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## GENERAL NEWS.

### NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

#### THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

At the sitting on Wednesday, Mr. Wedgwood (*Lib.*, Newcastle-under-Lyme) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs if the Government would use their influence with the Persian Government to secure the appointment of Englishmen to the higher offices of the Customs service within the British sphere of influence. Mr. Runciman, on behalf of Sir Edward Grey, replied that the Government had no intention of making any proposal to the Persian Government that would have the effect of unnecessarily disturbing existing arrangements. Answering a further question of Mr. Wedgwood as to whether the Foreign Office had received official intimation that the Persian Government intended to replace the present Belgian officers of the Customs by Germans, Mr. Runciman said the Government had received no such intimation, but that a communication had been made to Sir Edward Grey by the German Government that they desired no change in the nationality of the Persian Customs officials.

#### THE MACEDONIAN QUESTION.

*Reuter's* London Agency learns that the Russian Ambassador, Count Benckendorff, has transmitted to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Edward Grey, a note embodying Russia's proposals with regard to Macedonia. Negotiations are said to be in progress with the object of arriving at some kind of an agreement which would be an amalgamation of the proposals of the two countries.

#### MR. ASQUITH'S SARCASM.

Speaking at a banquet in London yesterday, Mr. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that the Liberal party had never been in a better condition for the fray than at the present time. The Liberals, he declared, would rather lose fifty seats than gain such a victory as had been won by the Unionists at Peckham. (Sour grapes! Mr. Asquith, sour grapes!)

#### PENNY POST TO AMERICA.

The Corporation of the City of London has received a letter from Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the United States Ambassador, expressing his personal appreciation of the resolution recently passed by that body in favour of the early establishment of the penny post system between Great Britain and the United States, and its eventual extension to the several English-speaking countries and communities throughout the civilised world. His Excellency adds that he will communicate the text of the resolution to his Government.

#### DEATHS UNDER ANAESTHETICS.

The Home Secretary has informed Mr. T. Bramson, M. P., that there were in 1906 64 deaths in London, and 119 in the rest of England and Wales caused by anaesthetics administered for operations.

#### TARGET PRACTICE AND DEAFNESS.

The naval correspondent of a London contemporary discussing the effect of the "blast" from warships' guns on the ears of the crews and the men at work in the vicinity of the muzzle of naval guns when firing practice is being carried out, says that many officers and men in the Navy have seriously damaged their ears because it was thought effeminate to protect them during gun practice by putting in plugs of cotton-wool. The matter was recently publicly discussed from a scientific point of view by a naval surgeon, and this appears to have attracted the attention of the authorities, with the result that some sensible suggestions have been put forward and are being acted upon. The British Admiralty has, in fact, decided to use plasticene, with the addition of cotton-wool, as the ear protection for officers and men during heavy gun firing, but the form of using it has been left to the individual choice of officers and men. Plasticene will be supplied to ships and gunnery schools if specially demanded. The addition of 50 to 60 grains of cotton-wool to the plasticene issued is recommended to ensure perfect safety. The material is very cheap, and

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## STOP PRESS NEWS.

### TERRIBLE ACCIDENT TO A PRINCE'S SON.

*Meiningen*, April 2. The only son of Prince Ernst von Meiningen, Freiherr von Saalfeld, according to news received here from Munich, was run over by a Munich tramcar this morning. One foot was torn off and the lower part of the leg horribly crushed. The unfortunate nobleman was conveyed to hospital, and will there be operated upon. It will be necessary to amputate the crushed limb below the knee.

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therefore there will be no stint, and it is sincerely to be hoped that all false notions of effeminacy will now be brushed aside, and that everybody will take sensible precautions to protect their ears against the terrible atmospheric blow caused by modern cordite charges.

### THE LONDON PRESS ON THE EDUCATION BILL.

"Mr. M'Kenna's 'sword' has been returned to its scabbard and put back into the Government's armoury. The Government Education Bill is dead and buried. We have said all along that that would be its fate. Now its demise is to all intents acknowledged, though only a few days ago Mr. Harcourt described it as 'the last word' of His Majesty's Government on the subject of religious education."—*Telegraph*.

