ROYAL VISIT TO LONDON DOCKS.

INSPECTION OF GOODS IN THE WAREHOUSES.

AN INFORMAL TOUR.

The King and Queen, accompanied by Princess Mary and attended by Vice-Admiral Sir Colin Keppel, paid a private and informal of compelling a member of Parliament, on his nomination of compelling a member of Parliament, on his nomination of compelling a member of Parliament, on his nomination of the Court to go to consider that the archaic and foolish practice that rendered the election necessary. There is perhaps something to be said for the retention of the custom when the complex consideration in the complex consideration of the custom when the complex consideration in the complex conside visit to the London and East India Dock tion to an office of profit under the Crown, to go to coasts, including that of the Fethard lifeboat, been brought up to more than full strength, warehouses on Saturday afternoon. Proof of the King's great interest in all industries was furnished by the Royal tours in the Midbands last war and the King and Midlands last year, and the King was much (with a seat in the Cabinet), and with the same disappointed when, some months ago, the salary, is, I think, a piece of egregious folly that labour disputes prevented him from visiting could not be matched in any other country. the East End to inaugurate a new dock scheme. Saturday's visit, therefore, to some extent may be regarded as the realization of a with the possible exception of the submay be regarded as the realization of a stitution of a practical and courageous politician at a total wreck. Through the prompt services officers of the Fermanagh and Monaghan pleasure to which their Majesties have looked forward for some time. By express desire the visit was kept secret, and with the exception beard of Trade will presumably lose what the Local from Leith to San Francisco via the Type. The week was remarkable at total wreck. Through the prompt services of the Fermanagh and Monaghan of the Coastguard and local lifeboat crews, no regiments, which concluded at Knockballymore, lives were lost. The vessel was proceeding near Clones, yesterday, the progress made in from Leith to San Francisco via the Type. of the officials directly concerned no one had Government Board gains. any idea that it was about to take place.

passed to the tea warehouses, where Princess | the Duchy of Lancaster demands the same high | the home of the coastguard, and others were | the subject of much amusement in Belfast, | Mary was told that what looked like a block business qualifications as the headship of the Post kindly looked after by the fisher folk of the where it is generally assumed, even by the of wood was actually compressed tea. Such Office, if the Postmaster-General's control is to be neighbourhood. The Arctic Stream was badly police, that enough arms and ammunition have tea is frequently used as currency, and large quantities are exported from China to Siberia.

THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

inspected, and both the King and Queen ex- the party" by a larger salary, is both baneful and built vessel of 215 tons, owned and commanded and Unionists, who have been touring Ireland pressed great admiration of them. Her Majesty illogical. The present Prime Minister has, on more by Captain Kuhlki, had a crew of five all told. to obtain first-hand information, have arrived asked a number of questions here and on the than one occasion, shown remarkable alacrity in She was bound from St. Malo to Charlestown, in Belfast. silk and other fabric floors, and showed a very not—of more than one subordinate member of the mouth Sound on Saturday afternoon. Her wide knowledge of the varieties of quality and Government. Is it beyond his courage to keep the anchors failed to hold her, and about an hour texture and the gradations of choice colouring. round peg in the round hole, when he has the good before midnight she drifted on to the island. When the feather and birdskin section was luck to find one there, and not be constantly changing | Flares were burnt by the crew, and the lifeboat reached the Queen inquired closely regarding pegs and holes without regard to the efficiency of was promptly launched, while the Government the methods of obtaining various plumages and the public service? desired to have it made clear to her exactly which feathers are procured by killing birds during the breeding season. Princess Mary was much pleased with this department, more especially in the magnificent ostrich feathers shown to her. The King said that he had himself seen the cutting of the feathers ! from the live ostriches. The manager of the! warehouse showed the Royal party 11b. of ostrich feathers valued at £50.

the large public galleries where numbers of from about 2.30 to 4.30, will include the followcurios of all sorts are on view to prospec- ing "turns":tive purchasers before the quarterly auction week. The Royal mingled freely with the other visitors, few of whom became aware of their identity. Their Majesties' evident desire act. to escape attention was scrupulously respected. Before leaving the upper department the King and Queen and Princess Mary signed the visitors' book.

