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THE QUEEN OF BULGARIA TO VISIT UNITED STATES

Washington, D.C., April 1—President Wilson, who has confessed his extreme distaste for the formalities and ceremonies that are necessarily a part of his daily life, seems destined by the irony of fate to be the first occupant of the White House to be called upon to entertain a reigning queen. Some time back the cable despatches told of an intended visit of Queen Eleonore of Bulgaria to the United States. These have now been officially confirmed and the time of the visit fixed for next month.

It will not be the first time that the appointed of the Lord have visited the United States. Most memorable of all the visits of royalty was that of the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII. The Grand Duke of Oldenburg, a reigning sovereign, paid a visit to this country many years ago. Dom Pedro of Brazil, Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the German emperor; the Duke of Connaught, uncle of King George; several Russian grand dukes, and the Infanta Eulalie of Spain, and numerous other representatives of royalty have been here from time to time. Even Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria, the consort of Queen Eleonore, has been a visitor to the United States. But Queen Eleonore will have the distinction of be-

ing the first reigning queen who ever stepped foot in this country.

The visit of Queen Eleonore is not to be a visit of state. Nor is she coming over to be entertained by the social lights in New York and Newport.

The primary purpose of her visit is to inspect the hospitals and kindred charitable organizations in this country. These are matters in which the interests of her whole life have been centered. While in this city she will confer with the officials of the Red Cross Society. Not only is Her Majesty intimately acquainted with Red Cross work but she is an expert nurse with years of practical experience.

In the Russo-Japanese war Queen Eleonore, who at that time was Princess Eleonore of Reuss, wore the uniform of the Red Cross sisters and followed an ambulance train sent out by the Grand Duchess Vladimir. Throughout the entire war Princess Eleonore lived on board this train, travelling back and forth with the armies in Manchuria and staying always as near as possible to the actual scene of conflict. On more than one occasion the windows of her car were smashed by flying bullets. Upon her return to St. Petersburg after the close of the war she received a popular welcome and was showered with honors by the Russian court.

More recently the Balkan war brought into strong relief the queen's personality and her prompt action in organizing Red Cross work in Sofia as soon as hostilities began did much to mitigate the terrible condition of the wounded soldiery in the campaign. She also devoted much attention to the relief of the homeless and destitute who poured into the Bulgarian capital by thousands as the war progressed.

Queen Eleonore's entire life prior to her marriage to Prince Ferdinand, was spent on the Reuss estates in lower Austria, so that she is to all intents and purposes an Austrian. From her girlhood she devoted herself to good works in her father's principality, particularly in the neighborhood of the ancestral home at Gera. It was generally believed that the Princess Eleonore preferred philanthropy to matrimony. She had reached middle life when, six years ago, she became the second wife of the ruler of Bulgaria.

The queen is a very accomplished woman and speaks several languages fluently. Immediately after her marriage she set herself to learn Bulgarian, which is a very difficult language. In this and other ways she soon found her way to the hearts of her adopted people. Incessantly she has worked for their well-being. She has opened numerous schools, established hospi-

COST OF BRIDGES EXCEEDS ESTIMATES

BRIDGE

Hon. Mr. Morrissey in answer to Mr. Dugai's inquiry in the House, said:—

Q 1—Were any estimates made of the cost of repairing the following bridges, either by an engineer of the Public Works Department or by any other person, before each work was begun?

A—Yes, estimates and expenditures were made on the following bridges by the Structural Superintendents:—

Name of Bridge	Estimated Cost	Expenditure
Crooked Creek Bridge		
No. 2	\$ 500.00	\$ 475.69
Crooked Creek Bridge		
No. 3	600.00	410.08
Horn Brook Bridge	865.00	3266.59
North River Break		
water	400.00	804.03
Meduxnakeag Mouth	125.00	838.06
Red Bridge	500.00	571.00
Mpper Mills Bridge	500.00	447.79
Barachois	900.00	644.37
Marie (Jean)	1000.00	2268.75
Nepisquit		103.00
Rivers		1104.32
Big Tracadie River		2142.72
Little Tracadie River		
er	2800.00	2163.88
Arseneau (Leon)		1140.52
Bastarache (Maxime)		957.93
Bastarache (Oliver)		1917.89
Gallant (Polycarpe)		2136.69
Lower Molus River		1232.43
Main River		1195.56
Scotts (Tom)		1640.95
Meenan Cove	750.00	1050.77
Stewart Mill Brook	1500.00	1760.37
Baker Lake	2600.00	3739.08
Burnt Church River		
Mouth	1200.00	1970.00
Crozier Concrete	850.00	767.22
Eel River Bar Pro-		
tection	3500.00	4644.81
Upsalquitch Retain-		
ing Wall		2485.53
Little Salmon River	800.88	528.24
Mosher Hill	350.00	261.77
Stackhouse	788.55	574.23
Ferguson Brook		270.34
Thoroughfare	600.00	1621.29
Nictau Schoolhouse	700.00	478.68
Leger Simon		532.00
Richard (Simon)		429.15
Marysville	1206.00	1663.35
Nackawick Mouth	1000.00	992.46

Q 2—If so, what was the estimate of cost for repairing each bridge, and what was the total cost of repairing each bridge or if the work is not yet completed, what is the total cost to date.

A.—Answered by No. 1.

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It is now thirty-five years since King Ferdinand visited the United States. At that time he was a Prince of Saxe-Coburg, for it was some ten years before he was made the ruler of Bulgaria. He was on his way home from Brazil, where he had been the guest of his brother, Prince Augustus of Saxe-Coburg, who had married a daughter of Dom Pedro. After arriving in New York the prince visited Philadelphia, Washington, Niagara Falls and other places of interest before sailing for Europe.

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The song of the happy journey.
Only the wise heart knows.

I hear the brachian bote
Of the tree frog under the hill
And the clear and watery treble
Of his brother silvery shrill.

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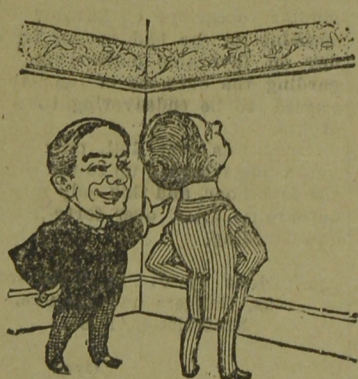
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