

QUEEN MARY IS MOST POWERFUL WOMAN RULER SINCE ELIZABETH

Great Britain's Popular Queen is Never Disobeyed By Her Husband or Sons

LONDON, England, Feb. 18—Behind the English throne—behind every significant action the present royalty has ever taken, stands a proud, dominant woman who is never disobeyed either by her admiring husband, the King or by her sons.

Powerful Ruler

In future history, when their veil of discretion is stripped from royal chronicles, Queen Mary will be revealed as Queen Elizabeth.

She has her hands full in managing her royal household. Her duties extend from tending her husband's neglect of his health to advising her sons on their love affairs!

King George had a slight cold when he had to attend the Armistice Day ceremony at the Cenotaph. Queen Mary was concerned about him. She realized it was impossible for the King to absent himself from such an important function. Yet she feared that the two minutes' silence with an exposed head would make him worse.

She planned carefully that the King would immediately return to his carriage and be driven quickly back to the palace. But his majesty, awed and moved by the ceremony, lingered at the Cenotaph to pay homage to his dead subjects. The exposure made him seriously ill. He was at death's door for months.

Allayed His Worries

She did much to allay his worries, and even offered to read his speech at the opening of Parliament.

When engrossed in complicated business, the King is sometimes absent-minded. The Queen has to watch him almost like a child. Last summer he neglected to don a coat after a strenuous early-morning ride in Hyde Park. Queen Mary was still in bed so she was unable to remind him. He caught cold, but fortunately soon recovered.

Because of her sympathy, tempered with an almost dynamic common-sense, she receives the confidences of her

sons on their love affairs. The Duke of York, before his marriage, told her he had fallen madly in love with Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.

"Propose to her", said the Queen tersely.

"I have", replied the Duke of York. "Three times I've asked her to marry me and she won't!"

The Queen then questioned about his methods of courtship and gave some helpful advice.

She finished her love talk with the following words: "Elizabeth must make up her mind. I have seen a great deal of truth in that saying: 'Faint heart never won fair lady'. Ask her again!"

The Duke of York did so and was accepted. One of the most brilliant and happy marriages of the season resulted.

A previous article has described how she communicated to Prince George her desire for him to marry Princess Marina of Greece. After he had met the beautiful Latin beauty, he was all for proposing to her immediately!

Gives Advice

"No matter how much you love her", the Queen told him seriously, "you must let the courtship run its normal course before you propose. In that way you will show more respect to her since your decision will come from a long friendship and careful thinking."

Except on the question of the Prince of Wales' marriage the Queen is consulted by her family and obeyed. The Prince of Wales will not accept her judgment on his marriage, but this hasn't led to any real rift between him and his mother, as the sensationalists have so often reported.

Likes People

One of the most lovable traits of the Queen is a characteristic the Prince of Wales also has. She spends hours of her leisure time having tea with them in their cottages and slums. In the palace she has a large book in which she

has written extensive notes on slum conditions which much be rectified.

The following occurrence typifies her strength of mind and courage to assert her individuality when necessary. She was invited to inspect the Palatial premises, situated in London's worst district, of a London slum clearance organization. She was conducted about, accompanied by bowing officials. From one of the windows she saw miles of disgraceful slums, indescribable hovels.

"Now we'll inspect those", she said grimly.

Despite a drizzle of dirty rain she made the officials with their frock coats and silk hats accompany her on a tour of the poverty-stricken cottages.

When she returned she scornfully said: "These houses are a disgrace to the country and an outrage to the poor souls who live in them. You say you have money to spend on improvements yet your rest rooms here cost more money than is needed for these tenements. I shall return soon, and if nothing has been done I shall withdraw my name from your list of patrons."

The houses were rebuilt in two years.

Wears Same Style

Her indifference to superficial public opinion is expressed in the clothes she wears. She has worn the same style for over 30 years. Her old coats, dresses and hats are sent to designers to be remodelled exactly. She shows courage in evolving a becoming style and sticking to it.

To Princess Mary she once said: "I don't expect you or my daughter-in-law or women of fashion to think you must imitate my mode of dress out of respect for me. I think that large hats and long skirts suit me, although perhaps they wouldn't do for other people."

Last September Prince George remarked to his mother: "Marina will think you only possess one hat!"

