

Coronation of EDWARD VII

Being an Account of How His Majesty Will Be Crowned King of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India, on Thursday, June 26,

ON THURSDAY, June 26, Edward VII. will be crowned king of Great Britain and Ireland and emperor of India. All the machinery of the government and the energies of English political and social life have for months been directed towards perfecting arrangements for this unique event, which promises to be the most splendid coronation in the history of the United Kingdom.

Thursday seems to have been a popular day for coronations. June 26 is the anniversary of the day on which Oliver Cromwell was installed as lord protector in Westminster hall. It is also notable that the following English monarchs have been crowned on a Thursday: Stephen, John, Richard II., William and Mary, Queen Anne, George IV., William IV., and Queen Victoria. That is a fair collection of lucky and unlucky monarchs, which makes it difficult for any superstitious person to gather omens for the day chosen.

Edward VII., the chief figure in the grand event, was born November 9, 1841, and succeeded his mother January 22, 1901. He was married to Princess Alexandra of Denmark March 10, 1863. Their oldest living son, George Frederick, prince of Wales, was born in 1865, and married Princess May of Teck in 1892. The other living children of the royal couple are Louise Victoria, duchess of Fife; Maud, princess Charles of Denmark, and Princess Victoria Alexandra.

According to official rules, in theory, the coronets of the nobility are never worn except at the coronation of a sovereign, when they are put on at the precise moment when the prime of England places the crown upon the brow of the king. Upon occasions of state the coronet is carried before the personage on a cushion, and at the funeral it is placed on the coffin, or borne on a purple cushion.

The shouts of "God save the King" are caught up by the crowd outside, church bells ring and cannon are fired, not only in London, but in all chief towns. After a Bible is given to the king a solemn Te Deum is chanted, and entertainment follows or homage. The king is conducted to a throne in the center of the abbey, and there receives the act of homage, first from the lords spiritual, who kneel about him, pronounce the words of homage and kiss his hand.



KING EDWARD VII. IN HIS CORONATION ROBE.

THE CORONATION SERVICE.

Official Form, as Amended and Approved by His Majesty.

The form of the coronation service, as finally amended and approved by the king, consists of 26 distinct sections.

The king and queen and their retinue will form in procession at Buckingham palace. They will enter the great west door of Westminster abbey, where they will be welcomed by the shouts of the king's scholars of Westminster school and by the anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me, We will go to the house of the Lord."

Instead of going direct to their thrones the royal pair will kneel in private prayer on footstools in front of their chairs. Then the archbishop of Canterbury, the lord high chancellor, the lord great chamberlain and the Garter King of Arms, each in turn, will formally present the king, the lords carrying the regalia will step up and the dean of Westminster will place the regalia on the altar.

The abbreviated litanies and part of the communion service will follow.

Then the archbishop will recite the Nicene creed and the bishop of London will preach a short sermon.

Just before the sermon the king, who up to that stage of the ceremony will have been uncovered, will put on a cap of crimson velvet trimmed with ermine.

Then comes the oath-taking, after which the king will be anointed.

Then the king's cap and crimson robe will be removed and four Garter knights will hold over him a rich pall of silk or cloth-of-gold, the dean of Westminster will pour holy oil into a spoon and the archbishop of Canterbury will anoint the king, making the sign of the cross on the top of his majesty's head, thus consecrating him "King over this people, whom the Lord your God hath given you to rule and govern."

The king will then kneel and the dean of Westminster will invest him with the super tunic.



BRITISH ROYAL CROWN.



HER MAJESTY, ALEXANDRA, QUEEN OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Next will come the ceremonies which caused so much discussion, including the presentation of the sword of state, the standards and the spurs, and then the orb will be placed in the king's right hand, he will again be divested of the crimson robe and will be enveloped in a purple robe of state, and the archbishop of Canterbury will give the scepter to the king, while the lord of the manor of workshop supports the king's right hand and a ring is placed on his majesty's fourth finger.

The orb is a golden ball, six inches in diameter and 11 inches high, including the cross, which surmounts the orb. Diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires and pearls are set in the orb; also, a fine amethyst, which forms the pedestal of the cross. When the crown is finally placed upon the monarch's head, instantly all that great crowd of peers and peeresses put on their glittering coronets, and the abbey rings with "God save the King!"

