FESTIVAL OF ROSES PLANNED BY BRITAIN FOR ALEXANDRA DAY

Celebration in Honor of Queen Mother Will Reap Golden Harvest for Charitable Institutions—Artificial Wild Roses, Made by Crippled Girls, to Be Sold.

London, June 21.—A week from next Wednesday all England, and London particularly, will give proof of its loyalty and affection for Queen Alexandra, for June 25 will be Alexandra Day, on which charity reaps its most golden harvest, and Alexandra Day this year will surpass anything of the kind ever seen in this country or any other country.

In London alone forty-three committees are busy making arrangements for the unique charity festival, and more than 300 provincial towns and cities have joined the movement, which originated from an idea which has come to us from Queen Alexandra's native country, the Kingdom of Denmark.

With a real national festival of flowers the women of England will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Queen Alexandra's landing in this country, and the innumerable charitable and benevolent institutions in which the Queen is interested will be richer when the day is over.

It is no exaggeration to say that practically everybody in England on Alexandra Day will be wearing the little wild rose, which is the emblem of the day, for the central committee calculates that at least twenty million of these little pink and white flowers will be sold, orders for half that number having been received, and this is only from towns outside of London.

The roses are made by 300 crippled girls, who were at work on them all last winter. Queen Alexandra is informed of the progress of the movement once or twice a week.

When London awakens on Alexandra Day and the people leave their homes to go to their daily task, they will find 20,000 women dressed in white selling the roses on every street corner, and 1,000 delivery wagons will be busy distributing new supplies, not only to the street sellers, but to the hundreds of public and private buildings which will decorate their fronts with the flower dedicated to England's beloved Queen Mother.

At noon there is to be a gorgeous parade of automobiles, gayly decorated with roses, and handsome prizes will be awarded to the most tastefully decorated cars. The judges will be the Duchess of Sutherland, Honorable Arthur Stanley, chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, and Lady Wilmer Lawson, president of the Ladies' Automobile Club.

Court Gossip of Interesting Events on Two Continents

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Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of the Washington family in Northamptonshire, is to be purchased and preserved as a memorial of the century of peace between English speaking people. It has long been the object of pilgrimage on the part of Americans, some of whom were anxious to buy the historic place, though Sulgrave, which is a small village a few miles from Brackley, is not very accessible to tourists.

The Washingtons appear to have come originally from Lancashire. Laurence Washington, the founder of the Northamptonshire branch, was Mayor of Northampton in 1532 and in 1545. He received the manor of Sulgrave on the dissolution of the monasteries and built the manor house. A part of the building that he erected still survives, with a large gabled porch, over which are the Washington arms.

These contain a suggestion of the "Stars and Stripes," which were adopted as an emblem of the United States, for they consist of a white shield with two red stripes, and at the top three red stars.

The Washington family did not remain long at Sulgrave, the estate being sold in 1610, but they continued to reside in Northamptonshire. It was John, the great grandson of the original Laurence Washington, who emigrated to America in 1657 and founded the family of Virginia Washingtons from whom the first American President descended.

The Czar has conferred the Order of St. Alexander Newski upon Count Benckendorff as a reward for his many years of faithful and successful diplomatic services. This order is classed as the second highest decoration in Russia (the Order of St. Andrew is the first). It has a pink ribbon, a six-pointed star, and a red-enamelled crown. The St. Alexander Newski order was founded by Peter the Great as a reward for distinguished personages who have "weezied" themselves in the public service.

The motto is "Za trudi I etchestro," (For hard work and the fatherland).

Count Benckendorff has been Russian Ambassador at the Court of St. James since 1903. He was born at Berlin in 1849, of ancient German (North Prussian) stock. His father was Count Constantin Benckendorff, and his mother the Princess Luise, daughter of the Duke of Croy, a powerful Prussian magnate. The ambassador in 1879 married the Countess Sophie Shuvaloff. He entered the Russian diplomatic service first in 1869, but left it seven years later. In 1886 he re-entered the service as attache to the Russian Embassy at Vienna. Later he was promoted as envoy to Copenhagen, and in 1903 transferred as ambassador to London, the highest classed post in the gift of the Russian foreign office.

King George of England has had quite a supply of decorations made to be distributed in Berlin. But when the London paper which publishes this with the additional remark that "decorations are far more agreeable to Germans than pieces of jewelry," it shows an almost unbelievable ignorance of its topic. The economical practice of giving decorations instead of snuff boxes or jewelry was introduced by the late Queen Victoria of England. On more than one occasion there was surprise and annoyance at a foreign court because one class of the Royal Victorian Order was bestowed upon ministers and chamberlains, while a lower class of the same decoration was given to upper servants and railway officials. One decoration should be kept for highly placed personages exclusively, as the distinction between the various classes often is not fully understood everywhere.

