

A Page of News from Overseas

PRINCE OF WALES PROVIDES PRESS WITH DAILY "STORY"

No Other Man in World so Constantly in News—Good Story Teller

"The white light that beats upon a throne" throws a good deal of its force in these days upon the heir to the throne in Britain, and there is little that Prince Charming can say or do but what is recorded in the daily press. How tremendous the strain must be upon him, and how naturally honest, kindly and unaffected must his nature be is indicated in the following excerpts all taken from paper publishing within two or three days' time. Can anyone envy him his high position? Few would agree to change a comfortable obscurity for a place in the white light.

"I expect the only reason why there were no doctors in the Garden of Eden was that Eve obviously knew the familiar prescription, 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away.'"

With this apt reference to the antiquity of medical science the Prince of Wales began his response to the toast of his health at the annual banquet recently of the Medical Society.

"The Press and journalists have always been very good friends to me," declared the Prince of Wales in the course of a characteristically happy speech when presiding at the Diamond Jubilee Dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund. "Modern science, working hand in hand with modern journalism, has, in truth, put a girder round the earth. We get to know immediately everything that has taken place, and I believe it has happened—in very remote times, of course—that we have been fully informed about things which never occurred at all. The best example of—shall I call it 'intelligent anticipation'—that I have experienced, was on an occasion when I was travelling in one of our Dominions and an aeroplane was specially sent out to meet me on my way and bombard the station with very heavy bundles of the local newspaper giving the fullest account of my visit to, my demeanor in, and my departure from a certain town three-quarters of an hour before I arrived there."

Is Romance Budding
Clubland has lately occupied itself, quite needlessly, with anxiety about the Prince of Wales' health. As a matter of fact (H.R.H. has, to use his own words on a recent social occasion, never felt fitter in his life. It is also permissible to contradict other prevalent rumors. The Prince has no intention of remaining a bachelor, but it is not likely that any announcement will be made for some time; certainly not till after his South African trip.

Gospel of Energy
The Prince's energy is remarkable. For instance, after he has driven through London in connection with Lifeboat Day he attended a concert at the Queen's Hall in the evening, and then danced until the small hours with the Duchess of Sutherland's party at the Hyde Park Hotel. It has been quite a common thing for him during the winter season to go through the programme at a ball and to leave St. James' Palace before 3 a.m. for Easton Grey or some other accessible hunting centre.

Great Smoker
The Prince is a great smoker. He was the first to light up after the toast of "The King" at a recent banquet, and from that moment went on cigarette throughout the evening. His cigarettes he carries in a heavy silver case, which would hold, I should think, at least twenty.

Evening Clothes
The fashion in evening clothes for men, usually as rigid, seem to differ in details with individual taste. The Prince of Wales wears a very narrow "V" shaped white waistcoat, with one small pearl stud in his shirt-front. His uncle, the Earl of Athlone, adopts a similar style. Lord Willoughby de Broke wears two studs in his shirt-front, but Mr. Winston Churchill has three, with a collar and tie which belong to a past sartorial age.

The Prince at Polo
The Prince of Wales had some quiet polo practice in Richmond

NELSON AT WHITE LODGE

White Lodge, Richmond Park, the Duke and Duchess of York's new home, was built by George I. It is approached by a magnificent avenue, the Queen's Walk, where Queen Caroline delighted to promenade. It is, too, the birthplace of the Prince of Wales. On it there is a little table. On it, while sipping wine with Lord Sidmouth, Nelson sketched with a forefinger the plan of attack which resulted in the victory of Trafalgar.

Park, and for half an hour knocked the ball about with a companion. The bleakness of the weather had kept most people away from the park, and only two, perhaps, saw a car drive up and two men in riding-breeches alight and go over to where half a dozen ponies were waiting.

One of the two was the Prince, who discarded a trench-coat with yellow lining to disclose a sweater, yellow breeches and brown top-boots. Instead of the regulation polo cap he was wearing a check cap.

A half-storm finally drove him back to his car.

Bans Top Hats
Top hats have been barred by the Prince of Wales. This announcement was made recently by Captain Storr, secretary of the Bath and West Show, which the Prince will visit.

