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The Crisis Comes

The startling news which came over the wire from London today whilst it was not altogether unexpected, will be heard with feelings of the very greatest regret. King Edward VIII has won the real love of his people. He did much to unite the different classes of the Empire together. He bid fair to be the best monarch that the Empire ever had. His going will seem to many like the loss of a strong personal friend.

The Duke of York is to be the next King.

Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George, Duke of York, will be forty-one years old within a few days. The occasion will possess more than usual importance under existing circumstances because, following the death of his royal father, he became Heir-Presumptive to the British throne. He is the Heir-Presumptive not Heir-Apparent since, in ordinary course, if the King married and left issue surviving him, his heirs would ascend the throne. If the Duke should die before the death or abdication of the King, then the former's daughter would be crowned as Queen Elizabeth II.

What title the present Duke of York may take as King is not so evident. It would not necessarily be Albert. Prince Albert Edward became King Edward VII. King Edward VIII, however, was Prince Edward Albert. The tendency is against the assuming of a new name. He might be King George VI.

The Duke of York was born at York Cottage on the royal estate at Sandringham on December 14, 1895, the second son of the then Duke and Duchess of York who later were to become King George V and Queen Mary.

The Duke is described as a serious-looking, serious-minded, tall, thin young man who is the royal family's always available encyclopedia, especially when Empire matters are up for discussion. He was educated by private tutors, went to Osborne and Dartmouth naval schools, and during the war, at the age of twenty, he was a midshipman aboard the H.M.S. Collingwood, which took part in the Battle of Jutland. Later, he joined the Royal Flying Corps and went to France.

He is by nature a student and, like many of this disposition, has a strong dislike for public speaking, but has had much more than his share of it. To Queen Mary has frequently been attributed the faculty to grasp technicalities quickly, and in this as well as in other qualities there is said to be strong resemblance between the Duke of York and his mother. A profound seriousness when yoked with his shyness has unfairly brought accusations of "high-hat" tendencies.

Radio, boxing, tennis and detective fiction are among his hobbies, and perhaps secondarily crossword puzzles and motion pictures. A writer in The London News-Chronicle once suggested that probably Conan Doyle has no more fervent admirer and added: "He enjoys, too, a good book on outdoor sport and hunting."

His fondness for shooting is well known. Soon after his marriage to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon in Westminster Abbey, they departed for Kenya Colony, East Africa, where they hunted for big game. By a coincidence, this is a part of the Empire with which the Duchess of Gloucester also is personally and thoroughly familiar.

Men of most diverse interests find themselves guests at the town residence of the Duke and Duchess, according to Hon. Mrs. Francis Lascelles in her book "Our Duke and Duchess," and are deliberately encouraged to talk shop. Experiences are exchanged and opinions intelligently sought. The Duke of York takes his responsibilities seriously.

"The Contract Must Be Kept"

Those of us whose incomes are derived entirely from our own earnings would have little chance of leaving what is even a modest estate were it not for the various forms of saving.

The forms are several and good. Particularly useful is life insurance. Again and again your newspaper has brought this fact to the attention of readers who knew it anyway, but who, like many others of us, let the significance and personal application slide by.

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Safely the insurance companies rode the worst depression the world has ever known. Never could this brilliant performance have been possible were it not for the care exercised in the investments made by the great companies.

The keynote of faith kept with the policyholder was well sounded by President Guy Cox, president of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, in an address before the Association of Life Insurance Presidents at their annual meeting at New York, when he told of the thought continuously in the mind of insurance men—the certain fulfillment of the contract with the policyholder.

Aerial Infantry

The French Air Ministry announces that France has created a new army division of "Infantry of the Air," one made up of fully equipped infantrymen who are to be flown to a desired position and landed by parachute.

This plan for infantry movement was originated by Soviet Russia and was demonstrated for foreign observers a short time ago. In the demonstration, 5,200 soldiers were flown more than 260 miles and landed behind imaginary enemy lines. The first planes to reach the objective landed 2,200 soldiers. Once on the ground, the troops seized a large area and held it while other planes landed 3,000 additional troops, supplies, transport vehicles and field artillery.