The Royal party next proceeded to the lower docks. By this time news of the visit had begun | A Sister to Assist Her. to reach the outside public, and the road was lined by dockers, who heartily cheered their Majesties as they passed. On the lower floors' a large number of exhibits were examined, including the ivories, carved and uncarved, porcelain, pictures, crystals jade, agate, soapstone, and wood carvings, antique snuffboxes, Kien Lung glass, Canton enamels, that Sir Edward Carson is engaged to be density, which held up all motor traffic. King identified some unlabelled work as as "absolutely untrue." Japanese and approximately placed the dates! of some of the porcelain. Near the door there were three pieces not for sale. One was said to be worth £200 and another £400. Lord Knutsford handed an insignificant-looking plate to the King with the remark that it was one of the most valuable single pieces in the collection, was 800 years old, and was worth

NUTMEG SORTING.

and took her place for the purpose at the tray Miners' Association, made the following statement side by side with one of the men. She soon on Saturday:--"I am thoroughly disgusted with sorted out a considerable number of damaged the whole business. I was with Mr. Kenyon from 7.30 to 11 o'clock on Thursday in London, and he nutmegs.

a large bowl of quicksilver, on which an iron weight of 56lb. was floated. The King and Queen dipped their hands in the mercury of affairs was when I read it in the newspapers the next morning, and you can guess my astonishment peror has for some time been deeply interested in and amazement. I am ashamed and disgusted. Queen dipped their hands in the mercury, I consider that Mr. Kenyon has sold the seat and but were warned that they must first remove everything else." their rings, as mercury amalgamates with gold A considerable section of the younger men share and destroys it. All the members of the Mr. Hall's view. Another prominent official of the Miners' Association said that they would compel party tried this experiment. A brief inspec- Mr. Kenyon either to resign his seat or to sever his 40,000 bales of wool were stored, followed.

there are 26 miles, were visited. Lamps nave the strong support of the last Derbyshire, and the older officials of the hung upon poles of mahogany and specially association. constructed for the occasion were presented to the King and Queen, and carried by them! throughout the inspection. These lamps will be preserved as mementoes. A demonstration of the opening of a port cask was given. The cask is struck on opposite sides with a hammer in such a way that the bung jumps out appa. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. McKenna and Mr. waterproof sheet. The man was about 35 years of rently of its own accord, and the party were Harold Baker, M.P., Lady Scott visited the Philage, and he had apparently been walking from Exeter invited to taste the wine, which the King harmonic Hall last week, and saw the Scott Expedit to Plymouth. In the pockets were found about £20 pronounced to be excellent. Their Majesties tion pictures for the first time. The fact of Lady intersected in the functional scott's presence soon became known in the house Excter. In a guide book was the name J. Donaghy, McHenry. His friends applied for a writ of habeas were greatly interested in the fungi which Scott's presence soon became known in the house, Aigburth, Rosslyn-street, St. Michael's, Liverpool. grow above the big casks, and are said and instead of the usual cheering there was complete to be formed by the fumes of the wine. It silence when the later pictures were being shown. is so light that great wisps of it can be moved by a puff of breath at several yards' distance. It was pointed out that if spirits are introduced into the vaults the fungus disappears; nor will it remain unless port be present.

The tour lasted until about 4.30. On leaving morning to a Miss Polwhele, of Inverness-terrace, the King and Queen heartily thanked their Hyde Park. conductors and expressed the pleasure which While proceeding at a gallop she lost control of her they had derived from the visit. As the Royal horse, and as she was endeavouring to avoid the car passed through the dock gates cheers were people on foot the horse fell. Miss Polwhele's head raised by a group of spectators assembled struck the kerb, and she was cut and bruised.

In the evening the King and Queen, with the Prince of Wales (who arrived from Oxford

A Corporation Vacancy.—A vacancy has arisen i In the Court of Common Council for Cornhill Ward jumping from the bedroom windows, and two are in and among the visitors to the fair are the buyers of to me to be unreasonable to send a prisoner and not were manufactured during the day. Government ing's assistance, and he was seen enveloped in flames. by the death of Mr. H. A. Summers. Two candidates hospital, one with a broken arm and the other with various large concerns at home and abroad; indeed the last the door was unlocked Pickering was William Alfred Waterlow, managing director of Waterlow Brothers and Layton (Limited), Birchinlane. The election will take place on March 10.

