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AMID SCENES OF MEDIEVAL SPLendor EDWARD VII IS CROWNED KING OF GREAT BRITAIN AND SOVEREIGN OF INDIA

Ceremony in Westminster Abbey Full of Impressiveness and Dignity.

VENERABLE ARCHBISHOP ALMOST COLLAPSES DURING THE SERVICE

Monarch Repeats Royal Oath in Strong, Clear Accents, Audible to the Entire Assemblage.

A SLIGHT HITCH AT FINAL MOMENT

Details of the Imposing and Quaint Ritual—Three Processions of Those Taking Part—Rejoicing in All Parts of the Kingdom.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Despite superstition and evil prophecy King Edward is the crowned monarch of this empire. He has passed through a ceremony medieval, even barbaric, in some of its splendor, unscathed and apparently without physical detriment. A consummation of national hopes which a few short weeks ago seemed impossible has been achieved under auspicious conditions, and once more fortune smiles upon the destinies of Britain.

The coronation rejoicings have been on a very different scale from what was anticipated, six weeks ago, yet from every point of view today's celebration has been worthy of the greatest empire in the world's history.

About half a million people probably participated in the tribute to the sovereign, but the loyalty and enthusiasm typified the deepest feelings of the great mass of King Edward's subjects. As for the majestic ceremonial at Westminster Abbey its slight curtailment served but to add to its impressive character.

A Solemn Occasion.

Nothing was lacking from the original design save the presence of a few special envoys from abroad, and none who witnessed the matchless scene in this historic theater of kingly dramas could wish for anything more imposing, more memorable, more worthy of the great traditions of the British empire. If no word had been spoken, if no act had been done, if that magnificent tableau could simply live as a single record of British history Britain might rest proud and content of her place among the nations.

SCENE OF CORONATION IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY

King Edward and Queen Alexandra Crowned and Formally Recognized as Sovereigns of England.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Very slowly during the hours before the arrival of the royal procession Westminster Abbey was filled with the brilliant company which formed the background of the great ceremony. The empty tiers and galleries at first seemed a profane invasion of England's grandest religious monument, but when the vast vacant spaces burst into a blaze of color, as the patriarchs of the empire took their places, the transformation was complete. Then, as never before, save on equally great occasions, the superb architecture of Westminster was dwarfed by those it sheltered. The people, not the cathedral, became the picture, and it was a picture such as the eyes of this generation have not beheld before. Even the talented brush of the famous American artist who has been selected to depict the scene cannot hope to reproduce the vital atmosphere of the living picture, and it is hopeless, therefore, to attempt to paint it in mere words.

A Kaleidoscope of Color.

Gold, crimson, and white seemed to be the prevailing colors in the vast human kaleidoscope. Jewels were more than dazzling assembly. Never has woman been adorned under any other roof with previous stones in such numbers and of such value. Individuals counted for nothing in the vast array. Barons, earls, even dukes were mere components. One conspicuous figure there was performed. The blaze of decorations, uniforms, and elaborate toilettes was nowhere more brilliant than around the honored seat assigned to the American ambassador. Set in such a frame his black evening dress made him a marked man above all the others during the long wait preceding the arrival of the state procession.

had been struck out from the full ceremonial, in order to shorten the service, was sung at 10:30, and a procession conveying the regalia from the altar to the annex at the western end of the Abbey was the first feature of the approaching ceremony.

Prince of Wales Enters.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge took seats in front of the pews, and to the right of the throne. The Duke of Cambridge was perhaps the most interesting figure among the spectators. He alone, probably, of that great assembly, was an adult spectator of the crowning of Queen Victoria. His feebleness was quite apparent, and several times the Prince of Wales, by his side, insisted that he remain seated when the ceremony required spectators generally to rise.

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Three Processions.

