

ENGLISH NOBLEMEN CORNERED

If New Peers Are Created Old Ones May Drop Titles.

REMARKABLE CHANGES PENDING

Plain "Mister" Not Unlikely to Come Into Use by Offended Peers of the Realm to Retitle the Newer Titles.

BY LADY MARY MANWARING

LONDON, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—The remarkable political changes that are taking place in England and have been taking place during the last two years are almost revolutionary in extent, the full meaning of which is just dawning on the country at large.

It is rumored that in the event of the government deciding to go forward with the policy of making 500 new peers to enable the cabinet to coerce the upper chamber, a policy which they are now advocating with much vigor, the wider families of our nobility have decided upon the unusual course of dropping their titles and adopting plain "Mr." in front of their names, except, of course, where they are members of the various orders of Knighthood, when they will in future be known by the titles they hold under each order.

By the course they would hope to bring the new peers into disfavor, holding them up to ridicule. All Europe appears to be looking toward London now.

It has been definitely settled that the German crown prince and princess are to represent the court of Berlin at the coronation. They will probably be accompanied to England by Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, who were the official representatives of the court of Berlin at King Edward's coronation.

The emperor of Russia is to be represented by his brother, the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, who will very likely be accompanied to England by his cousin, the Grand Duke Dimitri Pavlovitch.

London is making preparations for the coronation. Westminster Abbey has been closed to the public that it may be put in readiness for the coronation. The official program of the coronation has been arranged.

Queen Mary takes much interest in the relief work being done among the poor of London. Recently she summoned Probenary Carille, founder of the Church Army, to Buckingham Palace to receive from him a report of the Army's work and the condition of the destitute and homeless poor in London.

Although London is in for a succession of brilliant court functions this season, home life during the present reign is likely to be far more in evidence than in the last decade or so.

Instead of the royal family, it might, from appearances, be a demoralized and industrious family of the upper-middle classes that sits down to breakfast at 9 o'clock. Above all, the queen is as much a worker as the king.

The late Lady Meux possessed a very valuable and an almost unique collection of Nelson relics, and the fortunate inheritor of these treasures is, appropriately enough, Lord Charles Bessborough.

Many people have owned the necklace since it first adorned the lovely neck of Lady Hamilton, and a very keen bargaining contest took place before it became the property of Lady Meux.

"How does it happen, Willie?" asked the boy's teacher, "that you always have so much money?"

"You earn it," How? "I've paid me 50 cents for takin' a bottle of some kind of oil with a fishy taste, and ma gave me a quarter for takin' a bottle of something with hoo in it, and I'm tryin' to get grandpa to give me a dollar for takin' a quinine pill every night."

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SPENDING CHARITY MONEY

General Secretary Devine Explains the Plan Followed.

METHODS MODERN RELIEF WORK

Preventive and Educational Features Large Factors in the Dispensing of Funds Contributed by the Public.

BY EDWARD T. DEVINE

General Secretary Charity Organization Society, New York City.

In the year ending September 30, 1910, the Charity Organization Society disbursed in direct relief a little less than \$80,000.

What we need for relief we always raise for that particular purpose. We believe in what is called the case-by-case system of raising relief funds.

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for relief and besides what was expended for other activities which have separate treasuries, the Charity Organization Society expended about \$200,000.

Thirty thousand dollars was spent on the work of the committee on the prevention of tuberculosis and its affiliated Association of Tuberculosis Clinics.

The society spent a little over \$5,000 in its bureau of advice and information, which is for the purpose of reporting to its members and others of charitable agencies which appeal for financial support.

The usefulness of any special activity is not always gauged by the amount of money which it costs. For example, the society spent less than \$5,000 for its special employment bureau.

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work, and to put its expenses down as "administrative expenses" in comparison with what is spent for relief has no justification and no meaning.

upon the heels of this hearing. Its mover is one of those who were astounded of the outburst of public indignation which the raid on the courts aroused when its character became known.

registration bureau, which is the means through which we act as a clearing house for other charitable agencies.

cost of distributing relief. It is the cost of maintaining convenient offices in the tenement districts where application may be made, the cost of finding employment, the cost of getting people into hospitals and institutions, the cost of locating and procuring destitute husbands, the cost of doing for the families in every way that particular thing which needs to be done. It is the cost of family rehabilitation.