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London Shops Decorate For Coronation



Here is a view in a large London shop where the staff was busy with decorations for use during the coronation celebrations. Almost every conceivable design into which can be worked the royal figures has been used. In the foreground it will be noted that a shield carries the Scotch thistle in honor of the Queen's nationality.

DOWAGER ESTEEMED

Beloved Queen Mother Will Have Special Place But Wishes Homage to Go to New King and Queen

LONDON, May 11: (CP)—Attendance of Mary, the Queen Mother, at the Coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth on Wednesday raises many nice points.

What style of head-dress she will wear remains a matter of doubt until the day is at hand. Queen Mary herself has been crowned and it would seem therefore she is entitled to wear a crown at the coronation of her second son. On the other hand Her Majesty's wish is that nothing shall detract from the homage paid to her son and daughter-in-law.

Queen Mary therefore may choose to adopt a head-dress which will not associate her with the regalia of the King and his Consor but which will still distinguish her from the many women of noble rank who will be immediately in her company.

At the Coronation of George V the then Queen Mother, Alexandra, spent the day quietly at Sandringham in the company of the late Empress of Russia and one or two of her oldest friends.

Although Queen Mary can hardly possess any special status in the ceremony itself it may be taken for granted the desire of the King and all who serve him at the Coronation will be to give the Queen Mother all the honor possible. A place will be provided for Queen Mary at the head of the peeresses.

Since her marriage 44 years ago, Queen Mary has had the concentrated attention of millions of the sovereign's subjects. Never for one moment in this long period has she been known to falter either in dignity or in kindliness.

It is true that in the early years of her married life her inborn shyness made it more of an ordeal for her to appear before the public gaze than was the case with other ladies of the royal family; all the same Queen Mary carried through her engagements with a meticulous regard for the feelings of others and a general desire to help in every good cause, which earned from the start the respect and eventually the devotion of all th King's subjects.

Daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Teck, the Queen in he early life knew something at first hand of the inconveniences of a straitened income. Domestic economies in fact demanded of her a prolonged sojourn on the Continent with her parents in her early womanhood. Such experiences helped to form that restrained but unmistakable sympathy with those of limited means in all walks of life which she has displayed so often.

Queen Mary naturally had a leading role in the great constitutional crisis which ended with the abdication of Edward VIII last December. Anyone who has observed Queen Mary with her eldest son could not but be struck by the obviously sincere devotion existing between the two. What persuasions Queen Mary made to the present Duke of Windsor will probably never be fully revealed.

On one of the most intense nights of the crisis the former King motored from Fort Belvedere to confer with his widowed mother at Marlborough House. When the decision of abdication had been taken. Queen Mary issued a message "to the people of this nation and Empire" which will remain a unique historical document. She commended to the Empire the present King, "summoned so unexpectedly and in circumstances so painful," to take his brother's place. "With him I commend my dear daughter-in-law, who will be his queen. May she receive the same unfailing affection and trust which you have given to me for six and twenty years."

The popular sympathy and affection which greeted this message was heigtened by the fact the Queen had delivered it from Marlborough House, which she had left 26 years earlier to become Queen Consort. She found it unchanged, many of the furnishings which the couple had used as Prince and Princess of Wales having been kept in storage ever since. The fine old building has housed two Dowager Queens, for it was here that Alexandra spent her last year following the death of Edward VII.

TERRACE TO CELEBRATE

TERRACE, May 11:—Terrace weather has turned fine, warm and dry. The local weather man says there is a very good chance of the fine lasting over the Coronation festivities.

NO PAPER TOMORROW

Tomorrow, being Coronation Day and a national holiday, the Daily News will not be published. The next regular issue will appear Thursday afternoon.

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