When Queen Victoria visited the Prussian court at Berlin and Potsdam during the sumer of 1858, there was a lavish distribution of gifts for the last time. By mistake one of her best snuff boxes, valued at £500, was given to a functionary who was scheduled to receive a very much less costly present. Lord Bloomfield at once sent to recover the box as soon as the blunder had been discovered. The messenger, however, was too late, for the precious gift already in the course of a few hours had been converted into cash.

A select audience, including members of the royal family, sitting in a concert hall in London the other night, heard selections from "Faust" being rendered that very moment in the Paris Opera House, and heard them distinctly, with no note missed or marred.

It was the new submarine cable under the Channel that made the experiment possible by means of the new "electrophone," and its success renders the hope more probable that remarkable developments may be looked for in the near future.

Electrophone transmitters placed on the stage in Paris collected the notes and passed them through the new cable to the receivers in London, which the audience had at their ears. So loud was the sound that the notes could actually be heard "leaking," as it were, from the receiver into the hall itself.

When the developments that are hoped for materialize, receivers will no longer be necessary, and a subscriber sitting comfortably by his own fireside will command the services of the finest musicians, actors, lecturers, and singers.

The change at the United States Embassy in London with the arrival of Mr. Page, has exercised a depressing effect upon society. Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid occupied one of the finest houses in that city, and also a lovely place in the country, and they entertained constantly and splendidly during the greater part of the year. The new Ambassador is not a rich man, and he has no taste for society. His wife is intellectual, and regards the social hurly-burly with contempt. The salary paid to the American Ambassador is ridiculously inadequate, and he can only live very quietly indeed unless he possesses considerable private means and is disposed to spend his own money on representation and entertainment. This was done in the most open-handed way by Mr. Whitelaw Reid, to the delight both of English society and of traveling Americans.

It is sad, but it must be confessed that in Paris the portraits of the Princess (Clementine) Napoleon, in and out of the salon, in colors black and white, in marble, with or without a chubby baby on her knees, do not take. The hairdressers, the midinattes (a pretty name given to dressmakers' girls), and grand couturiers, and the couturieres, are agreed as to the necessity for an imperial throne of "une belle femme qui sait lancer les modes." They are indifferent to genealogies, and remember that La Pompadour and other queens "de la gauche" did more for arts as applied to dressmaking and the great renown of Paris than all of the queens "de la main droit," who generally were heavy personages and imported.

Agnes Sorel is still popular. Who has ever given a thought to Marie of Anjou, whom she eclipsed? Gambetta and Victor Hugo were inclined to erect an altar in honor of la Belle Gabrielle. Marie de Medecis, whom Rubens, Porbus fils, and the other great painters of her day tried in vain to raise on canvas above vulgarity, is known as presumptuous and wrong-headed. And Marie Louise?

There is no truth in the articles of those French journals, supposed to hold a brief for Prince Napoleon, which seek to make believe that the judgment of the Brussels Court of Appeals regarding the suit of Princess Louise and the Countess Lonyay (former Crown Princess Rudolf of Austria) will be disputed. It is an arret, meaning a bar to all proceedings in future. The Princess Clementine did not join her sisters, but had they won she would have gained equally with them. The three have already had about 10,000,000 francs, and it is supposed that the youngest received large sums from her father, the late King Leopold, besides. She would have been nearly 25,000,000 francs better off had judgment been in favor of her sisters.

Sir Gerard Lowther, who has resigned the British Ambassadorship at Constantinople, is retiring from the diplomatic service after thirty-four years of pretty hard work. Since 1905, when he became "chef de mission," Sir Gerard has been employed in China, Morocco, and since 1908 in Turkey. He is a younger brother of the Speaker of the British Parliament and the second son of the late Mr. William Lowther, who himself was a distinguished member of the diplomatic service for nearly thirty years, after which he sat in the House of Commons twenty-four years.

Sir Gerard is a grandson of the Earl of Lonsdale and of Lord Wensleydale, who, as Baron Parke, was one of the foremost British judges of the last century.

FLANEUR.

HONEST MAN PUZZLED.

Gave His Seat to Woman and She Beat Her Fare—What to Do?

From the Kansas City Star.

A Canadian who, having given up his seat in the street car to a woman, was pained to see that she beat her fare. He has submitted a poser to the Toronto Star. The question he asked was whether he should have done anything in the matter. In view of the fact that she wasn't honest, she was not a lady, he said, and, not having paid her fare, she was not really a passenger at all. Would he have been justified in recovering the seat he had given up, or should he have called the conductor's attention to the apparent passenger, the fareless fair one who was gouging him out of his seat?

Of course, such a situation is impossible in a city where the pay-as-you-enter plan enforces morality. But if you have ever been in Toronto you will have a fresh memory of your first deal with the conductor. At first sight you think you are looking down the barrel of an old-fashioned blunder-buss. But it is not a hold-up—the fare is only three cents, and the weapon is only the cash box which he carries on his arm.

