

CORONATION PREPARATIONS.

We are privileged to offer you these exclusive pictures of the season's preparations at Covent Garden Opera House. With faithful detail the camera gives a potted impression of an early rehearsal. Behind the scenes, uncesing activity; on the stage, an artistic performance in the making. ~~And here, the rehearsal of an operatic chorus.~~ Coming down to earth, we find decorations going up in the Mall, as they are in all parts of London. ~~which lie on the route.~~ For many days now thw work will be an irresistible attraction to every small boy in the Metropolis, ~~but we wonder how many will be lucky enough to see the procession itself.~~ And now let us introduce you to the guests whom the King has specially invited to the Abbey. From Bolsover Colliery near Chesterfield a pitboy named Leslie Pollard has been honoured. His Majesty's guest from Glasgow is Miss Lizzie McCulloch, who worked on the Abbey carpet. Mr Elvet Thomas, a steel worker from South Wales, will be third of the king's guests; he was one of the first boys to attend the Duke of York's camps. And the fourth will be Miss Doris Griffith of Birmingham. ~~And His Majesty the king inspected at Buckingham Palace the new military uniforms to be worn at the Coronation ceremonies. The Regiments represented are the Royal Scots Greys, the West Yorkshire, the Royal Scots Fusiliers, the Seaforth Highlanders and the King's Royal Rifles.~~ The material is blue serge. And now --- what is the East End doing? At Dron Buildings, E 1. all is bustle and excitement. Flags, bunting and all kinds of decorations are being made against the great day. A special programme has been printed and the tea menu makes your jaws ache to read it. For some it is the first Coronation --- some have seen others, but are no less gay.