

ENGLISH FESTIVAL OPENS THIS WEEK

Festival of the Empire is the First of the Coronation Ceremonies.

(American News Service)

London, May 10.—With but four 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 14, 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 15, 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 sightseers, 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 the 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 their lavish magnificence.

Only Few At Ceremony.

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 of money.

The plebian visitor need not be disappointed, however, for he will have many opportunities to gratify his curiosity relative to this country's new sovereigns. Five times during May and June their Majesties will drive through the streets of London that all who have money for the extortions charges demanded for seats of vantage may see, and praise of criticize, as their fancy dictates. That these same high priced window seats will be filled largely by itinerant Americans is foregone conclusion, for already one can scarcely walk a block without seeing dozens of faces and figures well known on the other side of the pond. In fact so great has been the influx of curious Americans that one prominent British newspaper confidentially assures that there will be more sightseers from the United States, than native English visitors from the towns

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A Victoria Memorial.

On May 16th, the Queen Victoria Memorial, a vast structure which overtops the Mall and has been years in building, will be unveiled. Among the guests will be the German Emperor.

The following day a gala performance will be given at Drury Lane in his honor and he will then be escorted to the royal palace where further entertainments will follow.

On May 22nd, the Imperial Conference opens. This meeting will discuss every point of British interest from coast defenses to the design of postage stamps. May 24th will be given over to a celebration of Empire Day, and on May 27th, the King's birthday will be celebrated. On June 17th a great reception will be tendered the foreign delegates, who are to represent their governments at the Coronation in June 22nd.

Two days later on June 19th, the actual Coronation festivities, so far as the royal court are concerned, will begin with a great reception and ball in Buckingham Palace, ending on the last day of the month when the court will go to Windsor. On June 20th their Majesties will again entertain

the foreign representatives at Buckingham Palace and in the evening the State banquet will be held. On June 21st their Majesties will receive the Colonial Premiers and other representatives, and this vent will be followed by a dinner given by the Duke of Connaught.

June 22nd, will be taken up with the actual Coronation ceremony at West Minister Abbey, after which the royal family will dine alone. On the day following there will be a public procession headed by their Majesties through South London. On the 24th the royal pair will proceed to Spitthead, where they will hold a naval review, probably spending the week end on the royal yacht. On the 26th and 29th, respectively, King George and Queen Mary will attend a good performance at the theater and special services at St. Paul's Cathedral, afterwards lunching with the Queen.

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At all grocers—five cents a cake.

At Local Theaters

A Southern Romance.

"A Southern Romance," a drama which, as its title implies, tells a story of the sunny southland will be the offering of the MacLean Stock company at the Gennett tonight. This play is credited with being the finest bit of dramatic writing ever produced by an American playwright, and it invariably scored an emphatic hit wherever it is presented. In the leading part of "Carey Preston" Miss Bryant has a hole which suits her admirably and in which she is said to be irresistably charming. Scenically the piece is very beautiful. The action occurs during the season of the magnolia blossoms and these flowers are used very largely in the settings. In one scene alone over a thousand magnolia blossoms are used and to heighten the effect, perfume is sprayed over them and the odor is then distributed through the entire house by means of several concealed electric fans.

Tomorrow afternoon the fine H. V. Esmond comedy, "When We Were Twenty-one," which was so well presented last night, will be repeated, and in the evening the laughable farce comedy, "Why Smith Left Home" will be the offering.

At the Murray.

Rozell's Minstrels are the attraction at the Murray this week and are making quite a hit with the Richmond theater goers. Nearly every one likes a minstrel especially if they have plenty of good singing, and this one with the University Four furnish plenty of it.

The first part shows a scene on deck of the battleship New York. Plenty of good singing and clear comedy is introduced in this part. The olio is composed of the University Four who are all good singers and have a choice selection of songs. The Four Harmony Kings follow, playing string instruments, brass and saxophones are one of the big hits of the show. The Waldo Bros in a Roman ring act are also scoring a decided hit. Special scenes and beautiful electrical effects are another feature of this attraction. Watch for the parade and hear the band concert in front of the theater before each performance.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

Valerie Berger will have six sketches out next season.

Albert Chevalier wants to try another starring tour in this country.

Eleanor Kent is appearing in a one-act operetta called "Love vit Aeroplane."

Pauline Perry has become the leading lady of a stock company in New Haven, Conn.

Marie Wainright, who has been playing with William Gillette, is to return to vaudeville.

Mildred Holland will go into vaudeville with a condensed version of "The Power Behind the Throne."

"The Life Guardsmen" is to be produced in London by Charles Frohman and George Edward next season.

King Alfonso of Spain has offered a prize of \$5,000 to be competed for by all the orchestras of the kingdom.

The Russian dancers Pavlova and Mordkin have recently had a quarrel in London and will not dance together.

May Robson will make another trip to the Pacific coast and may not have any vacation at all this summer.

Margaret Townsend is adapting a play from Frederick Townsend Martin's book, "The Passing of the Idle Rich."

Cecil De Mille has recently written a play entitled "The Stampede," in which Lillian Buckingham will appear next season.

H. Beerbohm Tree is out with the announcement that he will confine himself strictly to Shakespearean plays in the future.

"Madame Butterly" has been successfully launched as a vaudeville sketch by Evelyn Millard at the Palace theater, London, recently.

Henrietta Crosman recently has produced a play entitled "The Peacock and the Goose," which will be her principal play during next season.

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Ivan Caryll, the English composer, is at present working on an operetta, entitled "Sweet Pansy," which is to be produced next season by Klaw & Erlanger.

"The Quaker Girl," of George Edward's recent London successes, may be seen in the United States under the management of Frank McKee the coming season.

Marie Tempest is to change the name of her new play from "The Bill Toppers" to "The Star Turn," which means the same thing and pleases the London philologists better.

Charlotte Walker is to appear as a stock star in Minneapolis, and will during this engagement probably be seen in a dramatization of John Fox's novel, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine."

Charles Dillingham will produce next season, a play by Eugene Walter called "The Assassin," said to be based upon the murder of the New York Italian detective, Petrosino, some time ago in Italy.

TICKLING THE DEBTORS.

John Barrett was only twenty-seven years old when President Cleveland appointed him minister to Siam. The first important task which confronted the youthful envoy was to press a claim against the Siamese government for \$1,000,000. Experienced ambassadors warned him against using threats in obtaining the money. "Be cunning; avoid arrogance," they said.

"That is," responded Mr. Barrett. "You favor tickling with a straw to pricking with a bayonet."

The statesmen nodded assent.

When the young minister had finally succeeded in collecting the claim the ambassadors asked in astonishment, "How did you accomplish it?"

"By tickling," explained Barrett. "I had to tickle them 'almost to death, though, before they agreed to pay it."

Quaint Remedies.

Among the members of the Greek church in Macedonia the following recipe are regarded as highly useful: To pacify one's enemies write the psalm "Known In Judea," dissolve it in water and give your enemy to drink thereof, and he will be pacified. For a started and frightened man take three dry chestnuts and sow thistle and three glasses of old wine and let him drink thereof early and late. Write also "In the beginning was the word" and let him carry it.

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