BETHNAL GREEN-AND A MORAL.

RE-SHUFFLING THE MINISTRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

This shifting of Ministers from post to post, not appearance of being a total loss. in the interest of greater efficiency, but either because While the gale was at its height at Plymouth known to the authorities.

While the gale was at its height at Plymouth known to the authorities. to be given the opportunity of failing in another) of Bremen, dragged her anchors and went ashore, The Oriental carpets and rugs were next or because it is desired to reward their "loyalty to on Drake's Island. The Erna, a small iron- land, consisting of equal numbers of Liberals

Your obedient servant, W. J. FISHER.

Reform Club, Pall-mall, S.W., Feb. 20.

THE KING'S VISIT TO THE PALLADIUM.

For the matinée at the Palladium on March 17, man having been washed overboard when the vessel the Insurance Act, the Welsh Disestablishment Bill when the King and Queen will be present, | 5 After the King and Queen had inspected and the whole of the theatre has been redecorated ashore on the Beamer Rocks, in the western district got a General Election to-morrow the last thing they admired some wonderful Japanese pictures of in white and gold. The programme, which has of the Firth of Forth. An attempt will be made to would fight about would be Home Rule. He was

> The Brothers Poluski. Jackson's 16 English dancers. Boganny's Lunatic Bakers.

Sammy Shields, "the football enthusiast." Rameses, the juggler, in an Egyptian illusion Mr. George Robey.

Coram, the ventriloquist. Miss Clarice Mayne and "That" at the piano. Mr. Fred Emney and Miss Sydney Fairbrother in Miss Ruth Vincent will open the programme by singing "God Save the King."

SIR EDWARD CARSON.

It was stated in several newspapers yesterday The married. Sir Edward characterizes the report

MR. KENYON'S POLITICS.

DISUNION AMONG DERBYSHIRE MINERS.

The action of Mr. Barnet Kenyon, M.P. for Chesterfield, in seceding from the Parliamentary Labour

did not mention a single word or give a hint of his One of the most interesting exhibits was intentions. The first intimation I had of the change

tion of the wool departments, where nearly connexion with the Miners' Association and vacate the house he occupies in respect of his office. On Last of all the famous wine cellars, of which the other hand, it is believed that Mr. Kenyon will

> LADY SCOTT AND THE ANTARCTIC PICTURES.

RIDING ACCIDENT IN HYDE PARK.

A riding accident occurred in Hyde Park yesterday

FIRE AT A COUNTRY HOUSE.

servants' quarters, which were gutted, but the house

CONSCIENCE MONEY.—The Exchequer acknowledges the receipt of £3 15s. A STORMY WEEK-END.

VESSELS DRIVEN ASHORE.

The week-end has been distinguished by weather of an exceptionally boisterous character. Sir,—The defeat of Mr. Masterman at Bethnal Strong gales from various quarters, and high Green—a defeat that was almost invited—makes it seas, have prevailed on all the British and pertinent to ask why this contest was not avoided. Irish coasts; heavy rain has fallen in the west; Force are now receiving more advanced military I am not specially concerned at the loss of the seat, but rather at the archaic and foolish practice that thunderstorms have occurred in North Wales; instruction, and during the coming months

owned by Messrs. Thomas Law and Sons, of practical instruction in the use of service But, more important still, what does the country Glasgow, went ashore between 6 and 7 o'clock rifles. Rifle practice, as distinct from rifle drill, from Leith to San Francisco, via the Tyne, marksmanship during the week was remarkable. Mr. Herbert Samuel was, in spite of his faltering with a part cargo of iron ore in tow of the The camp was visited by Lieutenant-General attempts to defend the inefficiency and costliness of George V. When off Cresswell the hawser broke Sir George Richardson, who expressed much The Royal party left Buckingham Palace the telephone service, becoming a really competent and the vessel drifted quickly towards the gratification at the progress of the men. by motor-car at 2.30 p.m. and drove to Cutlerstreet, Houndsditch, where they were received by Lord Devonport (chairman of the Port of vears more, he might have brought the British Post