Build Garden City On Famous Estate

The Virginia Water district of Surrey is to have a garden city, on the large Wentworth estate, which lies between the station and the lake in Windsor Great Park, one of the largest artificial sheets of water in England. The neighborhood is very picturesque, one of bracken and pine woods, and the air is fresh and pine-scented. The estate comprises several hundred acres, and already the roads are being laid out.

Wentworth's Owners
The mansion, which is to be used as a school when the garden city is built, was the home of the Countess and Countess de Mollena. The Countess was a Welshwoman, but the Count was the notorious Carlist general, Ramon Cabrera, whose ferocity and atrocities during the Carlist troubles in Spain horrified the whole civilized world. Finally seeking refuge in England, he married and settled down at Wentworth, where he died in 1877, highly respected by those who forgot what his career had been.

FAMOUS AIRMAN RETIRES

Until recently in command of the R.A.F. in the Mediterranean, Air-Commodore C. P. Samson, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., has been placed on half-pay. Air-Commodore Samson was the first man to make an aeroplane ascent from the deck of a moving battleship. During the war he served in Belgium, France, the Dardanelles, Egypt and the Red Sea, and commanded a brigade of French Territorials at the battle of Orchies.

RETURNS TO CANADA

Lord and Lady Minto, who have been making a long stay at Minto House, Roxburghshire, are off to Canada to see Lady Minto's people at Montreal, and thence on to their ranch in Alberta. The call of Western Canada has strongly appealed to Lord and Lady Minto, and they delight in ranch life.

There is a strong feeling among Parliamentarians and social workers that Mr. T. P. O'Connor's great services should be recognized by making him a member of the Privy Council. He is the Father of the House of Commons, having been in Parliament for no less than 33 years.

The Labor Party has challenged the Government to a cricket match. The challenge has been accepted, and the match will probably take place at Lord's.



"And it is, it is a glorious thing to bow and scrape to a Pirate King!"
—From the Weekly Despatch.

English Girl Was Sent To Eurasians

Seven-year-old Child Sent Back From Madras by Authorities

Doreen Hawkes, the seven-year-old English girl who was sent to Madras in February to be adopted by a family who turned out to be Eurasians, has been brought back to England. She reached Plymouth recently on the British India liner Euralia, in charge of Mr. Patrick Hannington, Commissioner of Police at Madras.

The child, a shy little maid with bobbed hair and pretty face, was on her way out to India last February when it became known among the passengers that her prospective foster-parents were Eurasians. Great indignation was expressed, and on reaching Madras the Captain communicated with Mr. Hannington, who had the girl taken from the Eurasians' house.

While under their charge Doreen developed malaria from a mosquito bite and was sent to hospital. She was well treated by the Eurasians, who are stated by Mr. Hannington to be a very respectable couple.

The child's mother and grandmother will meet her when the liner reaches Tilbury. Arrangements are being made at the little house in Queen's road, Northlake, which is her home, to give Doreen a real welcome party.

She was an inmate of the Princess Louise Home, Kingston Hill, at the time she was sent to India, but new arrangements are now being made for her future.

Takes Own Life At Age of Ninety-two

An old age pensioner, George Baker, who had reached his ninety-second year, has hanged himself at Lockington, East Riding. Baker ate a hearty tea, and was afterwards found hanging by a strap in his bedroom. He was on his bed knees when his daughter made the discovery.

BLACK-AND-WHITE MINISTRY

One of Lord Rosebery's favorite preachers arrived recently in England in the person of Professor Hugh Black, who shared with the late Rev. Dr. Alexander Whyte the pastorate of Free St. George's, Edinburgh, for several years. This "Black-and-Whyte" ministry resulted in queues of people outside the church every Sunday. Professor Black's brother, James, is now the minister.

SAILORS PAID IN GOLD

Questioned as to the possibility of gold coins being reintroduced, an official of the Royal Mint stated that it would be many years before any sovereigns could be minted and issued for currency. Shipping companies, he added, pay their seamen in gold, as Treasury notes, when carried by a stoker or deck-hand, become saturated and go to pulp.

