

LORD BEAVERBROOK SAYS "THE KING IS FREE TO CHOOSE AND YOU MUST BELIEVE THAT HE WILL CHOOSE WISELY"

Solution Possible Without Abdication, Gov't Resignation

King Cheered Wildly By Thousands at Meeting
Albert Hall

Efforts to Avoid Losing Beloved Monarch

King Consults With His Mother and Brothers ---
Family Cancel Engagements

LONDON, Dec. 4 — "The general opinion among members of Parliament tonight was that a way would be found out of the problem and not by abdication, resignation of the Baldwin Government or by a general election."

As the Empire went through one of its most anxious days the King tonight twice was closeted with Queen Mary, before and after a 50-minute conference with Prime Minister Baldwin.

With no announcement made concerning the differences between the King and his ministers, Mr. Baldwin emerged grave-faced from Buckingham Palace and went immediately to the House of Commons. Later he went to 10 Downing Street.

The King hurried back for a second meeting with his mother.

Mr. Baldwin earlier in the day told the House of Commons he "had no statement to make."

The Royal Family cancelled all public engagements.

The King's three brothers, the Dukes of York, Gloucester and Kent, held a long consultation in the Duke of York's Piccadilly residence late tonight.

A court circular announced the King, after seeing his mother, did not remain to dine, but that the Duke and Duchess of York stayed on.

Awaits Return

While the King was in London, it was reported that Mrs. Ernest Simpson remained at Fort Belvedere, His Majesty's residence near Windsor.

W. F. Knoll and T. L. McGovern, both of Saint John, are registered today at the Queen Hotel.

C. W. Hubbard and J. R. Reddon, both of Saint John, are registered today at the Queen.

COUNTRY AT LARGE DETERMINED NOT TO LOSE BY ABDICATION OF ITS BELOVED MONARCH

LONDON, Dec. 4—In certain portions of the press it has even been suggested the cabinet's concern was not merely over the King's personal affairs but over his "political activities"—his interest in unemployment in Britain's "distressed areas" and foreign affairs.

The Manchester Guardian said Prime Minister Baldwin's assurance in the House of Commons that there was no constitutional difficulty "may legitimately be read as the present confirmation of the hope all of us have been cherishing . . . that no direct conflict between the wishes of the King and the advice of his ministers would arise . . ."

"We have at least gained what would seem to be a brief respite from the immediate prospect of that 'constitutional difficulty.'"

The London Daily Mail: "The people want their King." The country's determination is growing that "no development of the present extraordinary situation shall be allowed to part it from its beloved King. . . . Abdication is out of the question."

The paper said the country "resents the one-sided attacks which have

MAY HAVE BROKEN FLIGHT RECORD

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Dec. 4—Captain James A. Mollison probably unofficially broke the London-to-Cape Town record held by his estranged wife without knowing it, he and his French co-pilot said today.

The two fliers were brought here in separate planes from Wiesdrift, 20 miles from Cape Town where they made a forced landing at 5 p.m. yesterday after losing their course in heavy weather. They agreed however, that their monoplane, "Miss Dorothy," probably passed over Cape Town sometime early yesterday afternoon. They had not dared, however, to drop through the low ceiling of fog to determine their exact location, they said.

Government Planes Are Meeting With Success in Madrid

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MADRID, Dec. 4—Several government planes are meeting with success in an attack against the insurgent forces. A report of a British ship being captured and searched states that the British ship which had been chartered by Russia was found to be carrying war material.

Mrs. F. Salmon, Saint John, is staying at the Queen for a few days.

MAY BE BETTER PRIME MINISTER NO BETTER KING

LONDON, Dec. 4—Two leading Liberal journals leaped to the defence of King Edward in the present constitutional crisis, and strong words were flung into the fray by the majority opposition press.

Backing up the News-Chronicle's plea that the monarch be allowed to wed the consort of his choice, "as any other man," the paper's allied Evening Star invited Prime Minister Baldwin to resign if he does not like the romance. "There may be better prime ministers," said the Star. "There will be no better King."

The Gift Custom

SOME YEARS ago an organization was formed called the "Society for Suppression of Useless Giving," or some such name. The idea behind it was that many people of limited means were imposing financial burdens, needless worry and exhausting work upon themselves, by making unnecessary Christmas gifts.

Do we need such a society now? It is often argued that in many cases Christmas gifts are a kind of a trade, that frequently both parties who make such an exchange would secretly be glad to abandon the custom.

