

Elaborate Royal Display.

England's King Makes His First Speech to Parliament.

London, Feb 14.—The first parliament of the reign of King Edward VII was opened this afternoon by the king in person. His majesty was accompanied by Queen Alexandra, the duke of Connaught and many others of the royal family.

The royal coach was preceded and followed by Life Guards in full uniform with silver breastplates and red plumed helmets, and a small escort of gentlemen-at-arms.

Five carriages of state containing uniformed officials and ladies of the household, each drawn by six horses with postillions and outriders led the procession.

The United States ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, and the other ambassadors occupied a special enclosure behind the bench of the bishops.

Queen Alexandria wore an ermine cape and a small diamond crown.

All arose. The lord chancellor stood on the king's right. On the queen's left was Lord Londonderry, Lord Salisbury stood at the foot of the throne.

With a motion of his hand, the king signified that the distinguished gathering should sit, and the queen, whom his majesty had gallantly led to the throne by the hand, was the first to do so.

At the conclusion of the speech the procession was reformed, and the king proceeded to the robing room, unrobed and left Westminster in the state carriage.

Lord Kitchener's Latest.

London, February 15.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, February 14.—Our troops are now engaged with Christian De Wet's force north of Philippstown, which we hold, De Wet having crossed the Orange River at Zand Drift, apparently moving west.

"French, reporting from a point twenty five miles southeast of Ermelo, states that a large force of the enemy is being driven on to Piet Relief their efforts to break back having so far been frustrated.

"The Inniskillings charged the enemy, who left five killed and six wounded on the ground. Ten Boers were captured, and there was a large capture of wagons, carts and cattle. Our casualties were one killed and five wounded."

Cape Town, February 14.—Fighting is reported to have taken place near Aberdeen on Friday and Saturday last, the Boers being worsted.

London, February 14.—The Evening News today prints a dispatch from Cape Town, dated Thursday, February 14, which says:

"The Government here is advised that Gen Christian De Wet and former President Steyn entered Cape Colony, and occupied Philippstown. The British attacked them yesterday and drove them out of the town with loss."

Uboa's Girl Restored.

Madrid, Feb 12.—The high court has reversed the judgment of the two lower courts and has ordered the restitution of Senora Uboa's daughter.

This case has been the occasion of much of the disorder that has taken place in Madrid recently. It is an action brought by a mother to compel Jesuits to give up the custody of her daughter, who, it is alleged, was induced by a zealous priest to take the veil without the consent of her parents.

Washington, Feb 11.—The senate today confirmed the following postmasters in South Carolina: John P. Little, Clinton; Rebecca C. Calhoun, Clemson; Bernhard Levy, Walterboro.

Congress in a Mixed State.

Washington, Feb 13.—Less than three weeks remain of the last session of the Fifty Sixth Congress, and legislative matters are in the most chaotic condition, with strong probabilities that some of the appropriation bills will fail, thus compelling an extra session.

There are few sessions on record that were more chaotic and sensational at this period of their existence than the present one. The deadlock over the Ship Subsidy bill continues, and in consequence the \$8,000,000 river and harbor bill stands in imminent danger of being slashed to pieces and destroyed.

Democratic Senators by the way, do not propose to help Senator Hanna out by assuming the blame for any legislation that fails because of lack of time. When the Ship Subsidy job is before them they will talk and express themselves at length, but except in this instance they will indulge in nothing which savors of dilatory tactics.

A great outcry has been raised to frighten them, if possible, into a less lengthy expression of their ideas and opinions on the Subsidy job.

The Republican party expects to go before the people accusing the Democratic party of forcing the President to convene the new congress shortly after March 4 to consider insular matters. The developments of the last few days will probably make this position untenable, and will, if matters are carried through as they are planned, leave the Democratic party blameless, and the Republican party without an excuse for its course unless an appropriation bill shall fail.

From what can be learned in the Senate, the Democrats will make no active opposition to any moderate form of legislation directed toward the Philippines or toward Cuba. Senator Spooner's proposition introduced as an amendment to the army appropriation bill, while it does not meet with Democratic approval, will nevertheless be accepted without much discussion, provided it is not too drastic.

The amendment intended to be proposed by the army appropriation bill, submitted by the committee on relations with Cuba, and relating to Cuban government, will be accepted in the same way.

Memphis Invites McKinley.