ATTACKED BY OWL

While a woman was hanging out clothes at Ampthill, Bedfordshire, a large brown owl flew from a neighboring tree and savagely attacked her. The bird flew at the woman's head, pulling out several strands of hair, and so injuring one eye that an operation was necessitated.

Mr. Bridgeman, the Home Secretary, is doing a useful piece of work. Notwithstanding the numerous demands upon his time he is paying a series of visits to the chief prisons throughout the country in order to ascertain for himself what the conditions are. These have changed very much during the past few years.

"Victory" Is Symbol Of World's Freedom

U.S. Citizen Pays Unique Tribute to Anglo-Saxon People

A remarkable tribute to Britain is contained in a letter which Mr. John R. Rathom, of Providence, Rhode Island, has sent to the Mayor of London with a contribution of £10 for the fund to save Nelson's flagship, the Victory. Mr. Rathom writes:

"The old ship stands as a symbol of the spirit of civilization, of the burdens undertaken for the destruction of tyranny, and the freedom of mankind."

"To help save the Victory is not alone to perpetuate the deeds and fame of Nelson. But it is an act of homage by Anglo-Saxon people to the memory of the men who, long generations before Nelson, killed the menace of the Armada, who opened up new worlds, whose successors broke the fetters forged by Napoleon on the wrists of humanity and who, beyond all, in our terrible North-Sea vigils of America's recent day saved us all from slavery worse than death."

"Here and here did England help me." It is well for the British public to look for a moment away from the mists and gloom of international complications and to realize that millions of Americans fully understand the extent of that obligation.

KING'S VISITING CARDS

In connection with the royal visit to Rome, it is interesting to know that the King, like his subjects, has his visiting cards. It is etiquette when he is abroad for him to leave his card on minor members of the Royal Family with whom he is staying, and also at the Embassies. King Edward had inscribed on his visiting card all his principal titles, such as King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, etc. But King George prefers something shorter, and on his card are, I believe, merely the words, "King George the Fifth."

WORDSWORTH'S DAUGHTER

The world was astonished to learn, a little while ago, that Wordsworth had a French daughter. Another literary discovery, just made, and equally surprising, is that Chateaubriand had an English son. The fact has been brought to light by the turning up of an old memorandum, from which it appears that the illustrious author was paying for the boy's education at Amiens. It is now up to the biographers to find out what became of him.

ORPEN IS ILL

Sir William Orpen, whose "British Warrior" canvas at the Royal Academy is, by common consent, the picture of the year, is at present confined to his bed in his house at Chelsea, suffering from a form of blood-poisoning. Sir William originally contracted the blood-poisoning while he was serving in France, and attacks recur at intervals, when he has to remain indoors and rest. He is stated to be making excellent progress.

LIGHTNING STRUCK TWICE

During a thunderstorm the spire of St. Andrew's Church, Worcester, was struck. It is one of the most beautiful structures of the Midlands, rising to a height of 245 ft. Near the summit a piece of masonry was dislodged, and a long crack appeared. The seriousness of the damage is not yet ascertained. The spire was built in 1773 to replace one destroyed by lightning.

Mr. Winston Churchill hopes to publish the second volume of his war reminiscences within the next three months.

Ancient Abbeys and Castles Crumbling

Scientists Seeking Means of Arresting Hand of Time—Even London Tower Affected

Many famous castles and abbeys around which cluster historical associations, are crumbling away, and the Government has appointed a committee of scientific experts to discover means of arresting their decay. Even the Tower of London, which was thought immune from the ravages of time, is decaying, while Edinburgh Castle is also causing anxiety. Mr. A. W. Heasman, a member of the committee, gave the following list of ancient buildings affected:

Tintern Abbey, Monmouth; Rievaulx Abbey, Yorks; Netley Abbey, Hants; Roch Abbey, Yorks; Whitby Abbey, Yorks; Dryburgh Abbey, Berwick; Furness Abbey, Lancs; Melrose Abbey, Roxburgh; Stirling Castle; Carnarvon Castle; Norham Castle, Northumberland; Denbigh Castle; Harlech Castle, Merioneth; Goodrich Castle, Hereford; Carisbrooke Castle, Isle of Wight; Chester Castle; Dover Castle; Monmouth Castle; Scarborough Castle.

