

QUEEN WILHELMINA SOON TO BE CROWNED.

The Ceremony Will Be as Elaborate as the Czar's Coronation.—Holland's Girl Queen.

Holland's girl queen will be crowned on Sept. 6 and she will then really reign over all Holland. The ceremonies attending the event will be as elaborate as the coronation of the czar.

Queen Wilhelmina will celebrate her 18th birthday, which comes on Aug. 31, in a quiet way with her mother at The Hague. On Sept. 5 they will proceed to Amsterdam, the capital of Holland, where they will be met by the high officers of state and a great military escort. The streets will be decorated in a splendid manner characteristic of Dutch art.

From the hour of 7 o'clock on the morning of Sept. 6 church music will be played from all the steeples of Amsterdam.

At 11 o'clock will take place the great ceremony which will make Wilhelmina reigning queen of Holland. The scene will be the Nieuwe Kerk, which is the nearest approach to a cathedral provided by the Calvinist Dutch church.

The Dutch government has ordered home from Java all the jewels in the treasury, which have been taken from the rajahs and native rulers of that vast island, in order to make for the young queen a crown, a scepter and an orb. Among them are some of the most splendid jewels in the world.

The following is the oath which the queen will take: "I swear to the Dutch people that I will observe and always maintain the constitution. I swear that I will defend and guard with all my power the independence and the territory of the empire, that I will protect public and private liberty and the rights of my subjects, and that I will use every means confided in me by the individual well-being, as a good

SOME PICTURES OF THE LITTLE QUEEN AND HER KINGDOM



Queen should do. And may God help me.

There will come the enthronization at the hands of the states - general, whose oath, taken first by the president, and then by the members individually, will close the ceremony.

The pageants and ceremonies following the coronation will be an even greater attraction for the public than that event itself. If they lack the barbaric splendor of the czar's coronation, they will make up in orderliness and artistic beauty. It is also promised that they will be free from the vulgar decoration and other unpleasant to foster and uphold the national ant features which marred the great celebration of Queen Victoria's record reign. Everything possible will be done to make them successful by the richest, the freest and the most artistic country of its size in the world.

On the morning of the 7th the queen will be serenaded by the Netherlands Choral society. Later she will attend a great popular festival in the famous Rijks museum. After that she will witness an allegorical and historical procession illustrating the history of Holland from the great war of independence down to the nineteenth century. The day will close with a grand water carnival on the harbor and canals, particularly intended to please the children.

On the 8th the queen will see more festivals, hear more music, visit more museums.

On the 9th the burghers of Amsterdam will put on themselves in a final effort to honor their queen when she departs once more for her palace at The Hague.

She will doubtless be glad that the ceremonies are over. At The Hague she leads a charming family life, and is loved and respected by all the court.

She has been trained to possess all the qualities of a typical Dutch housewife. As a little girl she had a little house of her own, where she did all the housework herself. Her portrait in the national costume of a Dutch housewife, with a linen coif over her head, is one of the most pleasing presents we have of her.

Queen Wilhelmina is like Queen Vic-

stand with Capt. Philip among the first chosen in the hereafter, but I have this to say in conclusion, that every drop of blood in my body on the afternoon of July 3 was singing thanks and praise to Almighty God for the victory we had won."

COLONIES OWNED BY EUROPE.

Extent of the Possessions of the Various Countries.

Eight nations of Europe possess colonies greater than themselves in extent of territory and four of them—Great Britain, France, Holland and Portugal—have more inhabitants in their outlying possessions than they have at home. As a colonizer, of course, England stands easily first both for acquired land and for its population. Her little fragment of Europe contains less than 121,000 square miles and lodges only 40,000,000 people, but she governs besides almost 17,000,000 square miles of dry land—nobody could figure out how much water she controls—and makes laws for 322,000,000 persons.

Not quite all of these millions like the laws, but that's chiefly because the natural man is apt not to know when he is well off. France, too, has done very well, at least as regards the extent of her colonies and the number of her inhabitants. To her own 204,000 square miles and 28,500,000 citizens she has added 2,505,000 square miles and 44,000,000 not too contented subjects. Germany, slightly larger and considerably more populous than France, has colonies that, including Kiao-Chou, aggregate only 1,615,000 square miles, and the 7,500,000 people who live in them suffer a good deal from loneliness, as well as from several other things, especially red tape and lieutenants. Little Portugal holds a precarious title to 809,000 square miles of alien land and industriously teaches official corruption and industrial incompetency to more than 10,000,000 inhabitants. Holland has joined 783,000 square miles to her own 12,600 and has no trouble to speak of in administering the affairs—and property—of more than 34,000,000 thinly clad orientals. The colonial possessions of dear old Spain have decreased to a poor 17,300,000 square miles and her pleasant rule is enjoyed by nearly 10,000,000 people. The sway of Italy extends over 240,000 square miles of territory besides her own 110,000, but her colonies have only 195,000.

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