| A | Postmaster-General, and had he had the opportunity shore. There was a very heavy southerly wind similar camp of instruction for the company blowing and a heavy sea running; and the tug commanders of the Portadown battalions was the progress of the men. A blowing and a heavy sea running; and the tug commanders of the Portadown battalions was the progress of the men. A blowing and a heavy sea running; and the tug commanders of the Portadown battalions was the progress of the men. A blowing and a heavy sea running; and the tug commanders of the Portadown battalions was the progress of the men. A blowing and a heavy sea running; and the tug commanders of the Portadown battalions was the progress of the men. A blowing and a heavy sea running; and the tug commanders of the Portadown battalions was the progress of the men. A blowing and a heavy sea running; and the tug commanders of the Portadown battalions was the progress of the men. A blowing and a heavy sea running; and the tug commanders of the Portadown battalions was the progress of the men. A blowing and a heavy sea running; and the tug commanders of the Portadown battalions was the progress of the men. A blowing and a heavy sea running; and the tug commanders of the portadown battalions was the progress of the men. A blow in the progress of the men. A bl London Authority), Lord Knutsford, Lord Office up to something approaching the level of the Ritchie. and Mr. Broodbank. There was no German Post Office in efficiency and economy. Even of the Arctic Stream, Captain James Stewart, struction in field operations was given by Ritchie, and Mr. Broodbank. There was no so, however, I doubt whether he would ever have at once flew signals of distress. These were Major Blacker. Yesterday the 4th Battalion ceremony, and except for the presence in the succeeded in showing the magnificent profit of upwards observed at Cresswell, and the lifeboat there of the South Belfast Regiment and the 3rd surrounding streets of a somewhat larger number of £25,000,000 carned in one year by the German was immediately launched. It was apparent Battalion of the East Antrim Regiment took of police than usual no indication that anything | Post Office—and this notwithstanding the serious | that the vessel would soon strike the rocks, so | part in manœuvres at Whitehead, and a review | out of the ordinary was in progress. Their disadvantage the German Postmaster-General labours fast was she being driven by the gale, and the of the voluntary aid detachments of the North Majesties were conducted first to the cigar and under of being compelled to find employment for time- rocket apparatus from Cresswell was taken to Belfast division was held in the old town hall, tobacco department. A huge hogshead of sorters and telegraph operators, instead of having the stream drifted close in ashore, and a Meanwhile the Customs officers at Belfast tobacco was shown to them, the duty pick of the adolescent male and female labour market. rocket line was fired over and made fast. continue their fruitless search for arms and upon which amounted to £200. The King It is probably the office, of all those in the Ministry, The Newbiggin lifeboat in the meantime suc- ammunition among the cargo of steamers inspected some samples of cigars carefully. that most needs learning, and yet we have had at ceeded in getting alongside the doomed ship. erriving at the port. Yesterday they discovered Interesting figures were given by the superintendent of the department as to the extent its head in rapid succession Mr. Sydney Buxton, With great difficulty the whole of the crew of a number of papier-maché legs consigned from 21 hands were safely got into the lifeboats and London to a local outfitter and intended to be intendent of the department as to the extent fitness for the post is an unknown quantity, as it afterwards landed at Cresswell. Some of the Used for displaying hosiery in shop windows. of the tobacco industry. The party next can scarcely be pretended that the Chancellorship of shipwrecked men were hospitably received in These efforts of the Customs authorities are

> tug Rover and another tug also made for the spot. The whole of the men were taken off and conveyed to the Sailors' Home. Last night

the Erna was reported to be breaking up. The fishing vessel Daniel, of Dunkirk, while pro-ceeding to the Iceland grounds, was driven ashore General Election, with Home Rule as the commanding on the Kincardineshire coast near Bervie early on issue, as the only way to prevent civil war. The Saturday morning. The coastguards observed the Government had chivalrously given them a miniature vessel going ashore, and the life-saving brigade was General Election, but at Bethnal-green and Poplar quickly on the scene. With the aid of the rocket apparatus 19 of the crew of 20 were saved, the other the Unionists threw over civil war. The issue was struck and drowned. The vessel is a total wreck. with only one day's intermission from Sierra Leone.