This newest technique in warfare presents a terrifying outlook to European nations, where distances between international boundaries are short and where a few minutes' flying would put a fleet of planes well behind the enemy lines.

SNAPSHOTS

When we speak of allegiance to the Throne it does not necessarily mean the individual occupant of the Throne but to that symbol which unites the whole Empire, the Throne itself. When people refuse to sing God Save the King they are in reality denying allegiance to the Throne itself. The boys who fought for King and Country on Flanders Fields have during our difficult times apparently appreciated this situation in regard to our Throne and Empire.

If ever there was a time when our National Anthem, which is a prayer, should be given with fervor, it is now.

The Empire loses a ruler who was doing much for his people. We will never have a King who can do more. We are certainly living in stirring times.

Roger Babson says the minds of women are just as good as those of men. Faint praise like that won't get him anywhere with the women.

Never tell a reporter you have nothing to say. If you were as dumb as that he wouldn't be there to see you.

Domestic drama: (1) Wife corrects husband in public. (2) Husband reproves wife. (3) Wife feels offended because reproved in public.

Premier Baldwin

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erican press. He was forced to the conclusion that with the divorce case coming on, a difficult situation might arise and that later that situation would become dangerous. He felt bound to speak to the King in regard to the matter as he thought it was his duty as the King's friend and counsellor. He wanted to say that he had not taken any of his colleagues into his confidence in regard to the matter.

On the 18th of October last he went to Belvedere and found that the King was to entertain a shooting party on that day. The Premier stated that he desired to see His Majesty. He said that that was the only occasion on which he had sought an interview with the King. In arranging the engagement with His Majesty he told him what the matter was about. Mr. Baldwin said that as an advisor of the Crown he felt bound to tell His Majesty the truth. He felt that His Majesty should be aware of the reports that were going around. His Majesty never took offense at the conversations carried on. All these conversations were in friendliness.

Mr. Baldwin stated that he told the King that while many changes had occurred in the British Monarchy during the years that had gone, that the Monarchy stands for more today than it ever had done. Its history, integrity and its place in the Empire were the greatest that it ever had been. He traced what might happen if the Monarchy was to lose the favor of the people. Something might be lost that would never be restored. He told the King that the criticisms were dangerous and that in the interests of the Empire that it must stop.

Continuing, Mr. Baldwin said that he stated to His Majesty that he had many good qualities, qualities that would make for a great reign and that it was for His Majesty to consider all that had been said. Replying, His Majesty said "You and I must settle this matter between ourselves." The Premier pointed out the dangers of the divorce proceedings and stated in order to avoid different factions arising in the land and taking sides that any action that was to be taken should be taken quickly in order to prevent trouble growing up in the country.

"On November 16," said Mr. Baldwin, "I visited Buckingham Palace and His Majesty and myself repeated our conversation. The divorce case had been pronounced upon and we discussed it for a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes. I told His Majesty that I did not think for a moment that his marriage to the lady was under the circumstances advisable, and advised His Majesty to ponder greatly over the situation that had arisen."

DIED

OLDHAM—At Fredericton, December 9, 1936, John Oldham.

The remains will be taken to Christchurch Parish Church at 11:30 tomorrow morning to rest there until the hour of service, two o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. W. J. Bate will conduct the service and interment will be in the Rural cemetery.

DIED

McADAM—At Douglas, December 10, 1936, Charles McAdam, aged 71 years.

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Londoners

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in a high bearskin shako taking the salute of the guards.

"Can you imagine her opening bazaars, kissing babies, et cetera, et cetera," a girl office worker complained bitterly.

A housewife's idea was "Live and let live. The King hasn't much pleasure as it is. Why not let him marry the person he loves? That's not asking too much."

"Out with Baldwin and his old-world ideas. Out with the bunch of spinsters in the cabinet with him," stormed a middle-aged business man.

A communist speaker in Hyde Park said sarcastically:

"It's royal prerogative to love a double divorcee you know. The issue is whether the King tells us what to do or we as individuals tell him."

An old man with a long white beard immediately challenged the speaker.

"You're balmy," he said, his beard bobbing up and down at every word. "Crackpot! Polecat!"