"There is no reason why Churchmen should tumble over one another in haste to make terms with the Government. They can afford to wait. This Administration is not immortal. Even if it stayed on to the end of its seventh year and returned to the attack every session it could not pass such a Bill as Mr. M'Kenna's."—*Standard*.

"The demand made by the Bishop of St. Asaph's Bill, while made with great temperateness of

language and persuasiveness, involves a large draft upon the generosity of educationists and Free Churchmen. Educationists must pause long and seriously ere they agree to the authoritative invasion of the public schools by the sectarian issue."—*Daily News*.

### NEWS FROM AMERICA.

#### NEW YORK TO PARIS RACE.

The American Thomas automobile has arrived at Seattle. The adventurers have decided to abandon the Alaskan route, owing to the bad state of the trails, and to sail instead to Vladivostok, thus going by the Southern Siberian route. This, of course, will minimise very greatly the hardships and discomforts. The exciting and hazardous nature of the tour through Alaska had, however, been so much dwelt upon that there is a general feeling of regret that the original programme has not been adhered to. The doings of the other competitors will be watched with interest.

#### STOCK EXCHANGES FEAR OUTRAGES.

All the leading Exchanges in New York City have closed their visitors' galleries owing, it is believed, to certain circumstances brought to light in connection with the police investigation into the bomb outrage in Union-square on Saturday last. These circumstances render it advisable to exclude strangers from the Exchange galleries.

#### INDIANA REPUBLICANS FOR FAIRBANKS.

The Republican party of the state of Indiana, says an Indianapolis telegram, has decided to support Vice-President Fairbanks as Presidential candidate. Mr. Fairbanks advocates the revision of the tariff immediately after the Presidential election; not, as Mr. Roosevelt proposes, in the Spring of 1909. He is also of the opinion that only some few alterations in the tariff are requisite, but urges that these alterations should come into effect at the earliest possible moment.

#### BETROTHAL OF MISS ANNA GOULD.

The Prince of Sagan and Miss Anna Gould have announced their betrothal. The marriage is to take place in Europe, probably in May. In the opinion of eminent lawyers the Gould family will not succeed in the Courts in their attempt to reduce the inheritance of Miss Gould by half, on the ground that she is marrying without the consent of her family.

#### THE EMPEROR'S CRUISE IN THE ADRIATIC.

The "Hohenzollern" and the "Hamburg" entered the harbour of Syracuse at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, after a beautiful trip down the Adriatic. Later in the afternoon the "Hohenzollern" received a wireless message from the German Consul at Ancona conveying the homage of the Germans in Ancona and their wishes for His Majesty's good voyage. At sunset the Italian torpedo-boat division returned to Venice. Towards morning on Tuesday the "Ferruccio" met with an accident, and had to remain behind. The weather held fine. On Wednesday forenoon the wooded Italian coast at Vieste was sighted, and later Barletta, Trani, Bari, and at 3 p. m., Brindisi. There, and later at Otranto, mails were brought on board. There was a fresh Westerly breeze on Wednesday and Cape Spartivento was passed at 9.30. When the "Hohenzollern" and "Hamburg" had dropped their anchors in Syracuse harbour, the Emperor received the German Consul Marchese Bonanno, Herr Kroll, the engineer attached to the German Consulate, and the Port-Captain Bonetti.

From Otranto the Emperor sent the following telegram to the Imperial Secretary of State for the Navy, Admiral v. Tirpitz:

"Your report of the acceptance of the Navy Budget has given me great satisfaction. An important stage in the building-up of the Navy has thus been reached.—The consciousness of the success achieved in the service of the Fatherland will be to you and your colleagues the best reward for all your efforts and care. But it is incumbent upon me personally to give visible expression to my thankful recognition of your services, and I have therefore resolved, as a mark of special confidence, to call you to the Prussian Herrenhaus. In informing you of this, I request you to submit to me proposals as to distinctions for your colleagues.

(signed) WILHELM I. R."

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