LOW BAROMETRIC READINGS.

Sir George Alexander and his company in a sketch, low level. In all but the extreme northern parts of they turned to the exclusion policy they were up the United Kingdom the readings at 7 a.m. were below told that, if they did not consent to exclusion, they were below 28½ in.; and within the central area of England that public men of responsibility and the disturbance, which was situated at that time officers in the Army had undertaken to overawe quarter at Roche's Point, near Queenstown.

GERMAN SHIPPING SETTLEMENT

EMPEROR'S GIFTS TO THE LEADERS.

the Norddeutscher Lloyd and the Hamburg- conducting a referendum in order to ascertain the Amerika which, as already announced, resulted opinion of the constituency on the Home Rule Bill. in a friendly settlement of the recent dispute, The questions submitted to every elector are:---The sorting of nutmegs is carried on upstairs. Party will be considered to-day at a special meeting meetings were held in London on Saturday land being passed into law without reference to the holes on their surface, which, as they point to the presence of a worm, render them unfit for use. These must be carefully picked out.

The Owen insisted on trying the work below to the large tion, of which he is one of the chief officials. It is the other Continental companies. These meet. to be held to-day of all the lines, British and foreign, which formed the North Atlantic referendum form achieved to the sign a petition, a copy of which is printed on the continental companies. These meet. The electors who are opposed to the Bill are asked to sign a petition, a copy of which is printed on the continental companies. These meet. The electors who are opposed to the Bill are asked to sign a petition, a copy of which is printed on the continental companies. These meet. It is the other Continental companies. These meet. The electors who are opposed to the Bill are asked to sign a petition, a copy of which is printed on the continental companies. These meet. The Queen insisted on trying the work herself, and took her place for the purpose at the trey. Miners' Association made the foreign, which formed the North Atlantic referendum form, asking the King not to give his assent to the magnitude of the purpose at the trey.

The German Emperor, as a token of his gratification at the friendly relationship established between the two German companies, has sent a bronze statuette of himself to Herr Ballin, director-general of the Hamburg-Amerika Line, and Herr Heineken, managafter the Vienna negotiations, which preceded the present conference in London, he invited the two representatives of the shipping lines to dine with him at Berlin. At the same time he dispatched a telegram to Herr Ballin congratulating him on the result of the negotiations.

BODY FOUND ON DARTMOOR.

A MISSING SCIENCE MASTER.

The dead body of a man was discovered on Saturday in a field on Hartland Farm, Postbridge, Dartmoor. The place is about a mile from the public Federal Government of the United States, who in road and the body was lying under a furze bush on a The police on telephoning to that address yesterday ascertained that Mr. W. Donaghy had left Liverpool on November 21 last with a considerable sum joi money and had not been seen or heard of since, He was a science master at Warrington Technical School, and had been ill for three or four months. His brother, Mr. J. Allan Donaghy, of Liverpool, is starting to-day to view the body.

THE POTTERY FAIR AT STOKE.

on-Trent has been exceedingly successful. Visitors kept them in prison in Fort McHenry at Baltimore. South Africa, and all parts of Europe, and the orders | State of Massachusetts.

of people are at present in Stoke and will be there throughout this the second week. The exhibition of historical pottery, the collection of early Staffordshire ware, has aroused particular interest.

ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE.

FIELD OPERATIONS AND MANŒUVRES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) BELFAST, FEB. 22.

THREE SAILING SHIPS WRECKED. | effective strength is still over 100,000. These The sailing ship Arctic Stream, of 1,498 tons, men, with few exceptions, have received

holed, and when darkness set in she had every already arrived to equip members of the Volunteer Force, while others assert that arms

THE THREAT OF CIVIL WAR.

MR. DILLON ON THE RECENT BY-ELECTIONS.

Mr. DILLON, M.P., addressed a Liberal meeting at York on Saturday night. He said that for some being a bad second. The woes of Ulster were not The West African mail steamer Falaba, on arrival absolutely consident that if a General Election at Plymouth yesterday, reported a succession of gales | were fought to-morrow and could be fought on Home Rule it would sweep the country. (Cheers.)

