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Ogden (Ia.) Messenger: That our country appoint a special embassy to attend the coronation of a king is a new departure. It strikes us as being inconsistent and derogatory to our idea of government. It really seems that we have people in our country who enjoy kissing the feet of a king or emperor.

Boone (Ia.) Democrat: The choice of Whitelaw Reid as a member of the special embassy to King Edward's coronation is declared by the administration press to be the proper thing. In this we agree. Whitelaw is a British flunkey at heart and it is eminently proper that he should represent the flunkey administration now in power in this country.

Lexington (Mo.) Intelligencer: Every dollar voted by the nation's congress to pay the expense of a special embassy from this country to the coronation of Edward VII. of England is a direct slap at the Americanism of the dead Washington and those patriots who followed him in the war of the revolution. The growing spirit of imperialism in this country is to be

viewed with alarm by those people who love America and cherish its free institutions.

Sparta (Ill.) Argonaut: When Whitelaw Reid and his two valets arrive in England to flunkey at the coronation, King Edward should issue a proclamation calling the attention of Great Britain to the fact that the heir of George III. is pleased to accept the adoration of the menial descendants of George Washington, who now acknowledge that their ancestors were wrong in fighting for their liberty and who now approve of the subjugation of a country whose people are fighting for liberty, as they once did.

Watseka (Ill.) Democrat: This nation and its vast throng of workers is in need of something. It needs a political revival; one which will have for its object the rooting out of monarchistic tendencies and the desire to ape the doings of European potentates. In the name of everything American, what can we have in common with those medieval ceremonies to take place in London. Why return and em-

brace customs which have for ages been so bitterly fought by the common people? Why in the name of common sense did Roosevelt accept King Edward's invitation?

Clinton (Ky.) Democrat: The appointment by President Roosevelt of three commissioners to represent the United States at the coronation of King Edward of England has called forth a general protest from the "plain people" of America. Why should a democratic republic like ours fawn upon royalty? While we may have the utmost respect for the "mother country," we certainly have no sympathy for her kingly institution. We do not owe her the courtesy she has asked, and a polite note declining to furnish representatives on the occasion of King Edward's tinsel show would have been more in keeping with our traditions.

Pennsboro (W. Va.) News: Every man save gallant Captain Clark, of the Oregon, who will—in knee breeches—misrepresent your plain old Uncle Samuel at that piece of spectacular

flunkeydom, the putting on the head of Edward the Caresser of pot or other metal called a crown is a multi-millionaire. Stalwart Americans will surely feel sadly out of place in the royal show with its smacking of the divine right of kings and other antiquated, unrepugnant idocy. Poor Clark.

Linn (Mo.) Unterrified Democrat: King Edward VII. will be crowned king of England in June. Officers of the American navy and army will attend, attired in official regalia. Already there is a mad scramble to get nearest the king on the spectacular occasion! This is in marked contrast with the effort of our navy and army, when, over one hundred years ago, they were engaged in the laudable and successful endeavor of knocking off the crown of England from King George's head. But in these latter days we shall repay England for that indignity by putting a crown on King Edward's head, that means the same to the struggling Boers as did the crown of King George to the struggling American of a century ago.



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