All the advice the Toronto editor was able to think of was that the disgruntled man did well to do nothing except moralize on the incident. But that was not enough for the Regina Standard, which horned into the affair. It argued the case thus:

The man paid for a seat, and when he gave it up had to stand. He gave the seat to a woman, and as he had to stand thereafter, was she not justified in refusing to pay another price for the seat?

If a few other Toronto women and men took the same stand the men who own the street railway lines would not need to diet to reduce flesh.

Here in Regina we own our own system and the difficulty of solving such fine moral points is thereby obviated.

Perhaps the idea of municipal ownership shocked the Toronto paper, or its sense of honesty has no twilight zone, for it comes back with the final statement that "her pitiful little dishonesty was a flaw in one of the mothers of the race."

Anyhow, the man got the worst of it.

The Pith of Experience.

From Judge.

Funny how the dear old gentleman who just has to pat a child on the head unerringly picks out the one with the pretty mother.

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Myself till here of late,
And I find myself a bully chum
I treat me simply great.

I talk with me and walk with me
And show me right and wrong.
I never knew how well myself
And me could get along.

I never try to cheat me
I'm as truthful as can be.
No matter what may come and go
I'm on the square with me.

It's great to know yourself and have
A pal that's all your own,
To be such company for yourself
You're never left alone.

You'll try to dodge the masses
And you'll find a crowd's a joke,
If you only treat yourself as well
As you treat other folk.

I've made a study of myself
Compared me with a lot,
And I've finally concluded
I'm the best friend I've got.

Just get together with yourself
And trust yourself with you.
You'll be surprised how well yourself
Will like you if you do.

—Author unknown.

STATE HONORS BRAVE SOLDIER.

MONUMENT STATUE OF GEN. SEDGWICK AT GETTYSBURG.

Gettysburg, Pa., June .—In memory of Gen. John Sedgwick, one of Connecticut's most famous generals, a monument, erected in Sedgwick Avenue, on the site of the bloody conflict of the battle of Gettysburg, was dedicated this afternoon. Gov. Baldwin was present at the ceremonies and made an address. The committee, which the Governor appointed to superintend the erection of the memorial, included Gen. Charles H. Pine, Lieut. D. A. Kilbourn, Lieut. Charles F. Linaly, and E. G. Steele, all of Connecticut.

Practice.

From Judge.

"How did you develop such a wonderful batting eye?" asked the major league magnate admiringly.

"Acting as health commissioner of Piwattomie, Kans.," replied the recruit modestly. "I got so that I could swat a fly every time."

SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE.

Adventurers Who Have Fought Under Flags of Alien Countries.

Many famous soldiers and adventurers served under flags not their own. Henry Hudson, an Englishman, who sailed under the Dutch standard; Christopher Columbus, a Genoese, who discovered a continent in the name of Spain; Kosciusko and Pulaski, Polish patriots, who fought for American independence, and Gordon, who gained distinction in the service of China—are conspicuous examples, says Harper's Weekly.

Disregarding the obscure periods of the Middle Ages, when adventurers scurried to and fro over all Europe, one has only to study the bureaucracy of Russia to find a potent example of the highest type of soldier of fortune. Russia at her regeneration needed leaders of every kind—soldiers, statesmen, bankers, organizers. And all were brought in from the outside. At the helm of state their descendants remain today.

In somewhat similar manner, when America was fighting for her independence, there were needed many foreigners to aid in military organization. Baron Steuben, the Prussian; Pulaski and Kosciusko, the Poles, and Lafayette, the Frenchman, were the most notable figures. Of all these it can be said that they were fighting for the cause of freedom, which also was their own; but they were soldiers of fortune, nevertheless.

There were many adventurers in the Italian war for freedom, and Garibaldi had been one himself, serving in the French navy and in the army of the "Republic of Rio Grande," the present Uruguay. Even when he had attained the height of his fame he, with his sons, served in the French army during the Franco-Prussian war.

In the wars of Servia and Bulgaria there were Austrians, Russians, and many other foreigners, while in Spain one has but to consider the names of certain statesmen of recent years to see how many adventurers have served to make the history of that country.

A warrior named O'Higgins played a chief part in the wars of Chile. In China the leaders have time and again been men of Western race, and it would be interesting to learn how many graduates of Annapolis have served in the Chinese navy. In Morocco but a short while ago it was Kaid McLean who was the moving agent in affairs.

There are now many things that combine to render the trade of the soldier of fortune less picturesque than it formerly was. War today is a much more highly organized affair than it was years ago. Before they fight nations are apt to sum up carefully the forces with which they have to contend, and every step that is taken in organization means one less place for the soldier of fortune.

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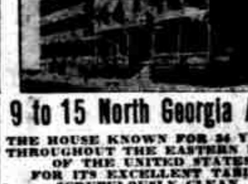

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