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Owing to the Whitsun Holidays, our next number will appear on Wednesday morning.

GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE KING'S JOURNEY TO RUSSIA.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra, accompanied by Princess Victoria, left London on Friday night at ten o'clock for Sheerness, to embark on board the royal yacht "Victoria and Albert" for the journey to Reval.

Later: The royal yacht "Victoria and Albert," with the King, the Queen, and Princess Victoria on board, left Sheerness for Reval yesterday morning.

SIR ROBERT HART ON CHINA'S FUTURE.

The correspondent of a London paper has had an interview at Genoa with Sir Robert Hart, late Inspector General of Chinese Customs, who stated that his return to China depended upon the progress of his health. Sir Robert uttered the conviction that China is destined to play an important rôle in the future history of the world, but though it may introduce an element of dangerous competition into the industrial sphere, China's awakening has nothing of a military or aggressive character.

GERMAN LECTURER COMPLIMENTED.

Yesterday's edition of the London *Morning Post* contained a flattering article on the lectures delivered at Oxford by Professor Wilamowitz-Möllendorf, of Berlin, in which it is stated that discourses such as were held by this Berlin professor are of greater benefit to the cause of peace, mutual understanding, and humanity in general than all the political speeches and politico-sociological and economic international visits which have of late become so customary.

A BRITISH STEEL COMBINE?

The London papers report that a conference took place yesterday at Newcastle on Tyne in which the leading steel manufacturers of Great Britain participated. It was decided to establish a union for the regulation of steel prices at home and abroad, and it is expected that all British firms will become members of the association.

THE NAVAL VISIT TO SCANDINAVIA.

The Christiania municipal authorities intend giving a banquet in honour of the officers of the British Channel Fleet, when the vessels visit Christiania next month.

THE QUEBEC CELEBRATIONS.

It is officially notified at London that the armoured cruisers "Indomitable" and "Minotaur," which have been selected to convey the Prince of Wales and his suite to Canada, will leave Portsmouth on July 15, arriving at Quebec via the Straits of Belleisle, on July 22, and leaving Quebec on July 29 on return to England. The cruisers are to be regarded as on detached service during this cruise, under the orders of Cap. H. G. King Hall, C. B., D. S. O., of the "Indomitable."

PENNY POSTAGE TO THE U. S.

The following statement as to the cost of the scheme for the establishment of penny postage between Great Britain and the United States, and the probable effect of the reform on the volume of postal business, has been issued by the British Postmaster-General:—

Ten years ago the estimated number of letters sent from this country to the United States was 11 millions. In 1902, five years later, the estimated number had grown to 13 millions; last year it reached 20 millions, showing an increase in the ten years from 1897 to 1907 of 82 per cent. Similar increases are also shown in the numbers of letters

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Throughout the period covered by these statistics the postage has been at the uniform postal union rate of 2 1/2 d. per half-ounce, but since the 1st October, 1907, the scale of weight was increased from the half-ounce to the ounce, and the scale of postage, after the first ounce, was reduced to 1 1/2 d. per ounce.

On the basis of the number of letters dispatched to the United States in 1907, it is estimated that the loss to the British Exchequer upon the adoption of penny postage will amount to about £130,000 a year, but as there will be a small margin under present conditions between the receipts and expenditure, it is hoped that part of this loss of £130,000 may be recouped by the exceptional growth of correspondence, which may be expected to follow the adoption of the penny postage to the United States.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

MR. ROOSEVELT AS NIMROD.

It is stated with certainty at the White House, says a Washington cable, that President Roosevelt will leave New York in April of next year, and proceed to Cairo, whence he will undertake a big game shooting expedition into the wilds of Africa, probably remaining there for a year. Mr. Roosevelt has no intention of visiting any other country.

The foregoing statement is regarded as having especial significance, since it indicates that the President has finally decided not to accept renomination.

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE IN RUSSIA.

For some time American manufacturers have been studying the special needs of the Russian market. A special effort is now about to be made to find openings there for various kinds of wares produced in the United States. For this purpose two hundred American merchants and representatives of trade generally will arrive in St. Petersburg at the end of the week. They will visit various parts, and some of the leading towns in European Russia, while some of these enterprising Americans will journey across Siberia, and return home from Japan. The main endeavour will be that of securing Russian agents for American goods and machinery.

FATAL EXPLOSION ON A CRUISER.

Advices from Los Angeles announce that four men were killed on board the United States armoured cruiser "Tennessee" yesterday, in consequence of the bursting of a steam pipe.

STREET RAILWAY DISASTER IN MARYLAND.

We learn that a collision between street-cars occurred in the vicinity of Baltimore yesterday, resulting in the death of eight people, while twenty others were injured. Several of those hurt are not expected to recover.

EXTRADITION TREATY WITH URUGUAY.

Reuter reports from Monte Video that an extradition treaty has been signed between the United States and Uruguay.

THE MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD.

No dividends will be paid on Missouri Pacific railroad bonds for the last half year, says a New York cable.

NEWS FROM FRANCE.

THE QUARRY STRIKE NEAR PARIS.

The quarry strikers at Vigneux near Paris demolished several houses and cafés, forcibly borrowed automobiles, and maltreated non-strikers. Giobellina, the striker who was killed during the last fight with the gendarmes, was buried on Friday, the occasion being marked by the delivery of inflammatory speeches, which led to further collisions with the authorities.

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