Memphis, Tenn, Feb 14.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Confederate reunion association tonight the resolution of yesterday explaining why President McKinley was invited to be present on the occasion of the Confederate reunion in May next was rescinded and the original resolution inviting the president to Memphis stands. The original resolution is as follows: "Resolved, That the general executive committee have charge of the arrangements for the entertainment of the United Confederate veterans in May next join with the commercial and business organizations in extending an invitation to the president of the United States to be present on the occasion of the reunion in May next and that the action of the joint meeting of representatives of the business men's clubs, the merchants' exchange, the cotton exchange and the general committee of the Confederate veterans and of the city government be and is hereby approved and endorsed."

Cincinnati, O., Feb 13.—Present indications are that the Jeffries Rubin boxing contest will not take place at Ssengerfest hall next Friday night. There is now so much doubt about the time and place as about the decision of Judge Hollister.

Sampson-Schley Again

Washington, Feb 9.—It is expected that the president will Monday next renominate all the officers connected with the naval victory off Santiago July 3, 1898, whose nominations for advanced rank failed of action in the senate many months ago. The new nominations will be identical in character with those formerly sent to the senate; with this difference that the operation of the personnel law already has advanced many of the officers whose names were on the list, and consequently the department is obliged to make some recommendations to carry out the spirit of the board's instructions.

A New York Building.

Albany, N. Y., Feb 12.—George H. Aubrey, special commissioner for the interstate exposition to be held in Charleston, S. C., beginning next December, has obtained the assurance that New York State will appropriate \$15,000 or \$20,000 for a State building at the exposition. Mr Aubrey when in Albany a few days ago had a conference with Gov Odell and the governor since has conferred with Senator Higgins, chairman of the senate finance committee, in regard to the appropriation. The governor decided that the Empire State should be represented. Senator Higgins will introduce the bill, carrying the appropriation.

As the Pan American exposition at Buffalo will close in October many of the exhibits will be shipped direct from Buffalo to Charleston.

To Check Cigarettes.

San Juan de Porto Rico, Feb 12.—The effect of the revenue law is that cigarette orders have decreased. The Porto Rican American Tobacco Company is closing up, discharging 150 employees. It is reported that others will shortly follow its example and shut down, temporarily, until dealers' stocks are consumed. Then they will run at half force. As the demand has permanently lessened, the output will probably be smaller proportionately.

The Petroleum Habit.

The Medical Society of Paris, says Science Sittings, has expressed the opinion that it is necessary to adopt some measures against the alarming spread of petroleum drinking. At first it was thought that this habit had sprung up from the increased taxation on alcohol, imposed by the French government, but an investigation showed that this was not the case. The habit had been prevalent some time previously in certain districts, and had spread with great rapidity. The victim of the petroleum habit does not become brutal, only morose.—Charleston Post.

TERRIBLE TEDDY.

Denver, Col., Feb 2.—Game Warden Johnson returned yesterday from Meeker. There he received from W. G. Purdy and others the latest report from the Roosevelt camp.

"Mr Roosevelt must be one of the most daring sportsmen in the world," said Mr Johnson today. "I talked to the men who were with him when he killed a lion with a knife thrust, and in doing so exposed himself to danger the average man would not face for a million. He does not wait for the dogs to scratch the animal out, but rushes in while the lion is fighting the dogs."

"In the particular instance related by the guide, who was with him, the animal was a large lioness. She fought fiercely, and while several of the dogs had her about the hind legs and haunches and were dragging her backward she had a vicious hold on another dog."

"Mr Roosevelt sprang to the rescue of the dog which the savage animal seemed about to get the best of, and she quickly let loose of the dog and sprang at the arm of the hunter. He held his gun in his left hand, and, quick as lightning, thrust the stock into the wide open jaws while he found her heart with his hunting knife. The stock of the gun was partly chewed and broken off, and he can keep it as a memento of the closest call he ever had."

"I would not think of taking such chances as he did," added the warden reflectively, "and he ought to feel lucky that he did not lose the side of his face."

"Of bobcats, wildcats and other game the Roosevelt record is far ahead of that for lions, and Coyote Basin is devastated of wild game. Settlers have reported the depredations of lions on domestic animals at ranches along White river, and Guide Goff thinks he has seven more located which will fall under the gun or knife of the vice-president elect."

