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CORONATION NOW NEAR

FIRST OF ROYAL ENTERTAINMENTS TO BE GIVEN NEXT FRIDAY IN HONOR OF KING GEORGE

ENGLAND GETTING READY

London, May 8.—King George today attended the races at New Market, ending the year's mourning.

This event marks the opening of the coronation festivities.

London, May 8.—With but five days intervening between an expectant British public and the first of a long line of royal entertainments and celebrations, beginning with the Festival of Empire on May 12th, including the Coronation on the 22nd of June, and closing with King George's presence at the laying of the corner stone of the Welsh National Library at Aberystwyth, July 15th, all England is busy donning the gala attire with which it will greet the hundreds of thousands of spectators, among whom will be numbered the crowned heads of Europe, their retinues, and delegations from every nation of the world, besides throngs of wealthy sight-seers, who are even now flocking into London by every boat and train.

Judging by the elaborate preparations and the earnest assurances of those in charge of the festivities, the coming pageants will eclipse anything attempted in modern times and vie with the festivals of the ancients in splendor, cost and attendance. For months and months thousands of British subjects have been at work preparing for the great events at an expenditure of many millions of dollars. London is to be decorated as it never was before. There are to be parades, receptions at the royal court, horse shows, friendly contests between the military of visiting nations, entertainments by the elite of England, and decorations that will astound the visitors by the lavish magnificence.

Despite the fact that the Coronation is to be the piece de resistance in this long list of events—there are very, very few who will witness the actual ceremony. This no doubt will prove a keen disappointment to many who have been led to understand that the actual ceremony of crowning the King and Queen will be open to all who have the price. Such is not the case—the coronation proper will take place within the sacred precincts of Westminster Abbey, with only members of the royal family of England and invited guests from among the crowned heads of Europe as spectators. A seat within the great cathedral cannot be bought for love or money.

The plebeian visitor need not be disappointed, however, for he will have many opportunities to gratify his curiosity relative to this country new sovereigns. Five times during May and June their Majesties will drive through the streets of London that all who have money for the price of seats of vantage may see the eminent personages.

THE WEATHER

Fair Tonight and Tuesday—Warmer To-Morrow.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Tuesday; rising temperature Tuesday. Moderate west and northwest winds.

Weather Over Cotton Belt. Some local rains have fallen in the Wilmington, Savannah and Atlanta districts. Moderate temperatures.

BASE BALL

Raleigh High School defeated the Wilson High School five to one in a very pretty game. Farmer, for Wilson, was not effective Saturday, being batted freely while C. Williamson, for Raleigh, was in the box with the goods.

Raleigh scored in the third. Norris was hit by a pitched ball, Hill sacrificed, and Norris scored on R. Williamson's single. Hunter followed with a hit, and then Busbee scored both with a two-bagger to left.

Raleigh scored again in the seventh on hits by C. Williamson, Denton and Norris, and also in the eighth on a hit by Busbee, a steal and a two-base hit by C. Williamson. Wilson scored in the ninth.

Score by innings: R. Raleigh 003 000 110—5 Wilson 000 000 001—1

Summary—Two-base hits, Busbee, C. Williamson, Belk. Sacrifice hit, Hill. Stolen bases, Hunter and Busbee. Sacrifice fly, Belvin. Bases on balls, off C. Williamson 1, off W. Farmer 0. Hit by pitched ball, Champion and Norris by W. Farmer. Left on bases, Raleigh 3, Wilson 3.

This is the third game played between these two schools. Wilson won the two previous ones.

METHODISTS WILL MEET.

Three Branches of Church Will Be Represented At Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 8.—Beginning today and continuing to May 12, the joint commission representing three branches of Methodism will meet here to consider important questions.

Under different names there are nineteen separate denominations of Methodists in America, and the total membership is nearly seven million. The twenty-seven commissioners who will meet here this week represent about 6,000,000 Methodists. They were appointed by the Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the M. E. Church, to consider the question of unification through reorganization. Nine commissions have been appointed by each of these three churches.