Some people do worry unnecessarily about their Christmas and burden themselves unduly. And yet as a whole it is one of the most beautiful customs of our life. The great majority of gifts represent real love. The gifts come from the heart. The affection which people feel for each other is the finest phase of human nature. That expression can not be wholly shown by words. There must be some eligible basis for it, something real to show that the love is really felt.

AS PEOPLE USUALLY CONDUCT IT, THE HABIT IS ECONOMICALLY JUSTIFIABLE. People try to find out the things that their families and friends really want and need. The day of giving foolish and elaborate gifts of no practical value has passed. Most of the merchandise exchanged represents things that are either really needed, or else which add beauty to the homes, and cheer people on along life's dusty pathway.

While useless gifts should be stopped, the custom as a whole is too deeply rooted in human nature to go. During the rest of the year people hustle for themselves. They certainly need a week or two when they show unselfishness and make practical manifestations of their affection.

Our people in Fredericton usually use good judgment in making gifts. The Home Merchant who knows the needs of our local trade is prepared to give advice on the things that are needed in the home. Things of practical value will be appreciated most. Our local stores are filled with these things—and at reasonable prices.

Three weeks from today will be Christmas Day. The wise Christmas buyer does her—or, his—buying while the assortment is yet complete and before the Christmas rush starts. Those who intend to do Christmas shopping should sit down tonight—or over the week-end—and make out a list. Then get busy and get it over. There are only sixteen more shopping days until Christmas.

AND DO NOT FORGET FREDERICTON'S HOME OWNED STORES.

7,000 AT MEETING CHEER KING WILDLY

LONDON, Dec. 4—An instance of King Edward's popularity was evidenced here tonight when wave upon wave of cheering was sent up after a crowd of 7,000 sang "God Save the King" at conclusion of a peace meeting in Albert Hall.
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Happiness of King Promotes Interest British Empire

LONDON, Dec. 4—The Evening Star has the following to say about the present situation of the King and Cabinet: "Even if by honoring Mrs. Simpson with his hand, the King also made her his consort, the country and the Empire would still stand in health and in strength."

"People do not think of him (the King) with the mystic reverence due to some plaster saint. 'His place in the hearts of his people can be made more secure than ever. It is for statesmen to help him find the solution which will promote his effectiveness as a King and Emperor and his personal happiness and well-being as a man.'"

The Evening Standard said: "He (the King) alone knows whether he can sustain the opposition of Baldwin and the other Ministers. He alone can decide whether he should abdicate his Throne by voluntary deed."

CANADA IS DECLARED LEADER IN CRISIS

LONDON, Dec. 3—The Evening Star said concerning the constitutional crisis tonight that Canada and South Africa had helped to hasten a show-down.

"Representations made in London by two Dominions have been largely responsible for bringing matters to a head," the newspaper said.

"Canadian and South African representations more particularly the former, have been singularly vigorous both in form and substance, going so far as to suggest on one occasion that unless a satisfactory solution was reached the oldest of our Dominions might have to review its present relationship to the Crown."

In The Star and other evening newspapers Premier King of Canada was quoted from Ottawa as saying: "I have nothing to say whatever. I heard many rumors when I was in England and many since I came home. I have nothing to say about them."

Bill Passed in Connection Importing Arms to Spain

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 4—The non-intervention committee yesterday presented the bill in the House of Commons which deals with the inspection of imports into Spain. A copy of this bill is to be sent to both government and insurgent forces in Spain.

HOLIDAY CARDS IN NEW STYLES

Coronation Hues Are
Very Strongly
Prevalent

Some 'Gone Modern'

And Others Cling to Old
Conservative
Motifs

NEW YORK, Dec. 4—Christmas cards will soon be falling about the town like confetti at carnival time, and the newest designs in the smart collections of cards this season already are blossoming like fields of flowers in the stores. You may have your choice of intriguingly modern missives, with strikingly formalized designs, or cleverly conservative cards in new treatments of the traditional themes.

An entirely new note is the use of colors, which are definitely keyed to
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Premier Baldwin Not to Present Bill re Morganatic Marriages

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 4—Premier Stanley Baldwin stated today that there is nothing in the British law about morganatic marriages. He says if anything is done about it, it will have to be done by special legislation which bill he said he would not present to Parliament.