It was really in three processions that the royal family and their splendid retinue entered the Abbey. Half an hour after the Prince of Wales' entrance came a procession of Westminster chaplains, followed by bearers of the Queen's regalia. Then came the Queen herself. Never has this proud daughter of Denmark borne herself with greater queenly dignity. It was difficult to believe that she is beyond the prime of womanhood. Her bearing was full of grace and self-possession, and her raiment was dazzling. She was clad in a gown of cloth of gold, with a long purple train heavily ornamented with gold crowns and bordered with a narrow row of ermine. The train was borne by eight pages. Diamonds were placed about her neck and corsage. As she passed through the choir a large number of the boys of Westminster School in the triforium burst into shouts of "Vivat." Proceeding across the theater to her chair of repose, her majesty knelt upon a faldstool for a few moments in prayer before taking her seat.

The King Enters.

There was another brief interval, and then a burst of music from the choir heralded the entrance of the King. His majesty was preceded by bearers of the ancient regalia of England, the various emblems being displayed upon velvet cushions.

Finally, immediately following the Bible and chalice, entered the King. The greetings to the King were not vocal, except in the case of the boys in the triforium, and he proceeded slowly to his chair beyond that of the Queen. He stopped one moment only to salute his son and also her majesty.

Formula of Recognition.

Before he took his seat the King also knelt in prayer upon his faldstool, and a great silence fell upon the assembly. It was broken presently by the quavering but distinctly audible voice of the venerable Archbishop of Canterbury, who, facing the assembled thousands, while the King, rising, turned toward his subjects, demanded recognition of his majesty in the quaint formula: "I here present unto you King Edward, the undoubted King of this realm, therefore all you who are coming this day to do your homage, are you willing to do the same?"

According to the ancient rules of the coronation ceremony, the response to this question should be "loud and repeated acclamations, all with one voice, uttering 'God save King Edward,'" but all one could hear was the shrill voices of the choir, followed by a blast of trumpets. The King and Queen then knelt, while the archbishop opened the service. He seemed to proceed with difficulty, and

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KING EDWARD VII.

HEAD OF ILLINOIS WIRE COMPANY SLAIN

Stabbed to Death During Dispute in Office.

ASSAILANT UNDER ARREST

Pleads Self-Defense and Says He Did Not Intend to Harm Victim—Paper Knife the Instrument Used to Deal Fatal Blow.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Walter A. Scott, president of the Illinois Wire Company, was stabbed to death in his office at the Monadnock Building shortly before 10 o'clock today by W. L. Stebbings, a civil engineer. Stebbings used a long, thin paper knife to accomplish his work. Mr. Stebbings called to see Mr. Scott about some contracts, over one of which there was a dispute. Violent words followed until a fight ensued lasting for over five minutes. During the struggle Stebbings was seen to brandish his peculiar weapon above his head, threatening Mr. Scott until he made his final thrust.

Pleads Self-Defense.

The police were quickly notified and Stebbings was placed under arrest. The prisoner protested that he had struck Scott in self-defense and that he had not intended injuring him seriously. The contract over which the dispute occurred involved \$2,000. The struggle was begun in the private office of Mr. Scott, and, according to Miss Schumate, the stenographer, the door opened and the two men came staggering and struggling into the outer office. Stebbings held the long steel paper knife in his right hand. Suddenly he struck Scott in the body. The blow was repeated a moment later and Scott fell. "He has killed me," Scott was heard to say. Scott was dead before medical assistance arrived. The police questioned Stebbings closely.

HARBAN WINS CUP AT OCEAN CITY TOURNEY

Beats Davidson, Who Takes Runner-Up Prize.

EQUALS HIS COURSE RECORD

Wins With 5 Up and 4 to Play, 36 Holes—Both in Fine Form—Consolation Cup Goes to Burford, Who Defeats L. L. Nicholson, of Dumbarton.

