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ACTS AS DEPUTY KING

PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT PERFORMS FUNCTIONS.

As Only Male Adult of the Royal Family in England at Present, the Son of Canada's Governor-General is Acting as Monarch Just Now—Is Very Popular in Great Britain and Is Envoy Extraordinary.

How the functions of the King are being exercised in the United Kingdom during His Majesty's absence in India is as follows:

Provisions have been made by Order in Council for delegating the exercise of certain of the executive functions of the crown during the King's absence. The language of the order is necessarily wide, but as His Majesty during his absence is in daily telegraphic communication with his ministers, all matters of gravity and importance are in ordinary course submitted to him.

The persons named in the Commission are: H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Lord Chancellor, The Lord President of the Council (Lord Morley of Blackburn).

No legislation is needed for the purpose. The practice of appointing a Regent during the absence of a Sovereign abroad has been in abeyance since the reign of Henry III. The appointment of a Regent would involve the passing of a special act of Parliament, as a Regency Act applies only to the death of the Sovereign when the heir to the throne is under age.

That the precedent of 1921 is followed, that when His Majesty in Council declares his intention of going out of the kingdom he will nominate as his Commissioner for the exercise of certain executive functions the persons named by the Prime Minister.

The appointments specify the powers to be exercised, and are made under the Great Seal, so that the assent of Parliament is not necessary.

The power delegated to the Commissioners are not so wide as in former days, when facilities of communication were more limited. But they cover a multitude of duties such as issuing of warrants and letters patent, the making of appointments, and the granting of licenses and dispensations that require the King's authority.

With his father, the Duke of Connaught, now in Canada, Prince Arthur was the only adult male member of the royal family left in England when the King sailed for India. He will celebrate his twenty-ninth birthday on Jan. 13 next, before the King's return.

Prince Arthur is a favorite with the public. Crowds know well his open, handsome face, with its clear blue eyes, and his tall, straight figure—he is the tallest member of the royal family—and they keep a special cheer for him. He has always been popular at Eton, at Sandhurst, in the regiments to which he has been attached, and during his many royal missions abroad. He is a sportsman, interested in all athletics, a fine "shot," and an excellent horseman. He has proved his worth as a hunter of big game during visits to Canada, East Africa and Russia. In Canada he won golden opinions; the people there quickly found that he had "no side."

To be a watch and clock maker was his ambition when a child, but his desire in this direction was checked by his father, who made the boy go round with a man who wound the household clocks at Bagshot Park.

Prince Arthur found that the occupation lacked excitement, and his ambition turned elsewhere. At Eton he passed through Sandhurst, and was gazetted to a second lieutenantcy in the 7th (Queen's Own) Hussars in May, 1901, during the South African war.

When the regiment was ordered to the front Prince Arthur, as the youngest subaltern, was left, to his intense regret, at the cavalry depot. In 1903, when a full lieutenant, he went out to join his regiment in South Africa in charge of a draft of recruits. His service in the Transvaal was cut short by a severe attack of dysentery, which necessitated his being invalided home. To make himself a thorough efficient officer he has undergone instruction courses at the signalling and musketry schools. He has served with the Royal Horse Artillery and the Scots Greys.

As representative of the Sovereign, Prince Arthur has played many parts. During the illness of King Edward in 1902 he was deputed to show honor to the Shah, who stated that the kindness, tact, and courtesy of the prince would be one of his happiest recollections of Europe. Prince Arthur's first foreign mission was in December, 1904, when he represented the King in Rome at the baptism of the infant heir to the Italian throne. In quick succession he acted as the King's envoy at the funeral of the Dowager Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and at the opening of the new Protestant cathedral in Berlin. On that occasion the prince was invested by the Kaiser with the Order of the Black Eagle. He also went to Berlin as the royal envoy at the wedding of the crown prince.

One of his most interesting missions was to Japan in 1906, as the bearer of the Order of the Garter to the Emperor, who personally invested him with the Order of the Chrysanthemum, although never before had the Emperor invested a recipient. As a compliment to the prince six chojanzabashi of Kyoto performed the famous Cherry Dance out of its due season. Prince Arthur was amused when one said to him in quaint English, "You very nice."

Prince Arthur had a great success as a special pleader in the cause of science when, as chairman of the appeal committee, he raised \$125,000 to purchase the site for new chemical laboratories for University College, London.

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A large number of teachers and children were killed and maimed by the collapse of the school house in Seville, Spain, on Friday.

Judge E. H. Gary has resigned as chairman of the board of the American Steel Foundries.

MEMBERS AT PRAYERS.

It is a Means of Securing a Seat in British House of Commons.