Premier King

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silence. He added that "When the crisis is over the people of Canada will appreciate the attitude of silence on the part of their Government."

"Premier Baldwin has said all that is necessary for the moment, and I have nothing to add to that," the Canadian Prime Minister replied to further questions.

"Would you make a statement if Parliament were in session?" he was asked.

He replied: "Can you not imagine an occasion on which a Canadian Prime Minister would refuse to make a statement, even to Parliament, if he thought silence was the wisest course?"

The reporter agreed there might be circumstances in which silence would be the best policy.

The Prime Minister then said: "There is a time to speak and a time to be silent. I would rather be judged by my silence at the present time than by the abundance of utterance which has characterized some other people."

It was pointed out to Mr. King that Lord Beaverbrook's Sunday Express had criticized Canada's neglect of its right to communicate direct with the King as a reversion to colonialization. "I saw that and was highly amused by it," commented the Prime Minister.

Give King

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the conscience," mused the Spirit of Sir Wilfred. "Give a young man time to think things over, and he will make the right decision. If you rush him he may do something reckless and every body will be sorry."

"But let me ask you a question," pursued the Old Chieftain. "How are the newspaper boys getting on with my successor?"

"Some of them are murmuring; they complain the Prime Minister tells them nothing. They had the same difficulty with Mr. Bennett, who pretended to have a contempt for the press until a few months before the election, when he suddenly remembered they were old friends. But, alas, it was too late. The Bennett government was too far gone, and the Liberals came back with the largest majority in history."

"I am amazed," quoth Sir Wilfred, "to hear that Mackenzie King is cultivating dictatorial habits, withholding information to which the people are entitled. And still more amazed to hear the Prime Ministers of the present day have offended my old Press Gallery friends. I well remember the seventy roses the newspaper boys gave me on my seventieth birthday. We got along all right. I understand Borden also was very frank with you, and took you into his confidence even during the darkest days of the war."

"How much should a Canadian Prime Minister tell the people about a constitutional crisis that threatens to end the reign of their King?" I asked the Old Chieftain, whose white plume was waving as of yore. "Should he treat 'em rough and tell them nothing a la Hitler? Should he wait until Parliament meets so that his statement can be properly embalmed in the pages of Hansard? Or are the people entitled to know without delay what views the Government is expressing on their behalf? Have they a right to know whether the government is on the King's side or whether it is favouring Baldwin?"

"Well, Mackenzie King is a shrewd politician," responded the Spirit of Laurier, "and they seem to order things better in Ottawa than in Downing Street. I do not hear of people parading around Parliament Hill with offensive banners or thrusting out barrassing slogans in the face of Mackenzie King as he emerges from Laurier House."

"But what about the Government's attitude to the public and the press?" I pursued.

"It is always well to trust the people," the statue said. "Roosevelt has the right idea. He calls the newspapermen by their first names, sees them regularly and tells them everything."

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The result was that even the newspapermen who travelled with Landon were all favoring Roosevelt.

"I remember an amusing speech by M. Briand to reporters. It sums up in a witty fashion what should be the attitude of public men, at any rate when dealing with reporters: 'We are old friends, old neighbors, old lovers, old fighters, you and I, and will be till the grave. You have represented me, misrepresented me, been my loud speaker, the painters of my character the critics of my words, the cog in my wheel, the stone in my shoe, the body of men I cannot do without, which is indissolubly knit with my name, my name and my public life. Crush round me, I will never rebuke you. Get what crumbs you can. You will make leaves from them. But let me pass now, for I have my train to catch, and a Frenchman must never miss his train to Paris.'

The echoes of the noon gun reverberated through the Ottawa Valley and the Spirit of the Old Chieftain said "Au revoir."

DEATH GETS 'GAG KING'

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—David Freedman, the man behind radio's most successful comedians, died in his sleep in his pent house here. Physicians said death was due to heart failure. A few hours before he died, Freedman was advised by Sam Goldwyn MGM head, that he had been signed to a movie-writing contract.

WOMAN FLIER IN CRASH

JACKSON, O., Dec. 10—Marjorie Gage, socialite aviatrix and movie actress, and her pilot, Robt. Blair, escaped serious injury when their monoplane crashed in a field.

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