Crystal Palace May Be Turned Into a Convalescent Home

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 4—A committee has been appointed to consider what is in store for the site of Crystal Palace which was destroyed by fire this week. It is possible that it may be turned into a convalescent home which will accommodate one thousand people. The rest of the site will be used for pleasure grounds.

No Change Possible of Succession to the British Throne Without the Consent of Each Dominion

MRS. SIMPSON DEPARTS FOR THE RIVIERA

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 4—It is reported from authentic circles today that Mrs. Wallis Simpson left recently for the Riviera in Southern France where she will spend some time at Cannes. The dispatch says that Mrs. Simpson will travel by auto.

Legislation Needed to Make Marriage Constitutional

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 4—Premier Baldwin in a statement given today before the House of Commons said that the situation today had nothing to do with the Royal Marriage Act of 1772. The King has the right to choose his own partner in life, but before she can be made Queen of England it would have to go through Legislation but not before it had passed through the Legislation of every Dominion. "There has been a widespread misunderstanding of the whole affair," said Premier Baldwin.
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Strenuous Efforts Under Way Between King and Ministers

Suggested Mrs. Simpson Voluntarily Leave the
Country as Solution to Problem

Predictions Numerous That King Abdicate

Prime Minister Baldwin Insists That There is Not
Any Constitutional Difficulty



KING EDWARD VIII

STANLEY BALDWIN REFUSES TO SAY ANYTHING MORE

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 4—Dispatches today state that Premier Stanley Baldwin refuses to say anything further than what he said yesterday in regard to the situation arisen over the proposed marriage of His Majesty, King Edward, to Mrs. Wallis Simpson.

E. W. Hall, Moncton, is a registered guest at the Queen today.

LONDON, Dec. 4—Strenuous efforts are underway to settle the issue between the King and his ministers. The governments of the dominions, it is understood, are being consulted. For it is frankly realized here that questions affecting the Throne concern not Britain alone, but the whole British Commonwealth of Nations, several days may elapse before a definite announcement can be made.

Well-informed circles tonight stress the phrase in Prime Minister Baldwin's House of Commons statement that there is not at present any constitutional difficulty. The phrase is taken to mean that a clash between the King and government has not yet occurred. Negotiations between the King and Mr. Baldwin, it is authoritatively learned, have been of an informal nature and it would be premature to assume that a constitutional difficulty would necessarily arise.

Nevertheless predictions of the King's abdication fly thick and fast. The King's relations with Mrs. Ernest Simpson, his desire to marry her and the cabinet's opposition are the one topic where a few gather together. The common impression is that if the King insists on marriage abdication will be inevitable, with the Duke of York succeeding to the Throne. The Coronation would be postponed for six months.

But every effort is being made to avert an abdication and all that abdication involves. There is a feeling that a way out will still be found, possibly.
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ROOSEVELT STARTS ON HIS VOYAGE HOME

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 4—President Roosevelt in a farewell speech to South America yesterday, said a new era of progress under democratic processes has begun in the Western Hemisphere.

The President, replying to a welcome by President Gabriel Terra at a luncheon in his honor during a brief pause at this festive Uruguayan capital, invited his host to visit Washington soon. Mr. Roosevelt spoke before sailing at 4 p.m. aboard the U.S.S. Indianapolis.

"It is of the utmost importance that the nations of the New World have found it possible under vigorous leadership to find the answer to changing conditions within the spirit and the framework of constitutional government and democratic processes," Mr. Roosevelt said.

"We have not completed our task. In accordance with the objectives and the theory of democratic government, that task is a continuous one, we must move forward, we learn much from each other—much that is good and some things which we must avoid."
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Constitutional Authorities Puzzle Over Poss- ible Abdication of Un- crowned King.

LONDON, Dec. 4—How King Edward could give up the Throne which he has not yet taken over by formal Coronation was a problem puzzling constitutional authorities tonight.

They held the matter of greatest importance in the light of rumors that Prime Minister Baldwin would seek to force abdication if His Majesty should persist in his reported intention to marry.

The last abdication was that of James II who in 1688 fled from the armies of his son-in-law, William of Orange.

The only other abdication was that of Richard II, in 1399, who died in prison, put to death, some historians believe, by Henry of Lancaster who invaded the kingdom to avenge his being sent into exile.

Seen as Solution
Many perplexing legal questions would be simplified if King Edward simply should leave England as James did, historians said, because Parliament then, as it did before, could declare the Throne vacant.

On the other hand, the law still in force which made William and Mary joint rulers, reads that the King cannot
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