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WHAT RESULT?

Every right-thinking Britisher and German must hope that today will usher in a new era of Anglo-German relations, an era in which the irritating suspicions of the past, the mutual wilful misunderstanding with regard to the aims and ideals of each nation, may become conspicuous by their absence. It is not too much to say that the peace of Europe lies in the hands of these two great Powers, and the awful responsibility of this trust should ever be borne in mind by each individual subject of the two Empires. Their statesmen have evidenced their appreciation of the great trust time and again; but can the same be said of the newspaper press and the people? Wars are no longer the prerogative of monarchs. However great the personal influence of a ruler may be, the constitutional spirit which pervades all Europe in this year of grace effectually prohibits the idea of personal initiative in the momentous question of war. But are the people proving themselves more worthy of administrative responsibility than their crowned heads? It would need a brave and optimistic man to answer this query in the affirmative. In spite of the gradual elimination of the monarch's supreme influence in affairs of State, however, the ancient strain of loyalty lies buried too deeply to be unearthed in a generation or so; and thus it is that, even in this enlightened age, the personal example of a monarch exercises vast power over his subjects. In the case of the German Emperor and the ruler who is to be his honoured guest today, their respective subjects could not do better than follow the royal example. Both monarchs have shown by deeds their profound reverence for peace, and their readiness to make great sacrifices for its maintenance. That is why King Edward's visit to Berlin is fraught with such significance. The spectacle of two peace-loving rulers standing with clasped hands before the eyes of the world cannot be wholly without result. The occasion furnishes a magnificent opportunity for the complete reversal of Anglo-German policy. Will Englishmen and Germans realise this opportunity and take advantage of it, or will they ignore it and continue to pursue their present unsatisfactory and perilous attitude towards one another? That is undoubtedly the burning question of the moment.

BERLIN'S ROYAL GUESTS.

ARRIVAL TO-DAY.

PROGRAMME OF THE VISIT.

TO-DAY: Their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra arrive at the Lehrter Bahnhof, Berlin, at 11 a.m. The German Emperor and Empress, the Crown Prince and Crown Princess, the Princes and Princesses of the Imperial and Royal Houses, members of the Emperor's Staff, and the high officers of the Berlin garrison will be present at the station. After the reception at the station, the carriages, escorted by cavalry, will proceed over the Alsenbrücke, through Königs Platz, the Sieges Allee, Charlottenburger Chaussee, under the Brandenburger Tor to Pariser Platz, where King Edward will be greeted by the municipal body of Berlin. Thence the procession will continue along Unter den Linden to the Royal Palace, where King Edward will be accommodated in the "Wilhelm" apartment, and Queen Alexandra in the "King's Chamber." At one p.m. breakfast will be served *en famille* in the small dining hall of the Palace. At eight p.m. a State Banquet will take place in the "White Hall" of the Palace.

WEDNESDAY: At one p.m. King Edward will pay a visit to the Berlin Rathaus, where he will be the guest of the municipal authorities. At nine p.m. a State Ball takes place in the Royal Palace.

THURSDAY: At ten a.m. the Royal party will proceed to Potsdam by automobile, where a visit will be made to the Mausoleum of the Emperor and Empress Friedrich. Lunch will be served at 1.30 p.m. in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Dragoon Regiment (Queen Victoria's). At seven p.m. the Royal party will dine with the Crown Prince and Crown Princess. Gala Performance at the Opera House at 8.30 p.m., when "Sardanapalus" is to be performed.

FRIDAY: The Royal party will visit various sights of Berlin, and if time permits the Royal Stables will also be inspected. Déjeuner will be served in the Royal Palace at 2 p.m. The departure of their Majesties the King and Queen of England takes place from the Lehrter Bahnhof at 5 p.m.

The following officers have been appointed to King Edward's suite during the Berlin visit: Adjutant General von Loewenfeld; Vice Admiral von Usedom; Major General Freiherr von Marschall; Colonel von Bitter, of the Fifth Hussars; and Major von Bärensprung, commanding the First Dragoon Guards.

The procession comprising the Royal entry into Berlin will be arranged in the following order: In the first carriage—King Edward and Emperor William; in the second carriage—Queen Alexandra and Empress Augusta. The procession will be headed by a squadron of the First Dragoon Guards.

THE DEPARTURE FROM LONDON.

(From our own correspondent.)

London, February 8.

Their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra, accompanied by their suites, left here at 10.45 o'clock this morning in the Royal train for Dover, where they will embark at noon on the King's yacht "Alexandra."

It is officially announced that arrangements have been made for Sir Charles Hardinge, Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who is accompanying their Majesties, to have interviews with Prince von Bülow and Herr von Schoen, the Imperial Secretary for Foreign Affairs, during the stay of the English monarchs in Berlin.



THE LONDON PRESS ON THE VISIT.

London, February 8.

This morning's *Standard*, commenting upon King Edward's visit to Berlin, says: "Although a special political object is not mentioned in connection with the visit, it is well understood that the King is desirous of doing all that in him lies to convince the Emperor and the German people that his (the King's) and his Government's primary aim is the maintenance of peace and the spread of goodwill among men, not least between Great Britain and Germany. Both nations stand in need of great fleets, and that is the exclusive business of each. In his personal intercourse with his relations, particularly with his august host, the King will be able to remove every erroneous conception regarding the general aims of his policy."

The *Standard* also declares that the heartiest wishes of all classes in England accompany the King and Queen on their German visit. It adds: "We are equally convinced that they will be enthusiastically greeted in Germany. The friendly sentiments on both sides of the North Sea which are a natural consequence of amenities between the monarchs, must inevitably react favourably on the international relationship, and this reaction, as we confidently anticipate, will be enduring. Both countries would rejoice if the burden of naval armaments were lightened. If Germany harbours no aggressive plans, she has only to give the signal which would put an end to this race for sea-power."

The following sentence occurs in the leading article of this morning's *Daily Mail*: "The inhabitants of Berlin may rest assured that the welcome accorded by them to King Edward will be observed with pleasure in England, all the more so since it will be of a personal character, unobscured by political illusions."

The *Daily Graphic* writes: "The visit represents a mutual attempt of the two Governments to infuse new life into the policy of goodwill. If this policy is supported, not only by the two monarchs, but also by their responsible advisers and the irresponsible press of both lands, much good may result from the visit. If the atmosphere of mutual distrust is cleared away, and the two countries accustom

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