Ever since Stuart days the Commons have had their own chaplains to open their daily proceedings with a simple and impressive service.

The prayers are read daily by the chaplain immediately after the Speaker enters the House; the Speaker himself giving the responses as he stands at the table. During the brief service the doors are closed, and no strangers or reporters are allowed to be present. Members of the Press Gallery are not allowed to take their seats during prayers.

It is a noticeable fact that, however crowded may be the House during this service, the Treasury and the front Opposition benches are always empty.

The House of Commons, unfortunately, only provides sitting accommodation for about half of its 670 members, and it is a rule of Parliament that a member who is present at prayers is entitled to retain the place he then occupies against all comers until the House rises. Thus, if a legislator is anxious to listen to or take part in an important debate, he can only make sure of a seat by claiming it at prayer-time.

To make quite sure of the seat he has thus secured he takes from a box on the table a small card bearing the words "At prayers"; he writes his name on it, and places it in a slot provided for the purpose at the back of his seat. This done, his seat, for the rest of the day, is as inviolable as the crown itself. He can leave the House when he pleases and for any length of time; others may occupy his seat during his absence; but the moment he returns the interloper must vacate it in his favor.

For Cabinet Ministers and ex-Ministers seats on the front benches are always reserved. There is no need to establish a right to them from day to day. And thus it is that these benches are deserted; and that many a man who attends church but seldom is to be seen in his place during prayers, as apparently devout as any of his more piously-minded fellows.

In addition, however, to the daily religious service in the House of Commons there is a morning prayer held weekly in one of the rooms of the House.

Drunkards' Patron Saint.

What has come to be known as St. Martin's Summer consists of a few lovely days about the second week of November. It has a great deal about St. Luke's Summer, the St. Martin's Summer and his name-day, November 11, suffer neglect—possibly because the saint was French, and not English.

Perhaps, too, the knowledge that he is the patron saint of drunkards has not added to his reputation. That office came to him by accident. The reason he had this doubtful honor thrust upon him after his death was rather curious. The Vinalia, or Feast of Bacchus, was always celebrated in the city of Amiens, and the Christians decided to meet Bacchus into St. Martin, the reputation of the former was unfortunately handed on to the saint, although quite unmerited by him.

Before his conversion he was a military tribune stationed at Amiens. When one day, so the story goes, a miserably beggar appealed to him for help, the soldier drew his sword, and dividing his cloak, gave half of it to the wretched beggar. At night, he said, Christ in person appeared to the astonished soldier, clad in the very cloak he had divided with the beggar a few hours before.

Another legend is that the saint, having been annoyed by the behavior of one of the geese in his poultry-yard, ordered it to be slain and served up for dinner. He died immediately after partaking of it, and the anniversary has ever since been observed in France by the eating of geese on that day, November 11.

Morris' Dream Poem.

Coleridge was not the only great poet who sometimes dreamed in consequence. I was talking, says a correspondent, to William Morris about Coleridge and his wonderful dream fragment. Morris was eloquent in its praise, and I inquired of him if he, too, ever wrote poems in his sleep. Morris sat down promptly in a seat, and we were walking in his big garden at the back of Kelscott House—and broke into one of his big laughs. "Oh, yes," he said. "One night I had been reading 'Kubla Khan' again and wishing that I could dream anything half as fine. And I did dream a poem that moved me to actual tears by its beauty." "And did you remember it when you woke up?" I asked. "Yes," said Morris grimly. "One line. And the line ran—"

The moonlight slept on a tangle sea. "And then I ceased to weep," he added, "and haven't wished to dream poems again."—London Standard.

Sir W. E. Smith's Career.

Sir William E. Smith, who succeeds Sir Philip Watts as British Director of Naval Construction, lived 18½ his youth among seamen. He joined the Portsmouth Dockyard when 11 years of age. His first work was as rope-house boy, when as such he came in contact with all the mysteries of the old sailing ship era. In 1866 he was appointed as a shipwright at Woolwich. In the following year he was transferred to the Portsmouth Dockyard. Having spent four years' apprenticeship, he joined the South Kensington School of Naval Architecture in 1870, and the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors in 1873.

Not Tied to Them.

The Archbishop of York was a great favorite with the royal family, and a princess upon one occasion told him she ought to marry, as a wife would be of more use to him than a dozen carates.

"But supposing we didn't agree?" she asked.

"Well, you don't always agree with your curates, do you?"

"No; but then I can always send them away! I can't do that with a wife."

ONE OF NATURE'S MARVELS.

New Zealand's Curious Sea Volcano and Its Sulphur Vapors.

