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## GENERAL NEWS.

### NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

#### THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

At the sitting on Wednesday the Postmaster General, Mr. Sydney Buxton, informed the House that the United States of America have agreed to the introduction of penny postage between Great Britain and the United States from the 1st of October next.

Mr. Thorne (*S. Dem.*, West Ham) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he would advise the King that His Majesty's visit to Russia should, in the interests of peace, bear no official character.

Mr. J. A. Pease, one of the Junior Lords of the Treasury, replied on behalf of Sir Edward Grey that he could not advise the King in that sense.

On Mr. Thorne thereupon enquiring whether that answer implied that His Majesty's Government approved of the brutal murders in Russia, the Speaker interfered, with the remark that such expressions with reference to a friendly State were improper. The question of the Sugar Convention having been mooted by several members from the Ministerial benches, who complained that the advantages derived by England through being freed from the obligation to impose a duty on imported premium sugar, were nullified by Russia's limiting the export of sugar, Sir Edward Grey explained the considerations which had led the Government to abide by the altered Convention. England's retirement from the Convention would not have prevented its meeting, and then England would have been prejudiced politically, if not also economically. England, being no longer bound by the prohibitive duty clause, might welcome Russia's accession to the Convention. England would not have approved of the limitation of the export of Russian sugar, but whether or not England had taken part in the Convention, Russia would have been induced by Germany to agree to such limitation.

#### GERMAN VISITORS ENTERTAINED.

On Wednesday evening a banquet took place in honour of the members of the Cologne male singing society, who arrived in London some days ago. One of the German societies in London, the *Liederkrans*, arranged the banquet, the guests at which included the Lord Chancellor of England, Lord Alverstone, and Lord Lyvedon, the German Ambassador, Count Wolff-Meternich, the members of the Embassy and Consulate staffs, and many members of societies among the German colony.

#### THE DUKE OF NORFOLK'S HEIR.

The Duke of Norfolk having telegraphed to the Pope the news of the birth of an heir to the Dukedom, the Pontiff has sent a telegram in reply congratulating the Duke, and sending his benediction to the infant and all the members of his Grace's family.

#### RESULT OF THE DERBY.

The winner of the Derby Stakes (6,500 sovs.), run at Epsom on Wednesday, was Chevalier E. Ginistrelli's "Signorinetta," ridden by W. Bullock. "Rushutter" came in second, and "Llangwm" third, while His Majesty's horse "Perrier" was nowhere.

#### KIDNAPPING OUTRAGE NEAR LONDON.

An astonishing affair is reported in the London papers as having taken place at Brentford. At 10 minutes to nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, a red motor-car, containing four well-dressed men and the driver, pulled up at the corner of Ealing-road. One, who appeared to take the lead, was a short stout man, wearing a bowler hat, a dark suit, and had a thick moustache which, it is suggested, was false. The second man was tall, clean shaven, and wore a straw hat. The third remained in the car, while the other two left, and those who were in the vicinity presumed they were going to have some refreshment at a neighbouring hotel.

In two or three minutes, however, a boy's piercing screams rang out, and the two men who had left the car were observed to be struggling with a boy about nine years of age, well-dressed, and carrying his satchel on his back. The boy made a desperate resistance, but he was practically powerless in the hands of his two burly captors. He was hustled

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into the waiting car, and here again his cries broke out afresh. The man who had never left the motor quickly drew a handkerchief from his pocket and placed it over the lad's mouth.

The driver touched the lever, and the motor sped away up the Ealing-road in the direction of Ealing with its five passengers on board. From there all trace of it appears to be lost.

Just after the car had driven away, Police-Inspector Schofield passed, and to this officer William Treadway, the potman at the hotel, who had witnessed the whole incident, related what he had seen. He added that the brutal way in which the boy was hustled into the car aroused his suspicions, and he darted into the hotel with the object of obtaining a knife to plunge into the tyres. But when he returned the car and its occupants had disappeared. One of the masters at the school was close behind the boy, but was so amazed at the turn of events that before he could act the motor had disappeared.

It is alleged that the boy when a baby was taken away by a foster-mother living at Gunnersbury, and that for nine years the mother made no attempt to claim the boy until a few weeks ago. In the meantime the foster-mother, who had grown passionately fond of the lad, refused to part with him, and warned him to be careful. The sequel occurred on Tuesday as related.

#### "MAURETANIA'S" NEW RECORD.

The Cunard liner "Mauretania," on a voyage from Liverpool to New York direct, has established the world's record in ocean-steaming.

