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## GENERAL NEWS.

### NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

#### KING EDWARD'S HOLIDAY.

The *Agence Havas* learns on good authority that King Edward has abandoned his plan of cruising in the Mediterranean and will return to London in the middle of April. *En route* His Majesty will probably stay a few days in Paris.

#### THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

After a two days' discussion over the Scottish Land Bill, which was passed by the House of Commons with a large majority, the Lords passed a resolution rejecting the Bill as it stands at present.

#### A FIELD-MARSHAL ON INVASION.

Field-Marshal Sir George White, the defender of Ladysmith, in a speech delivered in London on the military position of England, said that the idea of a world at peace is a dream. He could imagine no clearer proof of the decline of a nation than that it should allow other nations to decide the question of its rights by arbitration, instead of itself standing up for those rights. It was dangerous to represent invasion as impossible. England possessed no adequate territorial defences. In case of war or threatened invasion, such a panic would ensue that no Government would venture to allow the fleet to put to sea in order to fulfil its principal task of protecting the importation of foodstuffs. While he was speaking, Sir George slipped from the dais on which he stood, and measured his length on the floor; but, quickly regaining his feet, he raised a general laugh by the remark, "I could not have given you a better illustration of the fact that danger may quite unexpectedly befall us."

#### PRESS GERMANOPHOBIA CONDEMNED.

Members of Parliament belonging to Trades Unions held a meeting in London on Wednesday, in the course of which a resolution was passed strongly condemning the efforts of a section of the British Press to alienate England and Germany.

#### HUGE MANUFACTURING COMBINE.

According to a telegram from Glasgow negotiations are in progress for the extension of the international iron-tube manufacturers' alliance to embrace the whole world.

#### THE HAMSTEAD COLLIERY DISASTER.

The rescue party which for several days has been incessantly working to reach the entombed miners in the Hamstead colliery, near Birmingham, succeeded on Wednesday in extricating 13 bodies. There is now not the least hope that any of the unfortunate men still in the mine remain alive. The rescuers are still handicapped by sections of the roof falling, and on Tuesday were still 200 yards away from the spot where the body of Welsby, the Yorkshire hero, had to be left last week. Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has sent a characteristically sympathetic message to the relatives of Welsby, who lost his life while endeavouring to succour his entombed comrades.

#### THE FRANCO-BRITISH EXHIBITION.

The *Daily Telegraph* learns that the opening of the Franco-British exhibition in London will take place at the end of the first or the beginning of the second week in May. The opening ceremony will be performed by King Edward, and President Fallières is expected to be present. The French President's visit will be an official one, and will extend over several days. A state banquet will be given in his honour at the Guildhall, and an address of welcome presented.

### NEWS FROM AMERICA.

#### THE PRESIDENT AND STOCK-JOBBER.

President Roosevelt has ordered an enquiry into the usages of the Stock Exchange in dealing with securities, in order to find a basis for possible future legislation, the object of which will be to prevent or impede purely speculative transactions in securities.



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### STOP PRESS NEWS.

#### AUSTRIAN-SPANISH AMENITIES.

Madrid, March 12. The Austro-Hungarian ambassador, the admiral and nine officers of the Austro-Hungarian squadron at Barcelona returned with King Alfonso to Madrid, and will be the guests at a banquet given in their honour at the palace this evening. The King, the Royal family and the Prime Minister, Señor Maura, were heartily cheered at the railway station here, and during their drive through the city.

#### OPTIMISTIC REPORT FROM MOROCCO.

Paris, March 12. According to a report from General d'Amade, the complete defeat of the Mzab produced a profound impression. The General has received several personally-written letters from Mulai Hafid and the leaders of his troops, wherein they solicit the suspension of operations and sue for peace. Besides these, Mulai Hafid's two ministers, El Glani and Tugl, have offered to unconditionally make their submission.

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#### SAN FRANCISCO'S "GRAFT" SCANDAL.

Eugene Schmitz, former mayor of San Francisco, was released from prison on Wednesday upon furnishing bonds to the amount of over \$280,000, in consequence of the Supreme Court's decision that his original sentence was unjust. Preparations are being made for the re-trial of Schmitz.

#### JAPANESE DIPLOMAT'S FLOWERY SPEECH.

A London newspaper reports that Baron Takahira, the recently-appointed Japanese ambassador to America, made a speech at a dinner given by the New York Japanese Society, in the course of which he said that the friendship between America and Japan was so cordial that it practically constituted an unwritten alliance. It was probable that all outstanding questions between the two nations, at least those of any weight and importance, would be adjusted in the near future.

#### NEW TRANSATLANTIC LINE.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung* reports from New York that a new steamship line to Hamburg, called the Continental Line, will shortly open up traffic between New York and Hamburg with three vessels each of 10,000 tons. The passenger rates are to be lower than those of the lines in the combine. Chiefly interested in this new undertaking are the Erie Railroad Company and a fairly important express company.

#### FRENCH MARTYR TO SCIENCE.

Owing to the disastrous termination of an experiment he was engaged in at the laboratory of the Paris Technical School on Wednesday, Professor Blanc lost his eyesight and sustained severe burns.

#### RUMOURED BOMB OUTRAGE AT BARCELONA.

King Alfonso, accompanied by the Prime Minister Señor Maura, was entertained at breakfast yesterday on board the "Erzherzog Karl," the flagship of the Austrian squadron now at Barcelona. His Majesty proposed the health of the Emperor of Austria. In the evening the King left Barcelona on his return to Madrid.

Two telegrams from Barcelona are to hand, each reporting a rumoured bomb outrage which occurred during King Alfonso's sojourn in the city. The first one is as follows: A rumour is circulating here to the effect that an explosion occurred near the outer harbour, but only caused some slight damage; nobody was hurt. The second telegram reads: A local paper verifies the report that at 3 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) an explosion occurred on the Quai Marazanas when the vicinity was crowded with people. The explosive had been placed in an iron pipe belonging to the canal system. The authorities have obliterated all traces of the explosion, and maintain complete secrecy regarding the event.

Later.

King Alfonso arrived back at Madrid yesterday forenoon without any mishaps.

#### MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

Admiral Philibert telegraphs from Casablanca to Paris that a Frenchman and an Italian who had ventured into the neighbourhood of the Medakra tribe, in spite of the prohibition of the military authorities, have been taken prisoners by Moroccan bandits.

#### COLLISION OFF HAMBURG.

The Hamburg-American steamship "Sachsenwald," says a Hamburg telegram, collided with the British steamer "Cresswell," the latter vessel being so severely damaged that she had to be beached outside the harbour. The "Sachsenwald," which also sustained considerable damage, returned to Hamburg. The crew of the British steamer remained on board, and the vessel, which carries a cargo of grain, lies with her stern submerged. A tug appeared on the scene and diving operations were to take place yesterday in order to ascertain the extent of the damage to the "Cresswell."

#### FIGHTING IN EAST AFRICA.

A telegram from the Italian Governor of Somaliland confirms yesterday's report of an engagement with rebels. 500 Askaris commanded by an Italian lieutenant attacked the rebels, beating them after a fight of 45 minutes and destroying their camp and provisions. On their march back they were attacked in turn, but again beat the rebels in a hand-to-hand fight. In this engagement 1 Askari was killed and 4 were wounded.

#### TODAY'S GREAT THOUGHT.

Lawyers may attend to the law and the profits, but are not necessarily a religious class of men.

#### AN AWKWARD BURDEN.

The United States Courts have decided that a baby cannot be held "as security for debt." Babies, we may add, are exceedingly difficult things to hold at all.