"Three of Goff's best dogs evay been killed in the hunts. One of them went into a den after a lion and never came out again. The others were killed in fights with lions.—New York World.

New York, Feb 11.—The trial of the three Bellevue nurses indicted in the first degree for manslaughter for the killing of Louis R. Hilliard on Dec 12, last, while the patient was in the insane pavilion at Bellevue, was begun today in the court of general sessions, Judge Cowing presiding. The defendants are Edward O. Dean, Clinton L. Marshall and Jesse R. Davis. The coroner's jury found the three men responsible for Hilliard's death, which was caused by the fracture of three ribs and the hyoid bone.

NEWS ITEMS.

The militia are in readiness to go to the scene of trouble near Asheville.

The Ex-King of Serbia, Milan, is dead.

The decision in the prize fighting case in Cincinnati will be rendered on Thursday.

In the new army reorganization bill, preference is given to other than regular West Point cadets.

There have been complete failures in the crops in large portions of Russia last year.

The Michigan Legislature has passed a law prohibiting the coloring of oleomargarine to make it resemble butter.

It is reported that Dewet will be hung, if he is captured.

Smallpox has developed in the Baptist University at Raleigh, N. C.

Denmark has decided to sell the West Indian Islands to the United States.

Those who are to be executed in China by order of the foreign envoys, have been given a choice of methods of dying.

It is reported that there is trouble between the French and German army commanders in China.

The military appropriations this year amount to nearly \$400,000,000.

There are 7,000 children employed in the cotton mills of South Carolina.

The output of iron in the United States last year was 15,000,000 tons.

The American ship Seawitch was burned in Manila harbor on Wednesday.

Senator Mark Hanna has the rheumatism.

The New Orleans carnival was begun Thursday night.

Rioters have stormed the Jesuit College at Valencia.

Martial law has been declared in Madrid and Gen Weyler placed in command.

On Thursday night fires were begun simultaneously in the Palmer House, the Great Northern Hotel, and the Sherman House, in Chicago.

Orangeburg, Feb 10.—In an altercation about 3 o'clock today between Sam Samuels, a colored man who was invariably drunk, and who was employed about Sunny Side cemetery, and Policeman Sam J. Bezdard, the former was killed by a pistol shot by the latter.

Savannah, Feb 13.—The passenger steamer Alpha, from Boston and Port Royal, attempted to run quarantine today. The government tug chased and overhauled her, and one case of small pox was found aboard. The steamer was turned back to quarantine station, where she will be detained with all her passengers—18 in number—for the period of incubation, 14 days.

Peoria, Ill, Feb 13.—Mrs Nation has consented to take charge of and edit the Peoria Journal for one day, Feb 26.

St Louis, Feb 11.—More than 150 shots were fired, a sergeant of police and two negroes were wounded and a ballot box was stolen in the course of a riot about the second district polling place of the fourth ward at 12th and Linden Streets early this evening during the mayoralty election.

Goffs, Kas, Feb 15.—Fifteen masked women broke into the Missouri Pacific freight depot here tonight and destroyed 15 jugs of whisky and four kegs of beer. This is a penitentiary offense.

London, Feb 15.—Earl Amberst, presiding this afternoon at a special meeting of the grand lodge of Free masons, announced that King Edward will assume the title of protector of the English Freemasons. The duke of Connaught was nominated for grand master, in succession to King Edward. The election will take place March 6.

Chicago, Feb 15.—The Times-Herald tomorrow will say: The deal whereby the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road was to be leased to the Great Northern had been called off because one or two large holders of St. Paul stock object to turning over to the Harriman-Hill combination the accumulated surplus of the road of from \$10,000,000 to \$17,000,000.

PROGRESS OF THE WIRE-LESS.

London, Feb 12.—Prof Jno A Fleming, returning at Liverpool yesterday, said he had Signor Marconi's permission to announce that on the first day of the reign of King Edward VII Marconi sent wireless messages between St. Catherine, Isle of Wight, and the Lizard, 200 miles. Perfect communication between the two points has since been established.

AN ARCHITECTURAL PUZZLE.

Monasteries Built in a Wildly Inaccessible Locality.