Although using only three screws (the fourth not having been replaced after an accident), she accomplished the passage in 4d. 20hr. 15min. She left Liverpool at five o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, and reached New York at 7.50 last Monday night. Her daily runs up to noon on Sunday were:—

	Knots	Average
To Noon on Thursday . . .	202 . . . . .	24.44
" " " Friday . . . . .	621 . . . . .	24.81
" " " Saturday . . . . .	620 . . . . .	24.90
" " " Sunday . . . . .	635 . . . . .	25.50
Total distance to Sunday . . .	2,078	24.91

The best westward run of the "Lusitania" and "Mauretania" reads as follows:—

	Knots	Time	Average Knots
"Lusitania" . . . . .	2,889 . . . . .	4d. 20h. 22m. . . . .	24.83
"Mauretania" . . . . .	2,890 . . . . .	4d. 20h. 15m. . . . .	24.86

#### NEWS FROM AMERICA.

##### ACCIDENT TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

While riding in company with his wife in Rock Creek Park, Washington, on Tuesday, President Roosevelt's horse reared and fell with its rider down a ten foot slope into a stream, through which the President had just ridden. Mr. Roosevelt immediately regained his footing, apparently none the worse for the mishap.

##### THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

The banks of New York intend to form a National Currency Association in accordance with the new currency law respecting the issue of emergency funds in case of need. The preliminary meeting will take place within a few days.

The American Smelting and Refining Company has declared a quarterly dividend of one per cent.

##### PLAGUE PRECAUTIONS AT CUBA.

A telegram from Havana, via New York, states that Governor Magoon has ordered the closing of all Cuban harbours, with the exception of quaran-

tine ports, to merchandise from Venezuela, in consequence of the plague prevailing in the latter country.

#### THE STOCKHOLM PRESS ON THE BERLIN VISIT.

Commenting on the article in the Paris *Temps* concerning the King of Sweden's speech in Berlin, the Stockholm *Aftonbladet* writes: "So far as we understand, the calm and well-considered words of the King of Sweden to the Emperor Wilhelm in no wise implied pronounced partisanship with Germany, as the *Temps* read them. Sweden has no idea of placing herself under the protection of the sword of Germany or of any other State, and is under no necessity to do so. In the hour of need she is, of course, grateful for any help that she receives, but she would never ask help of any one. We cannot see that the words of the King can be taken to indicate that he had forgotten that it is the interest of his country to be on good terms with all other States, and to keep apart from the great diplomatic groups of Europe."

#### THE QUEEN OF SPAIN.

It is announced from Madrid that an interesting event is expected to take place in the Spanish royal family at the beginning of next month.

#### NEWS FROM FRANCE.

##### THE ASHES OF ZOLA.

The exhumation of the remains of Emile Zola took place at Montmartre at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening. The outer shell was found to be damaged, and the coffin was placed in another receptacle for conveyance to the Pantheon. The vehicle containing the remains arrived at the Pantheon an hour later, where it was awaited by a vast crowd. Major Dreyfus was noticed among the spectators. Various demonstrations, both for and against Zola, took place in different parts of the city, but no disturbances occurred.

Later: The street disturbances in connection with the transference of Zola's ashes continued until one o'clock yesterday morning. Police had repeatedly to drive back the students, who engaged in combats amongst themselves. Forty arrests were made.

#### NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

##### THE IMPERIAL DUMA.

At the conclusion of the Admiralty and War Ministry council on Wednesday, the Budget Commission of the Duma laid before the House a series of proposals, among others a project for the creation of an effective battlefleet, the reorganisation of naval arsenals, the legislative authorisation of a naval building programme extended over a considerable period, the working-out of a plan for national defence, a complete reorganisation of the highest military administrative departments and of the fortification system, together with a plan for the granting of self-government in the Cossack districts.

#### THE BAGDAD RAILWAY.

The contracts for the extension of the Bagdad Railway 525 miles to Helif were completed at Constantinople on Wednesday. The section, from Bulgurin, the present terminus of the railway, to Helif 15 miles and 5 furlongs south of Mardin in Upper Mesopotamia, comprises the most difficult part of the whole work, viz. the crossing of the Taurus and Amanus ranges of mountains. On the further side of the latter, from Tel Habesh, a line branches off to Aleppo, whence a line built with French capital leads to Damascus and connects with the Hedjas railway. From the junction at Tel Habesh the Bagdad railway turns across the Euphrates, then down the river from Biredjik and in a direction south of Urfa and Diarbekir. The whole distance from Constantinople to Helif is 990 miles, and from Helif to Basra 720 miles farther.

The Bagdad Railway Company is bound to deliver detailed plans for the construction of the railway within a year, and to complete the section to Helif within at latest seven years afterwards.

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