

EDWARD PRAISES AMERICANS

King Extols Hospitality of Hostesses from This Side Water.

COMMENDS EXAMPLE TO ENGLISH

Titled Dames of Empire Inclined to Shirk Duty and Social Responsibility—Economy Their Watchword.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—It was commonly said last summer that it was King Edward and the Americans who kept the London season going; in short, if it had not been for the Yankees we would have had no season at all.

When discussing with the duchess her duty toward society the king said: "I see what Americans do to keep things lively during the season. Look at the Whitehall Reids, the Astors, Mrs. Potter Palmer, the Drexels and the Beattys. Why, were it not for them there would practically be no season worth counting."

Mrs. Palmer Not Exclusive. Mrs. Potter Palmer will make another great bid for popularity and the presence of royalties at her parties next season.

All eyes will be centered on Warwick House, which will be out of the hands of the decorators in good time for the fray. The wildest stories are going about in society as to what Miss Dodge means to do.

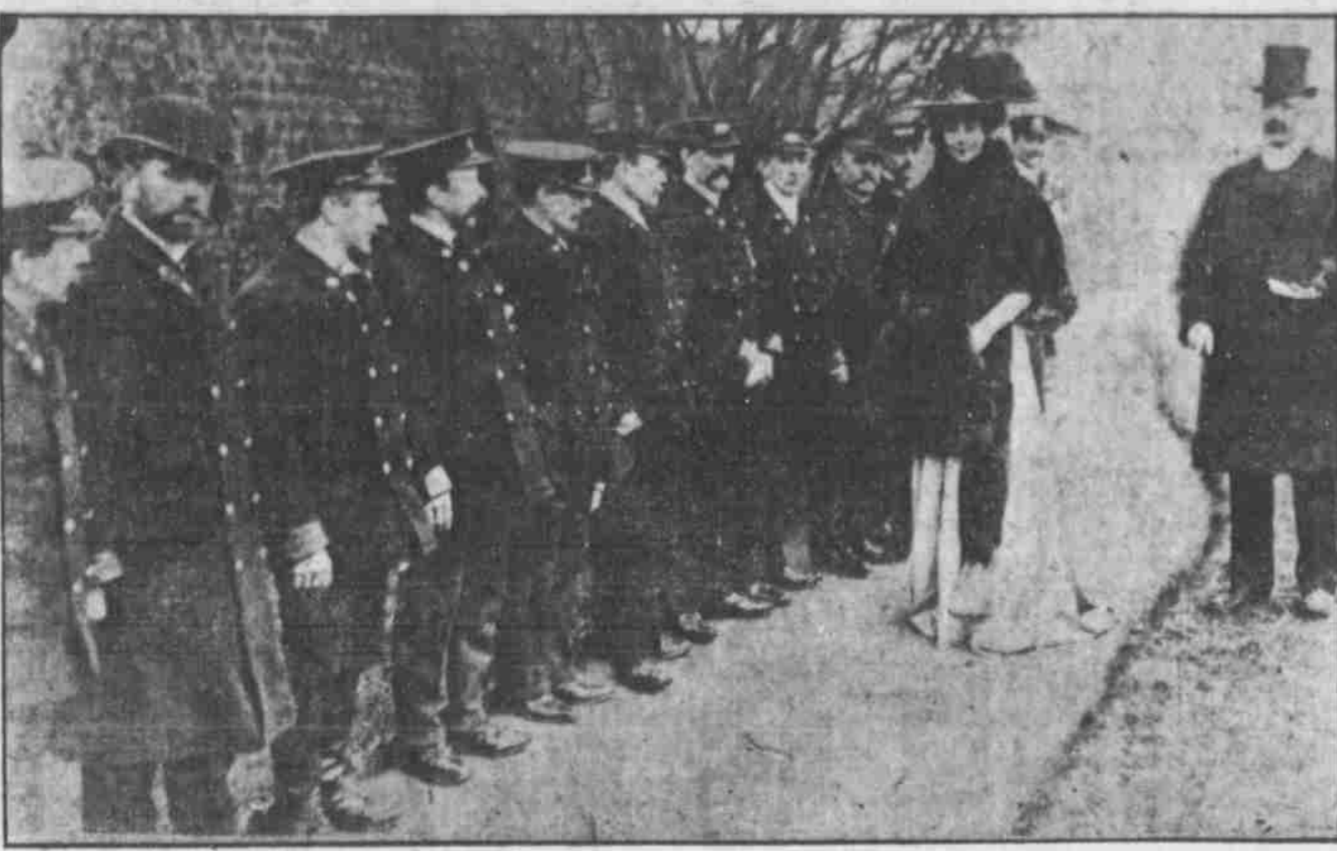
As everyone knows, Mrs. Kirkpatrick de Closeburn is a leader of the American colony in Paris. Her parties are unique and consequently famous.

Entertainer of Freaks. A few years ago a renowned garden party used to take place annually in London in July.

Lady Paget is making up for her long absence from social doings through England. Just now she is more to the fore than she has ever been.

Mrs. Ralph Paget III. By the way, talking of Lady Paget reminds me that her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Paget, is very sick of Bangkok and is pining to come back to England.

Duchess of Marlborough Aids in Philanthropic Work



DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH REVIEWING MEMBERS OF A LONDON TRAMWAY MEN'S BROTHERHOOD.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—In this country there is no better evidence of personal popularity than frequent invitations to declare various new institutions "open."