Among the most curious phenomena of New Zealand is its sea volcano. This is a great mountain of black scoria 830 feet high, from the top of which, with much force, rise white clouds of vapor to a height of fully 2,000 feet. It is not easy traveling on the island, for in places the black pebbles of the beach are all astir with water boiling up through them, water so hot that a misstep might scald the foot seriously.

At this point the crater wall has been broken down almost to the sea level and one may look into the great hollow island. The crater is circular, a full mile in diameter and hemmed in by walls many hundred feet high and very precipitous. The crater floor is an uneven plain of volcanic ash and scoria, with many little fumaroles or blow holes, through which hot sulphur vapors come wheezing out, while every few minutes there is a smart trembling beneath the feet and a low, dull, rolling roar.

The vapor begins to thicken as the traveler proceeds, and the very soon finds the cause. He is stopped short by a great lake of steaming water, quite filling this end of the crater and being, as nearly as possible, from either side. The water is too hot comfortably to apply the hand to it and is insupportable either to touch or to taste because of a strong infusion of alum and sulphuric acid. On the farther border of the lake is a row of violent saliferas (chimneys). They have built for themselves little pillar-like comes from ten to thirty feet high and a yard or two in diameter at the base, and through these open chimneys they trumpet steam and roaring sulphuric gas with a violence frightful to contemplate, a demoniacal screeching and din afflicting the traveler's ears, even at a considerable distance.

The water of the lake is of a milky, opaque cast, not more than ten feet deep. Lines upon the shore show that it daily rises and falls slightly with the tide of the sea outside. In many spots the water boils furiously with much froth and foam, while still its heat is much below the boiling point of 212 Fahrenheit. These are dangerous places for boats; the abundant air in the water diminishes materially its buoyancy, and a boat sinks alarmingly low in crossing them.

One expedition landed across the lake at one of the saliferas nearest the beach and proceeded to demolish its two chimneys. It was a chimney about two feet in diameter, and a boat while within it was lined with crystals of sulphur of a beautiful straw yellow splashed with vermilion spots. Pushing in the top of this chimney, the fragments would first fall down its throat, and then come flying out into the sea with explosions that were startlingly like a prolonged stentorian cough.

Superstitions Up-to-Date.

All of us are superstitious, more or less, but it is doubtful if there are many who would regard a piece of a suicide's rope as a luck-bringer. Yet it was only the other day, at an inquest, that a man asked to be allowed to keep a portion of the rope with which a fellow-worker had hanged himself. "For good luck." It reminds one of the curious belief which exists among many people that to wear any article of clothing, or to carry a piece of an article of wearing apparel, which belonged to a dead relative is sure to bring good luck.

In the west of England the superstition that green clothes bring trouble is still believed in, and one often hears the saying quoted, "Wear green, wear black."

And how many people there are who still consider that to walk under a ladder brings bad luck; that seven years' misfortune will follow the breaking of a mirror; and that disaster is sure to follow the spilling of salt, unless three pinches are immediately cast over the left shoulder.

In the east end of London particularly it is a popular belief that misfortune is bound to befall a baby who gazes into a mirror before it is twelve months old, while it is very few people, however much they may laugh at superstitious beliefs, who will sit down at a table where there are thirteen guests.

To the Manner Born.

Max Muller, the famous Sanskrit scholar, was fond of recalling that he had once seen Queen Victoria and the Empress Eugenie enter a Paris theatre together. The audience cheered itself hoarse, but what interested Prof. Muller was the contrast in the conduct of the two royalties.

Both bowed in answer to the applause, and then sat down, but whereas Eugenie glanced behind her, much as you or I would do, to make sure of the chair being there to receive her, Victoria kept her eyes to the front and took the chair for granted.

That was the difference between being born into the purple and marrying into it.

Dickens at the Sea Shore.

For fourteen years Dickens made Broadstairs his principal summer home in England. London alone held a superior place in his affections. He felt his powers at their apex when he was at the little channel coast town. Dickens has given us the best picture of himself at his summer routine at Broadstairs: "In a bay window in a one pair sit from 9 o'clock to 1 a gentleman with rather long hair and no neckcloth, who writes and grins as if he thought he were very funny indeed. At 1 he disappears, presently emerges from a bathing machine and may be seen, a kind of salmon colored porpoise, splashing about in the ocean."

If He Was Careful.

A quaint paragraph appeared in the will of Mrs. Julie Hall of Brighton, England. At the reading of the will the other day it was found that she had bequeathed \$500 to her coachman, provided he is in her service at her death and "if I do not die through or from the effects of a carriage accident when he is the driver."

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