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George Frederick Ernest Albert, eldest son of King Edward, on his succession to the throne of England, will be known to posterity as "The Sailor King," on account of his training and serivice in the British navy. The above latest, never-before published photograph of the next king, showing him in his naval uniform, is therefore worthy of note.

The prince of Wales, second son of last command was H. M. S. Crescent, tween her oldest son, the duke of Clar-King Edward and heir to the throne,

in which, during 1898, he visited many

ence, and Princess May. Queen Vic-

toria became as sincere an advocate of the marriage as the people. Prior to the announcement of the espousal of Princess May by Prince George the archbishop of Canterbury proclaimed from the steps of the chapel royal that there was no ecclesiastical or legal obstacle to the union. The marriage was celebrated on July 6th, in the chapel royal, St. James. The ceremony was brilliant, being attended by all the members of the royal family, the emperor of Russia, then czarowitz, and the king and queen of Denmark.

Four children have been born as the result of the union, three boys and one girl. The eldest, now heir apparent to the throne, was born on June 23, 1894, and was christened after the patron saints of the islands and his grand-father, Edward Albert, Christian George Andrew Patrick David. A second son, Prince Albert, was born in 1895, a daughter, Princess Victoria, in 1897, and Prince Henry William, the

youngest child, in 1900. Although he always has led an active life the health of Britain's new ruler is said not to be good. Having stepped into the shoes of his brother as heir presumptive to the throne he soon was called upon to take the position of his father in the royal courtesies and as royal representative, the age of the prince of Wales having forced him to yield to the younger man the some-what arduous duties. The world-tour taken last year by the duke and duchess of York is believed to have benefitted his health somewhat. Upon his return he was created prince of Wates Wales

England's next ruler has never been done justice to by photography. A brighter or more pleasant expression than his can scarcely be imagined. Good humor beams from his counte-nance and fun from his twinkling, merry blue eyes. A most simple mannered and pleasant personage, he is en-tirely free from "side" and ever has appeared much bored by the formalities rendered necessary by his exalted po-sition. "A downright pleasant gentle-man," as he was once described by a jolly tar with whom he had an interview. He had the reputation of being a "little wild" in his youth, but after the death of his brother he sobered Many amusing anecdotes are down. told of him.

On one occasion he and his brother were at a ball given in their honor at a West Indian town. Prince George devoted himself exclusively to the pret-ty girls, while Prince Albert Victor was left to do the honors to the old ladies and wall-flowers of uncertain age. This became monotonous after awhile to the elder brother, who proceeded to remonelder brother, who proceeded to remon-strate with Prince George. The latter resented this interference with his pleasures, and exclaiming to his brother, "Oh you go off in a corner and sing 'God save your grand-mother,'" returned to the pretty girls. A story is told of how, on the day of his birthe son's christening house as he

his little son's christening, busy as he was, he ran across an old servant who had been associated with the duke of Clarence and himself at the time of their boyish cruise around the world. This man, coming down the hill at Windsor, raised his cap like the others to the prince, who promptly turned to have a word or two with his old ac-quaintance and accept his congratula-tions on the family event. Though not without tact and kindlf-

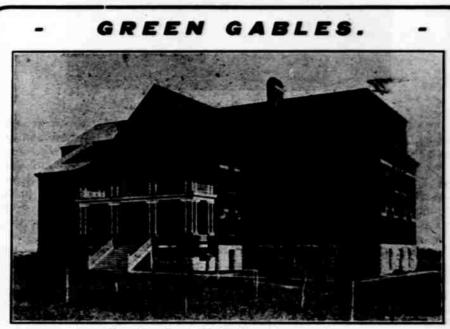
ness of manner he lacks the genial good-fellowship which was so dis-tinguished a characteristic of his father. For this reason his companions and associates have ever been a far different set from those of King Edward and remains to be seen what influence they will have over him in the exalted position to which he has been called.

was born at Marlborough house on June 3, 1865. His brother, the duke of Clarence, was seventeen months older, and the royal children passed their boyhood days together. They entered the navy as cadets in 1877, spending two years on the Britannia. In 1879 they joined the Bacchante under the command of the Earl of Clanwilliam. In their cruise to the Mediterranean, and subsequently to the West Indies, the two princes underwent practically the same hardships as those borne by the other cadets. The prince, then known simply as Prince George of Wales, was made sublicutenant in 1884 and joined H. M. S. Canada on the North American station. In October of the following year he became a full lieutenant. In 1889 he was presented with his first command, Torpedo Boat No. 79, during the naval maneuvers. While in charge of this craft he gave valiant service to a vessel in distress. On May 6, 1890, he commissioned the first class gunboat Thrush and spent a year therein on the North American station, visiting Canada and the West Indies. Upon his return to England in 1891 he was promoted commander. His

seaport towns of Ireland and England.

Prince George was created duke of York, earl of Inverness, and Baron Killarney in 1892. During this year he became heir apparent to the throne through the death of the duke of Clarence. Prior to the death of his brother, Prince George is reputed to have contracted a morganatic marriage with the daughter of Admiral Seymour. The marriage occurred without the sanction of his parents, and under the English law was invalid. All the documents containing any reference thereto were destroyed, and neither Admiral Seymour nor his daughter ever made any reference thereto, the subsequent sudden advancement of the admiral being attributed to the discretion he manifested in the matter.

On the death of his brother, who was engaged to Princess May of Teck, rumors connecting the name of Prince George and the princess became prevalent. It seemed to be the wish of the English people that Prince George and Princess May, both great favorites, should marry. The princess of Wales objected to the marriage, although she had given her consent to an alliance be-



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