(Special to The Washington Times.) OCEAN CITY, Md., Aug. 9.—Washington golfers carried away the two leading cups today in the tournament of the Ocean City Golf and Country Club. Dr. L. L. Harban, who made such a splendid showing in the recent amateur championship in Chicago, won the main cup, defeating Mr. John C. Davidson, of the Columbia Golf Club, of Washington, by 5 up and 4 to play. The contest was at thirty-six holes. Dr. Harban made 73 in his morning round, equaling his score of the day before, in which he broke the record of the course. He now holds the 9 hole and 18 hole records over the course, as he does over the majority of them around Baltimore and in the District of Columbia. Mr. Davidson made the morning round in 79, but Dr. Harban kept him well behind throughout the match, putting him two down on the first nine holes, two more on the second nine, one more on the third nine, and winding up the match at the 32 hole. The play for the Consolation Cup was exceedingly interesting. Mr. Lawrence H. Burford, of the Ocean City Club, beat Mr. L. L. Nicholson, of Dumbarton, only after twenty-one holes had been played, and in the afternoon defeated Mr. John F. Waggoner, of the Columbia Club, by 2 up and 1 to play. The cups were presented to the winners tonight in the ballroom of the Atlantic Hotel by Col. George M. Upshur, president of the golf club.

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CRACK OARSMEN SMASH RECORDS

STORMY SESSION.

Association Drops Clubs Used for Voting Purpose.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 9.—There was a stormy session of the delegates to the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen last night in the Bay State House. Clubs supposed to exist only for voting purposes were dropped from the association. When the voting began for four vacancies on the executive committee, the storm broke.

As the result of the session, which lasted until 2:30 o'clock this morning, the quartette of old board men, Walter Stimpson, Boston; Charles Catlin, Chicago; Claude Zappone, Washington, and James C. Fox were returned as members to succeed themselves.

Mr. Fox was unopposed, while the others met with the most determined opposition from New England factions.

At a meeting of the executive committee held today Julius B. Mahr, Metropolitan Boat Club, New York, was elected president; Charles Catlin, Catlin Boat Club, Chicago, vice president; R. M. Pelton, Seawanhaka Boat Club, Brooklyn, treasurer, and F. R. Kortmeyer, Newark, secretary. The executive committee is now: Walter Stimpson, North Cambridge; Charles Catlin, Boston; Claude R. Zappone, Washington; J. C. James F. Fox, Boston; Julius B. Mahr, New York; William C. Jupp, Detroit; Robert H. Pelton, Brooklyn; Gordon S. Carrigan, Philadelphia; James Pilkington, New York; Henry Whiting Garfield, Albany, and Fred R. Portmeyer, Newark.

UPRISING IN SIAM SAID TO BE SPREADING

Thirty-four Americans Who Were Thought to Be in Danger Are Now Reported Safe.

United States Minister Hamilton King, at Bangkok, Siam, has informed the Department of State by cable that the uprising against the government, recently reported, is spreading. Nakawn has been captured and Chingmai is threatened.

Thirty-four Americans thought to be in danger are reported safe. An endeavor will be made to bring into the capital American women and children now in the zone of disturbance. The Siamese government is co-operating in the attempt to protect them.

Troops are expected to arrive August 17 to restore order. Telegraphic communication has been cut off for several days.

FAVOR MR. WEST.

President Likely to Appoint Him to Commission.

The impression has gained ground in all quarters that the filling of the vacant District Commission is a question of probably only a day or two more, and further efforts to boom various candidates have therefore been almost entirely discontinued.

Early yesterday morning the remark was heard at the District Building that "the Commission is in the air" and "due West." Something like consternation was depicted on the faces of the faithful adherents of several of the other candidates. The idea had spread abroad that the President had made up his mind whom to appoint, and that the plum was to go to the newspaper man, who has been such a strong candidate from the start.

It appears that the indorsements of Mr. West contain the names of some of the strongest men in Congress, and that in addition to his personal friendship with President Roosevelt he has the solid backing of a large part of the business community. Some little opposition to him in the School Board was removed last Thursday, and with that it is said that the way for his appointment became clear.

It was stated on good authority yesterday that Mr. James L. Norris has all along been favorable to the appointment of Mr. West, that he furnished a strong indorsement for him, and has worked for that candidate. His own boom is said to have been the work of his many warm personal friends, with only partial acquiescence on his part. It is understood that Mr. Norris will be well pleased if Mr. West is named.

The friends of Mr. Creed M. Fulton were working quietly up to noon yesterday getting ready a communication to be sent to the President, the nature of which could not be learned. The result of the meeting of Tenleytown Friday night was telegraphed early yesterday morning, followed by several letters from those who participated in it.