The queen smiled at his joke, and a few weeks later astonished the royal household, and, in fact, the whole of the nation, by appearing in an elaborate new creation, bedecked with a jaunty feather—the first "new" hat she had worn for 30 years!

During the last few years she has seemed less conscious of the burden of her responsibilities. This fact is demonstrated in a recent human happening. After a private dinner at the

NO BAR SEEN IN WAY OF B.N.A. ACT CHANGES

KITCHENER, Ont., Feb. 18 — "There is no good reason why the leaders of the various parties and the representatives of all the provinces should not come together at a conference in the proper spirit of Canadianism whereby this problem could be properly adjusted," Hon. Fernand Rinfret, Montreal Member of Parliament and former Secretary of State, told the Waterloo County Canadian Club in speaking on "Amending the Constitution."

The former Minister said that the problem before Parliament is one of making certain changes in agreement between the provinces, rather than in altering the Constitution, Canada, he said, did not have a constitution such as was generally meant by that word. Parliament, he thought, should be given powers by the provinces to deal with some matters such as social insurance, which could not have been foreseen in 1867 when the respective power of the Federal and Provincial Governments were agreed on.

Bathurst Funeral Largely Attended

BATHURST, Gloucester County, Feb. 18—The funeral of W. G. Fenwick was held Sunday afternoon with service conducted at his residence by Rev. J. W. Paul, Woodstock formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at Bathurst. The funeral cortege was one of the largest seen here, the service being attended by people of all walks of life, with a large number from a distance, including several prominent provincial horsemen, with whom Mr. Fenwick was associated for a long period. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, testifying to the high esteem in which he was held. The pallbearers were W. G. White, A. O'Donnell, Robert Rogers, S. A. McKendry, G. W. Ellis, and Peter J. Leger. Interment was at the Presbyterian Cemetery, West Bathurst.

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palace the Queen offered cigarettes to the lady guests. Tactfully they refused. The queen then commented on their "old-fashionedness" and coolly lit a cigarette herself.

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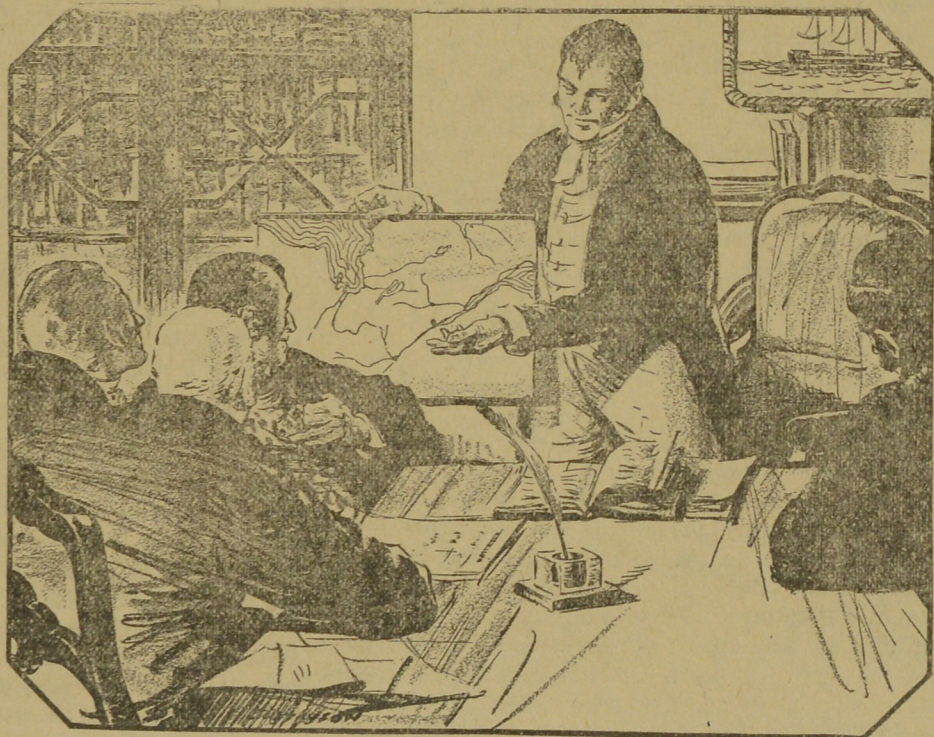
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