Princes of the blood royal accept the steps of the throne, take off their coronets, repeat the homage, touch the crown upon the king's head, and kiss his left cheek. The peers of the realm follow suit, with the exception that they kiss the hand instead of the cheek. The words of homage are:

"I do become your liege-man of life and limb, and of earthly worship, and faith and truth, I will bear unto you to live and die against all manner of folk, so help me, God."

When the act of homage is over, the members of the house of commons give nine hearty cheers, with cries of "God save the King," repeated by all.

During homage medals are thrown to the occupants of the choir and lower galleries. Divested of all symbols of sovereignty, the king receives the holy sacrament, and the "Hallelujah chorus" concludes the service.

After this ceremony the queen will be crowned. She will be anointed on the head, crowned, and the damages were trifling—Town Topics.

over her, the king will put a ring on her finger, the archbishop of York will place the crown on her head and the scepter and ivory rod and dove will be placed in her hands.

Prayers will be offered, the peeresses will put on their coronets and the service will end with the communion.

The crown for Queen Alexandra was made for the Queen of William III. It is set with pearls, sapphires, diamonds and other precious stones. The scepter for a queen consort is very like the king's, only not so large; the rod for the queen is of ivory surmounted by a dove and a cross. It is said that Queen Alexandra would prefer to be crowned according to Russian custom, by the king's own hands after his coronation, but she realizes that the innovation might not be pleasing to English ideas.

PLEASING TO THE PEOPLE.

Incidental Ceremonies Which Will Delight the Gaping Crowds.

Apart from the coronation itself what, so far, has afforded the greatest possible satisfaction to the 5,000,000 inhabitants of London is that the king and queen, and with them the rest of the royal family and scores of foreign princes and potentates, will come among them, will not be content with simply

riding from palace to abbey and back again, but will pass in state through the principal arteries and some of the mean streets of the metropolis, in order that their subjects may see them and cheer them.

It will be the most memorable 14-mile drive ever undertaken by royalty. Queen Victoria did something of the kind on the occasion of the diamond jubilee in 1897, but great as this undoubtedly was, it will be excelled by the royal pageant to be carried out June 26.

The reception of the king and queen by the lord mayor will be suggestive of medieval times. It is one of the ancient privileges of the city of London to bar, if need be, even the progress of a king into its wealthy domain. Therefore, when the king and queen ride in state along the Strand and reach the law courts, a quaint little ceremony will be gone through with stately solemnity ere the royal cavalcade proceeds on its way.

At the spot where old Temple Bar used to stand, but where now an artistic monument nicknamed "The Griffin" occupies the center of the narrow roadway, the lord mayor, with his mace bearer, his sword bearer, and all the retinue of the Mansion house, will await the coming of royalty. It may be that, with proper regard for effect, a replica of the ancient gates of the city will shut off Fleet street from the Strand in much the same way as was done with such striking effect when the late queen made her triumphant entry into Dublin a year before her death. Whether this be so or not, there will be a demand as to who comes there on behalf of the representatives of God and Man, and when it is made known that it is the majesties, then the lord mayor will ride bareheaded into the royal presence, and as evidence of loyalty will hand to his majesty the keys of the city. These, in due course, will be handed back, and the lord mayor will then lead the way down Fleet street, past St. Paul's as far as the Mansion house, where doubtless he will take leave of the royal party.

Another interesting ceremony will be the cutting of the first sod for the Queen Victoria memorial to be erected immediately in front of Buckingham palace. This will be done by King Edward in the presence of his illustrious guests gathered from all parts of the world. The happy idea of beginning this great national undertaking at the time of the coronation originated with his majesty, who rightly considers that the presence in London of so many foreign royalties and diplomatic personages is an opportunity that the nations of the world will gladly seize to pay a tribute to the memory of Queen Victoria.

AMERICA TO THE FRONT.

To Be Represented at the Coronation by a Special Embassy.

The coronation will be witnessed by representatives from every known country in the world, including all the provinces and dependencies of the British crown. The European powers will be represented by princes of the blood and the republic of France by a special embassy. The United States delegation will consist of Hon. William Reid, special commissioner, Gen. J. M. Wilson and Admiral Watson, representing respectively the army and the navy. In the great naval parade and demonstration preceding the coronation, in the English channel, the battleship Illinois, in command of Rear Admiral Crowninshield, will take a prominent part. The official representatives of the United States will have seats in Westminster abbey and will be treated very much like princes. For the time being they will outrank Mr. Choate, the American ambassador at London, and all other diplomats.