Faison's Maiden Speech.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Representative Faison, of the Third District, made his maiden speech in the House Saturday in advocacy of the farmers' free list bill. He showed the great benefits that will accrue to the farmers of the nation if this measure that takes from the dutiable list the articles that he uses becomes a law. Dr. Faison made a strong speech, and his telling points were frequently applauded.

There was much interest in the initial appearance of the new North Carolina member in action on the floor. It is no exaggeration to say that Dr. Faison measured to every expectation of his friends. He spoke without notes and with as much ease and composure as one of the old veterans in debate in the House. The new North Carolina Congressman has an excellent voice, and is one of the few members who can be heard distinctly in all parts of the hall of the House, which is noted for its bad properties of acoustics.

Patents Granted Tar Heels.

Washington, May 8.—Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant last week to citizens of North Carolina of the following patents:

W. C. Briggs, Winston-Salem, envelope-machine; E. Goczenbach, Greensboro, engineer's valve; W. T. Jullidge, Monroe, mail-bag catcher and deliverer; B. W. Kincaid, Wilson separator; P. Price, Price, rail-joint supporter; W. E. Wine, Wilmington locomotive ash pan.

TO BATTLE TO DEATH

THE DIE IS CAST SAYS MEXICAN OFFICIALS. GEN. COSIO TO CONDUCT WAR

PRES. DIAZ WILL FIGHT

Mexico City, May 8.—The die is cast. It will be now a battle to the death and when the conflict is over Diaz will still be President and more firmly entrenched than ever.

The revolutionary situation was thus summarized today by high officials of Mexico. Diaz and his cabinet are in complete unity. General Cosio will conduct the war.

A defense of the capital will be made first and then a systematic campaign. The White Cross has organized a field service.

Madero's Troops Almost In Mutiny. El Paso, May 8.—Mutiny is threatened among Madero's troops because of his decision not to attack Juarez. A resumption of peace negotiations is extremely doubtful.

Fleet Watkins Sentenced

Asheville, N. C., May 8.—Fleet Watkins, charged with the murder of John Hill Bunting, of Wilmington at the Gladstone Hotel, Black Mountain, on the night of August 6, 1909, and convicted last week of manslaughter, was Saturday afternoon sentenced by Judge Webb to 18 months in the State Prison. The defendant gave notice of appeal and bond was fixed.

Practically the entire morning Saturday was taken up with argument by counsel on the motion of counsel for the defendant to set aside the verdict on the ground that one juror, J. W. L. Arthur, went into the juror box prejudiced against the defendant and that, when challenged by the counsel for the defendant as to whether or not he had formed and expressed the opinion that the defendant was guilty of the crime, he retained his seat.

Judge Webb then stated that he felt constrained to deny the motion for a new trial.

Judge Webb then imposed a sentence on Mr. Watkins of 2 years in the State Prison. A few minutes later, however, the sentence was reduced to 18 months. Judge Webb intimated to the defendant that he would cut the punishment to 1 year, if the defendant would accept the sentence. The defendant, however, was not inclined that way, feeling that if he was guilty he would serve whatever time the court was inclined to impose.

Discriminatory Fee.

Raleigh, N. C., May 8.—In the case pending some time before the Corporation Commission involving the right of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company to charge a wharfage fee at Washington and New Bern for freight taken by steamboat companies at Norfolk and delivered at these Carolina points for shipment inland, notable to Greenville and Kinston the Commission finds that the wharfage is discriminatory as compared with Elizabeth City, Belhaven and Morehead City where no wharfage is charged. If levied at one point the Commission holds the fee should be levied at all other wharves of the company where like conditions exist; the petition was principally by the Wake Drummon Transportation Company.

Middlesex, N. C., May 8.—Middlesex continues to grow. Brick stores have replaced those burned last winter and the Middlesex Supply Company has just let a contract for a new \$8,000 brick store room. Other buildings are going up.