The famous monasteries of Meteora crown the summits of vast rock pinnacles rising from the plain of Thessaly. By what strange means the first cunning architects of these airy perches succeeded in reaching the scene of their labors is a matter wreathed in mystery. The cliffs are far too smooth and perpendicular for any man to climb by hand and foot, and history guards jealously the secret of the monasteries. All that is known about them is that the monks and wandering friars of the middle ages found sanctuary here when first the crescent and scimitar ran red with Christian blood. Visitors to the monks' abode announce their presence by shouting until some one far above looks out and lets the net, which is worked by a windlass, come down.

The sensation of the ascent is distinctly novel. Seated on the ground in the center of the net, the meshes are one by one looped on to a large iron hook. As the rope becomes taut the cords press uncomfortably hard upon various points of one's body, and with a strong wind blowing it swings to and fro and bumps its human load against the cliff. The rope, as it slowly winds on the drum up in the monastery, kinks occasionally, and the jerk gives one the impression that the rickety concern is giving way.

The journey, however, ends safely 170 feet above the ground, where the monks promptly extricate the visitor and give him a pleasant welcome.

The Caroline Islanders.

As a rule the Caroline islander is fairly honest. Once lay his suspicions to rest and win his confidence, and he will prove himself a faithful friend and an excellent host, courteous and just in all his dealings, as I have very good cause to know. On the other hand, when dealing with his enemies, he calls into play a talent for intrigue, lying and chicanery that would delight a Machiavelli.

In his private life he is unselfish, frugal and economical, a man of careful, small habits. Like all folk of Melanesian admixture, he is liable to fits of dangerous sullenness when he considers himself slighted in any way.

He is inclined to be revengeful and will bide his time patiently until his opportunity comes. Yet he is not implacable and counts reconciliation a noble and princely thing. There is a form of etiquette to be observed on these occasions—a present (katom) is made, an apology offered, a piece of sugar cane accepted by the aggrieved party, honor is satisfied, and the matter ends.

The Ponapean is a stout warrior, a hardy and skillful navigator, fisherman, carpenter and boatbuilder, somewhat of an astronomer and herbalist, but a very second class planter and gardener.—Geographical Review.

He Did.

"Whatever station in life you may be called to occupy, my boy," said the father, in sending his son out into the great world, "always do your best."

"I will," replied the young man, with emotion.

He never forgot his promise. Years afterward, when a prosperous man of business, he did his best friend out of a large sum of money.

In spite of everything it turns out that way once in awhile.—Chicago Tribune.

Her Grievance.

Distressed by her cook's frequent complaints of toothache, a mistress of the upper west side decided a few days ago that it was time to recommend heroic remedies.

"Hannah, there is no use putting it off any longer. There is Dr. Jones over there. He promises to extract teeth without pain. Why don't you see him and have it over with?"

Hannah scarcely relished the suggestion, but after another night's suffering sorrowfully announced, "Deed, I kin jess stand dis no longer," and asked permission to go to Dr. Jones. Her mistress rejoiced in the thought that the agony was at last to be ended. When an hour later, however, she beheld Hannah march down the arway steps, the whites of her eyes flashing and her head bobbing with a vehemence born of righteous fury, visions not only of lost molars, but of a departing cook came before her. She entered with the dignity of an insulted African queen.

"Anything wrong, Hannah? Didn't he get the right teeth?" ventured the mistress.

"Got de right teef all right and a dolah an a half besides. Yas'm, he did so."

"Well, did he hurt you?"

"No'm, can't say he did."

"Then what's the matter?"

"Well, Miss 'Liza, didn't you tell me dat man ober dere 'stracted teef wid-out payin'?"—New York Sun.

"Those Loving Girls."

"Oh, yes," said the brunette, "it was very sweet of Marie to give me that blue gauze scarf. She knows I look a fright in blue, but the scarf is lovely and just the thing she wants to wear over her yellow hair. I'm not going to leave it around where she can borrow it, though. I'll keep it safely until her birthday next month, when I will have it dyed scarlet for her!"—New York Mail and Express.

His Sight Not Offended.

Styles—I do hate to see a woman laughing on to a strap in a street car.

Barton—And so you always give a woman a seat when you have one to give?

Styles—No, I never go quite so far as that. I give my whole attention to my newspaper, you see. In that way my sight is not offended by the poor weary woman.—Boston Transcript.

Sundays and fixed holidays excepted, it is estimated that £20,000 worth of fish is daily fished out of the sea by British fishermen.

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