"Every one of these ancient places is attacked by decay," explained Mr. Heasman, "and even then they do not exhaust the list, but are only a few and the best known. The task to which we have to direct our attention, in addition to the preservation of the fabric, is the safeguarding of the stone carvings and other old work to be found in all these places."

British Air Force Must Be Increased

The Cabinet has come to the conclusion that a considerable increase in the Air Force will be necessary.

So stated Lord Salisbury in the House of Lords, adding that when the Committee which is considering the position of air strength had concluded they would ask Parliament to support them in making good any deficiencies.

Lord Birkenhead, who raised the question, asserted that our Air Force, which was then unsurpassed by any similar force, disappeared after the Armistice. So alarming was the disproportion between the air forces of this country and France that no government could avoid considering it. He urged that a one-Power standard was essential.

JOINS EXCLUSIVE CLUB

By becoming a member of the Jockey Club, Prince Henry has joined what is probably the most exclusive club in the world. It was in 1750 that the club first took authoritative action in racing matters, but it was not until 1821 that the club exercised the power of "warning off." Nobody elects the Jockey Club, and all its power and influence has been arrogated to itself by itself.

A memorial to the late Lord Northcliffe has been placed in the grounds of the "Natsopa" Home, Walsborough, Leicestershire, by members of the National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants. The memorial is a bronze plate with a medallion portrait affixed to a granite cairn.

EARL'S DAUGHTER MARRIES SON OF POOR WORKING-MAN

THEY KNEW THERE WAS A CATCH IN IT

At the conclusion of a dinner given by him at Doorn, the ex-Kaiser made a speech and presented each of his guests with a signed portrait of himself. We hear that more than one guest was heard to observe that he thought there would be a catch in it somewhere.—The Passing Show.

Lady Mountbatten Appears In Court

Contested Case to Save Chauffeur Who Was Accused of Carelessness

Lady Louis Mountbatten was a witness in Westminster County Court recently.

Miss Ada Kerlake, a young dressmaker, sought damages against Lord Louis Mountbatten for injuries caused through the alleged negligence of his chauffeur. She was struck by the rear mud-guard of his car.

"I was sitting beside the chauffeur," said Lady Mountbatten. "Near the Stock Tower, Westminster, I saw Miss Kerlake running towards a refuge. I thought she could have passed the car without any accident."

The Judge found there had been no negligence, and it was then announced that, as Lord Louis had only contested the case to clear the chauffeur, he would pay Miss Kerlake £25.

THE ROYAL PAVILION

When the King and Queen returned from Rome they went to Aldershot to spend a week at the Royal Pavilion. This is the most modern royal residence in the country, and is built of brightly-painted wood. It has stood in deep shrubbery, entirely hidden from sight, though not far from the officers' club and Government House, since the early days of Queen Victoria, and is still referred to sometimes as the Queen's Pavilion.

THEY SMOKED MATCHES

Marshall Foch and the late Sir William Robertson Nicoll ran each other close in the use of matches. On the average they relit their pipes every five minutes, so that the whole place was strewn with dead matches. Offers of assistance to make the pipes draw were always indignantly refused. The owners knew quite well that they, and not the pipes, were responsible.

TWO MORE MEMOIRS

Two more important volumes of reminiscences are about to be published. Mr. George Barnes, M.P., and Sir Griffith Boscawen are going to tell the stories of their lives with graphic details. Mr. Barnes has had an amazing career. Starting as a workman, he became a Cabinet Minister during one of the most critical periods of English history. Sir Griffith Boscawen's book is full of amusing stories, which will increase its popularity.

£150,000 TO SAVE THE VICTORY

Presiding at a Mansion House meeting recently in support of the Save-the-Victory Fund, the Lord Mayor said to restore Nelson's flagship would cost £150,000.