HOT OFF OF THE WIRES

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY IS FIRE-SWEPT.—MEMORIAL FOR MRS. EDDY.—DIAZ SHIPS GOLD.

OTHER NEWS OF TODAY

Fight On To Restore Racing. Albany, N. Y., May 8.—The fight to restore racing in New York opens this week and promises to be a warm one, as the sentiment among the horsemen is united to have this sport restored. Public opinion is divided.

Dynamite Plot in Paris. Paris, May 8.—A dynamite plot was discovered here today to kill scores of government officials. Several arrests were made.

Creighton University Fire-Swept. Omaha, Neb., May 8.—Fire today swept Creighton University located here. The loss is \$100,000. Lighting caused the blaze.

Russia and Japan Agree. St. Petersburg, May 8.—Russia and Japan have agreed on their attitude regarding China's activity in Manchuria.

Plan Memorial For Mrs. Eddy. Boston, May 8.—The Christian Scientists today planned to raise a huge fund for a memorial to Mrs. Eddy, which will probably be erected in this city.

Militia To Hunt Down Murderers. Charleston, W. Va., May 8.—Aroused by ten killings in the coal fields, Governor Glasscock has authorized the organization of two additional companies of militia which will hunt down the assassins.

Diaz Has The Mazuma. New York, May 8.—The U. S. assay office has received \$10,000,000 in Mexican gold coin received by the International Banking Company for melting into bullion gold. It is reported that the gold was shipped by President Diaz, of Mexico.

Excavators Bribed Guardian of the Mosque of Omar.

London, May 8.—A letter received from Jerusalem states that the Moslem Sheikh, the guardian of the mosque of Omar, was given \$25,000 to permit the explorers of the Anglo-American syndicate to excavate beneath the sacred rock upon which the mosque stands. The Turkish governor, the writer says, received a far greater sum. The Moslems were so incensed that they threatened to lynch Sheikh.

The excavators are supposed to have obtained sacred relics hidden by the Jews before Jerusalem was sacked by the Romans.

Dies In Quest Of His Hat.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 8.—An effort to recover his hat, which had been carried away by a gust of wind, cost John French his life. The hat was carried beneath a high pile of lumber. To reach it, he had to move slightly a plank at the bottom of the pile, causing several thousand feet of lumber to topple over upon him.

Killed Over Bowl of Soup.

Columbia, S. C., May 8.—Walter Sandifer, aged 22 years, was shot and instantly killed and Mrs. Cora Berger dangerously wounded in the latter's restaurant here Saturday afternoon by Ernest Grimsley, a convict guard, following a dispute over a bowl of soup. Sandifer was the son of Mrs. Persinger.

U. S. NOT TO INTERVENE

NO TRUTH IN STORIES THAT GEN. WOOD PREDICTED INTERVENTION—REMOTE POSSIBILITY OF AMERICA SENDING ARMY IN MEXICO.

Washington, May 8.—Stories printed to the effect that General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, at an informal gathering of members of the House Committee on Military Affairs on Thursday, expressed the opinion that intervention in Mexico was inevitable and that it would take 200,000 American troops to patrol the troubled republic, brought no little chagrin to administration circles.

Official denials were put out from a number of sources and care was taken to express anew the administration's position that intervention is a most remote possibility. One of the President's callers went so far as to quote the President as saying that "blood would have to be so deep in Mexico that a man could wade through it," before the American army would cross the border.

General Wood himself and Secretary of War Dickinson were particularly bitter in denouncing the circulation of stories of intervention at this time, declaring that they considered them calculated to work infinite mischief, to endanger the lives of Americans in Mexico by inflaming the natives to murderous assaults and even to plunge the two countries into war. "It is like poisoning a well," said General Wood. Secretary Dickinson was even more emphatic, through all of the conflicting reports as to the American attitude there stood out the fact that intervention in Mexico can come only through the act of Congress.

