitations from whomever he pleases. Of course, the invitations are extended officially, but the responsibility for the British side of the entertainment will be assumed by the British ambassador, who will be the host of the prince at a dinner to be given in his honor. Unless there before the prince of Wales. For not only will the advice and participation of such a body of men be most welcome, but he will be spared the responsibility of entertaining the head of the British empire off the shoulders of President Wilson.

No more rather officer may invite the prince and he is free to accept or decline in his behalf, or otherwise to act for him. The well known brand of hospitality, only the president and the British ambassador may go so far. Through courtesy of Washington alterations may be made for public or quasi-public entertainments in his honor.

Little Room in White House.

The White house is none too large for a single family, and it is admitted that the prince and his party may fill their quarters less commodious than could be wished, but his highness must make the best of things as he finds them. During the recent visit of President-elect Pessoa of Brazil the home of a resident of Washington was turned over to them during their stay here, and there are numerous homes of palatial size and appointment in Washington the owners of which would be more than willing to have them occupied by the prince and his suite. This may not be done, however, without breaking a European precedent older than the declaration of independence.

Prince Albert when in Washington in 1860 was accompanied by the Duke of Newcastle, Maj. Gen. Robert Bruce, his tutor, Sir Henry Holland, his physician, and Sir Fenwick Williams, Captain Gray and Major Teasdale as equerries. Prince Albert was only 18 years old at the time of his visit, while Prince Edward is 25, so that the attendance of a tutor probably will be dispensed with, but otherwise the royal party is expected to be of about the same composition.

Two social events of importance marked the royal visit of Prince Albert, and in all probability they will be repeated next October. One was a journey by water to Mount Vernon and the other was dinner and reception the same evening at the British embassy.

President Buchanan was fortunate in having with him as "first lady" at the white house his niece, Miss Harriet Lane, who had been with him when he served as American ambassador to the court of St. James. Miss Lane, therefore, was not unversed in court etiquette, and this helped to put the visitor at ease. Feeling that the prince would be too bored by formal fetes and official parties, she managed to take him out to visit the Georgetown seminary for girls, where he is said to have rolled a very ordinary game of ninepins, but had a very delightful time.

Paid Homage to Washington.

Probably because of the youth of his guest, President Buchanan would not allow any dancing in the white house during his visit, but on board the revenue cutter en route to Mt. Vernon his highness managed to go several dances with Miss Lane and other members of the party. The guests on the trip including the entire royal party, the president and members of his cabinet, most of the diplomatic corps and a few favored social lights. At Mt. Vernon the prince planted a tree near Washington's tomb, and stood for a time with bared head before the resting place of the man who fought his ancestors with such success.

The state department has not yet decided upon how the present Prince of Wales will be received in New York. It is understood he will occupy his quarters aboard the battleship Renown while visiting the metropolis, but some opportunity will be afforded the city's population for seeing him as he is escorted to the show places of Manhattan.

Certain it is that no such incident will be allowed to occur as marred the great ball given in the present prince's grandfather almost 60 years ago, when a large portion of the floor gave way under the guests were being presented to him by Hamilton Fish.

Another "unhappy" incident marked the visit of New York officers that threatened to be repeated a few weeks before the royal party arrived. This was when Prince Albert, receiving one evening at the Astor gallery, but with one of the crack Irish regiments, the Fifth Fusiliers, mistook the regiment for the Sixth, which was then the "crack" regiment, its members refused to turn out in the house in the face of the British throne.

A newspaper writer of that time referred to the ball given at the Academy of Music as the "Half Million Dollar Ball," the sum of $45,000 being spent for entertainment and decorations alone. A dancing floor was laid over the first floor seats and there were 3,000 admissions. After describing the crowd which gathered to greet the prince, the writer of six decades ago wrote:

Prince Arrives at Ball.

"At last, toward midnight, the object of the evening arrived. Then silence was breaking by an impatient murmur, gathered in full force around the portals of the room, which they were to enter, and by the time of his arrival, extended to reaching back the dancers who were gathered there, so that they could have the hons all to themselves for a time.

"This, though not much noticed, was submitted to with as little grumbling as could have been expected. Presently Mr. Charles Astor Bristed proposed the company to form a procession and walk round the ballroom, then as a reward for their complacence that they should all have a chance to see the prince, who, we were told, was to be introduced to Mr. Astor in the most flattering manner, and immediately a procession was formed, in which the prince, in view of the company to whom each person was presented, walked and talked the Bristed."

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