It is believed by some of the friends of Mr. Murphy that he has still a chance to win, and the rumor is persistent that some word has been received from some one near the President that he is being favorably considered.

Mr. J. H. Kuehling Injured.

Mr. J. H. Kuehling was thrown from his bicycle Friday afternoon and severely injured. He was about to alight from his wheel at Thirteenth and F Streets, when a negro, also mounted, collided with his bicycle. Mr. Kuehling fell heavily, but was able to reach his home without assistance.

Twenty-five Thousand See Titus Win From Greer.

OVER QUINSIGAMOND COURSE

Winnipeg Crew Show Quality in International Fours.

ARIEL ROWING CLUB WINS

Annual Tournament of National Association Biggest Success in History—Many Crack Organizations Compete—Canadians Make Good Showing.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 9.—Course records went by the board today in the annual rowing championship boat races of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen on Lake Quinsigamond. New marks were made in the championship single sculls, international four-oared shells, and senior eight shells.

Twenty-five thousand persons witnessed what was conceded the finest regatta in the history of the association. C. S. Titus, of the Union Boat Club, of New York, was the individual hero of the day, and the ovation he received during the last quarter of his race for national honors, with Greer, of Boston, will probably make amends for his non-success in the Diamond Sculls at Haverly.

In Record Time.

The Union man sculled in grand form, and caused Greer to almost collapse when he assumed his great burst of speed during the finish. He simply smothered his man in record time for the course.

The Winniepegs gave the onlookers another taste of their quality in the international fours, when they lowered the former best mark by one-quarter of a second. The Vespers had considerable trouble in winning the senior eight race from their only opponents, the Pennsylvania Barge Club crew, whom they beat by one and a quarter lengths, all out.

In the war canoe race the Argonauts failed to turn out. The Rowing Club of Toronto was represented by Lon Marsh; Union Boat Club, Boston, by R. P. Blake; Vesper Club, Philadelphia, by J. J. Juvenal; and the Rowing Club, Canada, by C. W. Johnstone.

Juvenal First to Show.

Juvenal sped away to a good start, but was almost immediately outpaced by Johnstone, who led at the quarter mile by a quarter of a length, with Marsh third.

When the leading pair reached the three-quarter mark they turned together, Marsh one and one-half lengths back, straightened out for home. Juvenal began to gradually draw away, and at the mile he had a length's lead over Johnstone, with Blake in third place. The final quarter was a hummer, and the Vesper crew finally won by one and three-quarters lengths from the Canadian, who beat Blake three lengths, Times in minutes, 2 seconds.

In the intermediate single sculls, there were Ernest George, Boston Athletic Association; W. B. West West Philadelphia Boat Club; E. F. Rivinus, Philadelphia Barge Club; and George O. Clark, of the Union Boat Club, Boston. The last named was allowed to start because of a doubt as to his defeat for the place in the trial. Crowley was the first to catch the water, and he sped away in sprightly style, showing one-half length to the good at the half-mile mark. Clark was third.

Easy for George.

George sculled so speedily that he made the turn first a length in front of the Wachuset man. From there on George found no difficulty in coming home in the easiest fashion by four lengths. Crowley was second and Rivinus third. Time, 10:25.4.

Championship Race.

Championship single sculls—Union Boat Club, New York city, C. S. Titus; Jeffries Point Rowing Association, West Boston, Mass., Frank B. Greer.

This was the event of the day. Greer beat the pistol, and gave his admirers something to yell about by leading to the first quarter, where Titus drew level. Greer seemingly crowded Titus into the Worcester short up to the half mile mark, both watching each other.

A great struggle ensued to the turn, which Greer seemed to make first. Coming home they both put in their best efforts with Titus looking to have the better of it at the mile. The weak from the press boat gave a bit of bad water to the New Yorker and caused Greer to increase his stroke to 4. Titus rowing 23. Titus' finishing strokes during the last quarter opened up a gap which caused Greer to all but collapse, and during the last eighth Titus, sculling in fine style, gained a length and won easily by two and one-half lengths in 9:59.2. International four-oared sculls—Winnipeg crew.

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