President Taft, conscious of the constitutional restrictions as to invading a foreign country and thereby committing an act of war, has time and again made the declaration that he would lay the whole matter before Congress if the time should ever come for intervention by this country and that the possibility for action would be placed squarely up to the Congress.

Congress leaders, it can be stated, are of the same opinion as the President as to intervention and matters in Mexico would have to reach an extremely desperate stage before American troops were ordered across the line. The fight is Mexico's and the United States proposes to keep hands off unless unwarranted outrages should be perpetrated against American and other foreign interests.

Dr. Pickens Acquitted.

Asheville, N. C., May 8.—The jury in the case of Dr. Clarence Pickens, a prominent young dentist of Weaverville, charged with the murder several months ago of Jerome and Furman Capps, Saturday afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty. It was in evidence that the Capps boys waylaid and attacked Pickens; that they had him down and that he shot Jerome first and then killed Furman.

Commemorate Anniversary of Perry's Victory.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—President Taft has appointed Rear Admiral Charles E. Clark, representing the navy; Nelson A. Miles, representing the army, and former Speaker I. Warren Keifer members of a commission to commemorate the victory of Commodore Perry on Lake Erie in the War of 1812.

Congress has appropriated a large sum for a memorial in Put-in-Bay. Mr. W. S. Whitson left for Orlando this morning.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Charleston, W. Va., May 8.—William Cook, aged 38, a miner living at Burnwell, committed suicide Saturday by throwing himself in front of a switch engine. His head was cut off. Domestic trouble and no employment are said to have furnished the motive for his act.

Annapolis, Md., May 8.—The closing exercises of the first class appointed to the school of marine engineering, established in 1909, will be held at the Naval Academy on May 11.

Winston-Salem, N. C., May 8.—District Attorney Holton has instituted a friendly suit against J. G. Grant and the North Carolina Railroad Company to remove a flaw in the title to a lot in Burlington, on which the government desires to erect a post-office building. The agreed purchase price is \$8,500.

Fairmont, W. Va., May 8.—George Dehaut, a blower at the Fairmont window glass plant, met a fearful death Saturday when he fell into a pit of molten glass. In his fall he came in contact with a lot of broken glass that split his skull, tore out an eye, cut off an ear, and almost severed one arm.

Sharpsburg, Md., May 8.—John DeLauney, son of a local hotel man, was badly burned Saturday when the bed in which he was sleeping took fire from an overheated stove. The lad's father heard his screams and arrived in time to save the boy's life.

Raleigh, N. C., May 8.—The North Carolina Farmers' Union has purchased outright the stock of The Carolina Union Farmer and hereafter that interesting organ will be under control of the State organization instead of a few men who have heretofore owned the stock and who have been publishing the paper.

Waif Now Heir to \$50,000.

Baltimore, May 8.—Search has begun here for a man who as a baby boy in 1876 was left by an unidentified woman in a police station, and if he is found approximately \$50,000 will be turned over to him. His mother, who is dead, is said to have belonged to one of the most prominent families in Maryland. Two relatives of the woman, one of whom gave the name of Mrs. Annie Foss, and Attorney Thomas Hughes are conducting the quest.

Farmville, N. C., May 8.—The young men of Farmville have recently organized a german club, and their annual May dance will be given on Friday evening, May 12th, in the Planters' warehouse.

Music will be furnished by the Wilson Orchestra. A musical concert will be given from 8:30 until 9:30 for the benefit of those who don't dance but like to hear good music. The ladies are especially invited.

TODAY'S MARKET

COTTON

New York, May 8.—Cotton opened this morning from six to ten points down. January, 12.75; March, 12.84; May, 15.35; July, 15.75; August, 14.81; October, 12.88; December, 12.77. At twelve o'clock the market was higher. January, 12.79; May, 15.43; July, 15.53; August, 14.92; October, 12.91; December, 12.80. The market closed: January, 12.78; March, 12.87; May, 15.42; July, 15.50; August, 14.91; October, 12.91; December, 12.84. Spots in Wilson, around 15.00.