The exclusion of Ulster would not give peace to Ireland. A great many of the Unionist leaders declared that to separate Uster from the rest of' With the arrival of a serious storm system from the Ireland would be the greatest and blackest act of Atlantic the barometer fell yesterday to an unusually treachery to the Unionists of the South. When 287in.; over the western districts generally they must face civil war. It was the first time in modern over the St. George's Channel and the east of Ireland, Parliament by threats of civil war and violence. they were below 28.2in. During the previous 24 ("Shame.") They were told that many officers had hours considerably over half an inch of rain had threatened to resign, but once they brought politics fallen at many places in the west and south, including into the Army there would be very little of it left. the London district, and more than an inch and a The rank and file might have their own opinions, and if officers and generals said they would not fight There was an extraordinary fall of snow on Satur- against Ulster, the rank and file might say "We | day in the Medway Valley, between Maidstone and do not like to fight against strikers." (Cheers.) Tonbridge. None of the flakes measured less than Sir Edward Carson came into public life as a Liberal, an inch across, and most of them were 2in. in but when he saw the Tories firmly established in diameter. The fall was very remarkable for its power and Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill defeated he was appointed Public Prosecutor in Ireland and made a large fortune by prosecuting him (Mr. Dillon) and 2,000 other men. He was brought up by a Home Rule father, and, if Home Rulers to-day were persecutors and rebels, Sir Edward Carson's father was the same. (Cheers.)

A HOME RULE REFERENDUM.

Following the conferences last week between | The Unionist Association in North Camberwell is

assent to the measure until it has been submitted to the people. The Liberal Party in the division was invited, through Dr. Macnamara, M.P., the member for North Camberwell, to cooperate in conducting the referendum, but did not accept the offer. The counting is expected to be completed to-morrow.

At the last election Dr. Macnamara's majority was

SALUS POPULI SUPREMA LEX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,-I cannot believe that anyone who is not blinded by political passion and prejudice can fail to recognize after the explanations given in the South African Parliament by General Botha and General Smuts that they saved their country from anarchy and bloodshed by their high-handed proceedings and actions.

In so doing they only followed the example of the May, 1861, at the outset of the Civil War, ordered the military authorities in Baltimore to arrest a Mr. Merriman, who was accused of being a Secessionist. This was done in violation of the United States corpus, which was issued by Chief Justice Taney. I was present in the Court and heard him deliver a most eloquent exposition of the law-namely, that to the United States Congress alone was the right reserved to suspend the writ.

A letter I wrote to my brother Bernal Osborne giving an account of the affair was given by him to and published in The Times-without my signature. Acting on the axiom I have quoted and on the other one, "Inter arma silent leges," President Lincoln and his Cabinet paid no attention to Chief Justice Taney's writ. A little later on they arrested some The first week of the Pottery and Glass Fair at Stoke- of the leading citizens of the State of Maryland have been attracted from the United States, Australia, and then "deported" them to Fort Warren, in the

during the day), witnessed the performance of four times as much future business. Pottery buyers their detention there. Some clergymen at Boston, To-night their Majesties will dine with the Court, Cheltenham, the residence of Mr. Herbert was after a decade.

Work was resumed on Saturday at Messrs. Nobels' Fair is already more forward than the fair of Leipzig prisoners, made propositions to offer them religious involving the death of eight men and injuries to several Manchester to London line, has died from the effects American and even Scottish buyers have declared consolation. The offer was accepted, and one of the others occurred on Friday morning. Most of the of an explosion of naphtha on Saturday night. servants' quarters, which were gutted, but the house was saved by the combined efforts of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Brigades.

| and Gloucester Brigades. | Clergymen was requested to preach to them on the men was requested to preach to the men was requested to the men was requested to preach to the men was requested to the men was request

> FREDERIC BERNAL. Folkestone, Feb. 21.

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THE EXPLOSION AT ARDEER.

caused by the falling débris from the first explosion.

STATIONMASTER'S DEATH FROM

forenoon, but no theory as to the cause of the ex- found to be terribly burnt about the head and body. plosion in the gelatin house has yet been advanced. died at midnight. Pickering was between 50 and He was removed to the Royal Infirmary, where he The explosion in the magazine is stated to have been | 60, and he leaves a widow, one son, and four daughters. Considerable damage was done to the station buildings.