Since the duchess got back from America, her numerous philanthropic enterprises, not to mention country house hunting, and arrangements in connection with the education of her two boys, have kept her uncommonly busy, but she found time this week to perform yet another "opening" ceremony—this time at the invitation of a

society of tramway (or street car) men. The "Tramway Brotherhood," as it is called, which exists in connection with St. Mark's church, in the Kennington district of London, recently was provided with a new Assembly hall by the vicar of the diocese, Dr. Darlington, and it was this hall which the duchess of Marlborough opened on Monday, using a specially made silver key.

First, however, her grace inspected the members of the brotherhood, all of whom wore their uniforms, and later she made them a little speech in which she thanked them for the "honor" they had done her, and expressed great pleasure in being with them. They responded by giving three lusty cheers for the American peeress.

are like in America; but in London they are no joke. Indeed, I have known brides so utterly worn out with the preparations for their nuptials as to look positively ten years older than they were when the great day came round.

The receipt will be a sumptuous affair and is taking place at Mrs. Ernest Curd's house in Portman square. The flowers alone will cost \$5,000, most of them coming by special train from the continent.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—In Germany the name "Ashton" is honored as that of a brilliant musical composer; in England, his own country, it is more or less derided. Algernon Ashton, in fact, has been called "England's greatest bore."

Listening at last to the entreaties of his friends, particularly Sir Edward Elgar, England's foremost musician, Algernon Ashton has renounced his hobby of letter writing and in an impassioned declaration, just published by the papers throughout the country, he has announced his final retirement.

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planists. She was the pioneer in America of the large crop of child wonders. Diana married Louis Staal of New York and some years ago died and was buried in that city.

Nearly a quarter of a century ago the Royal College of Music of England chose Algernon Ashton as its professor of the pianoforte. He has held the same post ever since. His musical compositions during that time consist of 145 volms. and 1,100 single pieces.

Lord Great Chamberlain Receives \$25,000 Yearly for Doing Nothing at All. LONDON, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—When Parliament reassembled, the marquis of Cholmondeley emerged from the comparative obscurity of a nobleman who possesses no intrinsic claims to eminence to perform some of the stunts for which he draws from the public treasury the magnificent salary

of \$25,000 a year. For the marquis of Cholmondeley is the present lord great chamberlain of England, and when the king starts the legislative mill grinding, the lord great chamberlain steps into the line.

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After the ceremony I managed to get a word with the duchess, who told me that she is not going to Biarritz as she originally had planned. Sunderland house, her London residence, is being redecorated throughout, and while this work is in progress, a matter of two months or more, the duchess will reside at Lord Wimborne's house at Rushmore, which she has rented, its noble owner being abroad.

Travelers Permitted to Enter Three-Mile Limit All Injure Nets. FISHERY INDUSTRY RUINED. The fishery industry in Northern Ireland's entire fishing industry has been destroyed by a word, by the judicial committee of the privy council, sitting in Dublin, and has been handed over lock, stock and barrel to the owners of the English and Norwegian steam trawlers.

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Many Stamps Sold. Last week I announced the issue of a Sinn Fein stamp, the proceeds of the sale of which are to be devoted to the establishment of a Sinn Fein daily newspaper.

The "splendid" tramp. The "splendid" tramp was turned up in the shape of Patrick Halloran at the 3,000-ton workhouse. Halloran marched into the workhouse, wheeling an old wheelbarrow, and demanded lodging. He was accommodated, and after he had been in the house for several days he was persuaded to change his clothing.

Another good tramp story comes from Dunsannon. William Anderson presented himself at the workhouse after midnight, and as it was so late he was refused admittance. He started on a tour of exploration round the outhouses, and finally decided that the roomy outhouse offered the most comfortable lodging for the night.

There are many functionaries in the United Kingdom who have what in America are called "soft snaps," but none of them gets such big pay and does so little for it as the lord great chamberlain. It is impossible to conceive of a billet that is more absolutely superfluous,

WAR TO DEATH AGAINST RAT

Learned Scientists Start Society for This End in London.

CHIEF SOURCE OF THE PLAGUE

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From Latin to wild beasts is a far cry, but it has recently been stated on the authority of an eminent naturalist that Ireland has not only preserved the classic tradition, but that it has afforded a sanctuary for several species of wild beasts which have been exterminated in other parts of Europe.

THE RAT, he told his audience, had been proven to be mainly responsible for the propagation of the plague in India, and had there caused the death of 8,500,000 people since 1860. The rat was the great reservoir of diseases, and the flea was the channel for its carriage, and if plague was to be got rid of they must fill up the reservoir—stamp out the rat.

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CANUCKS RISE UP IN ARMS

Lieutenant Governor Dunsmeir Has Roused Ire of People of British Columbia.

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VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 1.—Important steps will be taken within the next few days in an effort to cause the removal from office of Lieutenant Governor Dunsmeir. The liberals have joined the socialists in the provincial legislature and Monday will ask the house, now sitting at Victoria, to petition the Dominion to remove him.

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Double Daily Train Service From Omaha. Tickets on sale Feb. 26th to March 2d. Liberal stop-overs allowed. For sleeping car reservations, rates and detailed information call at City Ticket Office, 1402 Farnam street, or write, SAMUEL NORTH, District Passenger Agent, Omaha, Neb.