Appropriate.

Jaggles—That actress sued him for trifling with her affections, and the jury gave her a verdict for six cents.

Waggles—So the damages were trifling—Town Topics.

GOT A DOWER FOR HIS BRIDE.

Shrewd Westerner Headed Subscription List and Donations Were Liberal.

Some years ago when the west was wilder and more woolly than it is today a young man, since grown rich and now famous as a financier and capitalist, was a regular boarder at a hotel in a frontier town. He and a number of his friends were wont to resort every evening to the smoking room of the hotel which they used as a sort of club and their wits were attended to by a fair waitress who may be called Miss White. She was a nice, quiet girl, without any nonsense about her and attended to the wants of her patrons with regularity and promptitude, relates the Chicago Chronicle.

One evening after she had retired for the night the landlord informed the company that this was the last night she would wait upon them, as she was going to be married next day. When the landlord had gone out Jimmie Hughes, the young man referred to, got up and said he thought it only right that they should show their appreciation of her services by making her a little present on this auspicious occasion. He took a sheet of paper, wrote his name down for \$200 and passed it round. The girl was popular and the idea caught on and when it came round again to generous Jimmie the total amounted to something over \$2,000. They summoned the landlord, handed over the amount to him and asked him to give it to Miss White the next morning with their hearty good wishes for her happiness. Next day she was married and the happy bridegroom was—Jimmie Hughes.

ORTHOGRAPHICALLY OFF.

A Hitch in Spelling That Was Smoothed Out by a Harvard Graduate.

They were making copies of inventory lists when a doubt arose as to the accuracy of the spelling of jardiniere in the original copy. "Miss Brown," called the typewriter, "please spell 'jardiniere.'"

"Certainly," returned Miss Brown, blithely. "J-a-r-d-i-n-i-e-r-e."

"Oh, I don't think that second syllable is spelled 'd-a-n.' Mr. Wyeth, will you spell 'jardiniere'?"

"J-a-r-d-i-n-i-e-r-e," returned Mr. Wyeth.

The typewriter blushed, says the New York Sun. Mr. Wyeth was a partner, and it's hard to tell a partner he can't spell. "I don't think that's quite right," she faltered. "Let's look in the dictionary."

The dictionary was an old edition and didn't contain the word. Suddenly hope loomed large in the person of the senior partner's son. He was fresh from Harvard, and the entire office appealed to him through Mr. Wyeth: "Say, Ransome, spell 'jardiniere.'"

"Search me!" replied Ransome. "Put the thing down as a flower pot." Which they did.

Belles of the Kitchen.

Mistress—Where are the hard-boiled eggs I ordered?

Butler—If you please, ma'am, the cook and chambermaid are playing ping-pong with them.—Town Topics.

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Failure, after long perseverance, is much grander than never to have a striving good enough to be called a failure.—George Eliot.

"What a blessing 'is poverty!'" exclaimed the old man. "A blessing!" "Why, yes; when you're real down poor you have seen a nice time hopin' 'er the best!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Tom—I don't think I'll ever get up enough courage to ask you to marry me. You know faint heart never won fair lady. Belle (blushing)—But I'm dark.—Stray Stories.

Miss Sneer—"I've often wondered, Mr. Rondo, why you poets always speak of the moon as 'silver.'" Mr. Rondo—"Well—er—perhaps it's because of its 'halves' and 'quarters.'"—Philadelphia Press.

"But you must remember, dear, that you promised to 'love, honor and obey' your husband." "It isn't possible, grandma. I defy any woman to love and honor a man who always insists on being obeyed."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Undisputed Points.—Attorney for the Defense—"You are a blackguard and a bluff, sir." Attorney for the Prosecution—"And you, sir, are a slyster and a rogue!" The Court—"Come, come, gentlemen. Let us get down to the disputed points in this case."—Smart Set.

Teacher—"The majority of great men usually suffer with some terrible difficulty. For instance, Milton, the poet, was blind. Try to remember that. Now, Tommy, what was Milton's misfortune?" Tommy—"He was a great poet."—Detroit Free Press.

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