Goos to Fitman's Home for Three Weeks Before Wedding—Makes Own Wedding Dress

The romance of an earl's daughter and a pitman's son culminated in wedding bells recently, when Lady Pleasantess Elizabeth Rous, daughter of the Earl of Stradbroke, married Owen McKenna, a wireless operator.

The wedding took place at the oil and iron-mining village of Shotts, Lanarkshire, and the reception was held in the humble three-roomed dwelling of the bridegroom's parents.

The marriage was solemnized in St. Patrick's Chapel on Saturday morning by Father McAllister, the bride having been received into the Catholic Church a fortnight ago.

McKenna is twenty-four, the same age as his bride, and has been at sea since 1917.

Of late he has served on a P. and O. boat in the Far East, and it was while on this boat he met Lady Pleasantess, although at the time McKenna was unaware of her identity.

At this time she was on a voyage from Victoria, of which her father is Governor, to visit relatives in Burma.

McKenna came much in contact with the passengers, and fast friendship sprang up between the young couple.

"Very Clever Dressmaker"

Before the ship had reached Burma the young officer had proposed and been accepted, but still was unaware that his fiancée was of noble birth.

It is stated that Lady Pleasantess's friends in Burma offered opposition to the marriage, with the result that she sailed for England, followed shortly after by her lover.

She came to Shotts, and while passing the statutory period of residence stayed at a house next door to that of McKenna's parents.

The bridesmaid at the wedding was Helen, a pretty sixteen-year-old sister of the bridegroom, and Mr. Stomas Warner, of Shotts, acted as best man. Owen McKenna is the oldest son of Patrick McKenna, a colliery wagoner, who described his daughter-in-law as a "nice-looking, artistic, romantic girl and a very clever dressmaker."

The bride made her own wedding dress, which was composed of pink crepe de Chine.

None of her family attended the wedding, but on Friday, which was her twenty-fourth birthday, she received a birthday gift from her mother.

Lady Pleasantess is the eldest daughter of a large family.

Earl Stradbroke owns 10,000 acres in Suffolk, where he is very popular. In 1920 he was appointed Governor of Victoria, where his family accompanied him. He is one of the few men who can claim to be at once an Earl, a Colonel, and a Lieutenant. During the war he commanded a brigade of the B.P.F. He is one of the few survivors of the ill-fated Arabic, which was sunk in the Mediterranean in 1916.

Memorial Altar for Yorkshire Soldiers

Princess Mary, accompanied by Major Viscount Lascelles, attended the unveiling of the regimental memorial to eight thousand of all ranks of the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment which has been placed in York Minster.

The memorial takes the form of a magnificent altar in blue and gold.

There was a large attendance of past and present officers, together with about four hundred soldiers. The Archbishop of York dedicated the memorial and paid a tribute to the splendid character of West Riding men who won imperishable renown. The Chaplain-General and Bishop Protheroe also took part in the service. The memorial is unveiled by the Duke of Wellington, whose grandfather, the Iron Duke, served in what is now the first battalion and commanded the second battalion, and after whom the regiment is named, being the only English regiment to bear the name of a non-Royal person.

THE TORONTO EXHIBITION

The British section, which the Federation of British Industries is organizing for the Canadian National Exhibition, is now complete, and the list of firms is an imposing one. For the first time British goods will be put forward with the weight of combined action and publicity behind them, and British quality and excellence in a general sense will receive an impetus in Canada.

LADY ASTOR AS HOSTESS

Lady Astor had invited all shades of political opinion to her reception, at which the Prince of Wales was present, and as usual things were very cheery. She is a most unconventional hostess, and is fond of standing in the middle of one of her drawing-rooms haranguing the group that naturally is immediately formed round her. Lady Astor is very amusing, and can tell a good story with point, so that roars of laughter are frequent.



Station-Master: "Here, what are you doing?"
Jarge: "They told Oi to change 'ee."
—From the Humerist.



"What d'ye mean by coming to school with your hair in that disgraceful state?"
"No comb, teacher!"
"Can't you borrow your father's?"
"No 'air, teacher."
—From the Passing Show.