

KING AND QUEEN

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The ancient tradition and custom of British royalty went by the board again today. They <sup>se</sup> took an unexpected upset last week when King George and Queen Elizabeth shook hands and spoke with American newspapermen, much to the amazement ~~and~~ ~~horror~~ of the British journalists present. Today, all precedents were upset by the King's most famous subjects, the Dionne quintts. There had been a good deal of trepidation about the meeting of the famous five ~~that~~ with royalty. Their guardians had been in constant fear lest <sup>Emily</sup> ~~any of them~~ interpret the curtsy by standing on her head. As a matter of fact, she did nothing of the sort, nor did any of her sisters. ~~Dr. Dafeels principal anxiety was~~ ~~lest one of them snatch the King's gloves away or so something~~ ~~on that order.~~

Instead of any ~~of these~~ pranks, the little girls distinguished themselves by behaving perfectly and with complete naturalness. Before they were presented to the King and Queen, they had to walk through the legislative chamber and pass the gauntlet of twelve hundred people who were ~~wait~~ waiting there.

But that didn't feaze them a bit. Three of the little girls waved gayly to the crowd. In spite of the frowns and warnings of ushers, the spectators burst into laughter.

The little Dionnes had learned their lesson perfectly.

As <sup>Doctor</sup> Dafoe introduced each one in turn, they stepped forward, put the right foot behind the left, and made a graceful little curtsy. Then they decided that was enough of formality. Little Cecile thought up an idea of her own, walked across the room to Queen Elizabeth, <sup>threw</sup> ~~threw~~ a pair of chubby arms around the ~~Queen's neck~~ Queen's neck, and saluted Her Majesty with a moist smacking kiss.

Thereupon her four sisters rushed after her, pushing each other aside to throw their arms around the Queen's neck <sup>also.</sup> ~~and~~. It was plain to all the beholders that Queen Elizabeth was delighted. She was slightly taken aback at first by this departure from formal etiquette. Then she knelt down, put her arms around each of the children in turn, and kissed them back.

While this was going on, there was a tall silent figure standing by, who seemed to be the most neglected man in the empire at the moment. It was the ~~King of Great Britain~~ <sup>of Canada</sup>.

*and Monarch of the British Empire*  
~~and~~ Emperor of India, who was watching the little scene with a  
silent and affectionate smile. Little Yvonne caught sight of  
him, ran away from the crowd around the Queen, rushed up to the  
King, seized his hand and stood there grinning broadly at him.  
The King stooped and whispered something in little Yvonne's ear,  
whereupon they both ~~laughed~~ laughed aloud at the private joke  
that the little girl was sharing with her sovereign. That  
caught the attention of Yvonne's sister, Mari~~a~~<sup>e</sup>. So she too  
rushed away from the Queen, trotted over to King George and  
handed him the little bouquet she was carrying.

The <sup>Q</sup>uints gave the King and Queen their ~~pink~~ photographs,  
autographed in large childish handwriting, to take back to  
Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose. At the same time  
King George and Queen Elizabeth gave each of the five little  
girl<sup>s</sup> a blue reefer coat as presents from the young Princesses.

After that, the father and mother of the quintuplets  
were presented to their sovereigns. It was somewhat of a shock  
to spectators when Mrs. Dionne appeared in a dress almost  
identical with that worn by Queen Elizabeth, light blue with a

*Sovereign of Canada,*

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blue hat. However, as the Queen's dress was trimmed with blue fox fur, the day was saved, etiquettically speaking. The Queen chatted with Mrs. Dionne in French and they soon found a topic of common interest, their children.

After the audience was over, somebody asked Dr. Dafoe what was the private joke between the King and little Yvonne, ~~Dionne, that they were~~ <sup>what caused them to</sup> laughing ~~at~~ so heartily. Dr. Dafoe replied: "The buttons on the King's uniform." His Majesty wore the undress uniform of an admiral of the fleet. They evidently struck Yvonne's sense of humor, and <sup>the King's</sup> ~~apparently the~~ <sup>humor too.</sup> ~~King mentioned them.~~

WHITE HOUSE - FOLLOW KING & QUEEN

Mrs. Roosevelt has taken us ~~all~~ into her confidence about the people who will help entertain the King and Queen at the White House. One ~~of them~~ will be Lawrence Tibbett, ~~the~~ famous baritone; another ~~Miss~~ Marian Anderson, <sup>the</sup> negro contralto, ~~whom the D.A.R. made famous.~~

In addition to hearing these ~~great~~ <sup>singers</sup> ~~singers~~ King George and Queen Elizabeth will see square dances as they are danced in the mountains of the South. Thirty-six negro men and women from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, will do the dancing while four girls from the Kentucky mountains, known as the Cook ~~Creek~~ Creek girls, will play and ~~will also~~ sing folk songs.

SUPREME COURT

There was a sharp division of opinion among the Justices of the Supreme Court in a ruling handed down today. It was over that troublesome old question, the cancelling of the Gold Clauses in bonds. Certain bonds of the Bethlehem Steel Company and the St. Louis Southwestern Railway were sold on the stipulation that they should be paid in either American dollars or foreign currency. The lawyers for one side argued that when Congress adopted that joint resolution in Nineteen Thirty-Three, the resolution abolishing the Gold Clauses, it did not apply to bonds that were to be paid in foreign currency. But *today* a majority of the Justices said "yes", it did so apply.

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The opinion was written by Mr. Justice Black, and he had with him all the other justices appointed by President Roosevelt:- Stanley Reed, Felix Frankfurter, and William O. Douglas. With them also was the veteran Mr. Justice Owen Roberts. Chief Justice Hughes for the first time this year found himself in the minority, siding with Justices Harlan Stone, McReynolds, and Pierce Butler.

Said Mr. Justice Black:- "Whether it was wise and

expedient to adopt that resolution was for Congress to decide,  
not for the jury."

The Supreme Court also put its okay on the proposal  
to apply a federal income tax to the salaries of federal judges.  
It had been argued that this would be unconstitutional since it  
would diminish the salaries of the justices, but the Court said  
"no", an income tax could not be ~~construed~~<sup>construed</sup> as a violation of the  
constitutional prohibition against lowering the salaries of judges.

JUDGES

In two New York law courts there was a sad but momentous spectacle today. The curiosity of the scene lay in the personality of the defendants. In both of those courts the person on trial was an ex-judge. Martin T. Manton, who used to be senior judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, was one ~~of them~~ *appeared the other!* In the Brooklyn Division of the New York Supreme Court, George Washington Martin, who used to be senior judge of King's County, ~~was~~ accused of bribery, accepting an illegal fee, and conspiracy to obstruct justice. A

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Ex-Judge Manton received a severe shock right at the outset of his trial. The two men who were made defendants with him walked up to the bar and pleaded guilty. Observers noted that Judge Manton's face turned even paler than usual.



PENDERGAST

(When Boss Pendergast of Kansas City was indicted, it was a <sup>stunning</sup> surprise to the Democratic Party in Missouri. Everybody in the middlewest thought the old king-maker of Kansas City was immune, impregnable. <sup>Well —</sup> Today's surprise was <sup>even more. It</sup> ~~certainly a shock~~ <sup>was like</sup> ~~as from~~ a thunderbolt, ~~when~~ Tom Pendergast pleaded <sup>ing</sup> guilty.

Yes, the man who had made governors and held United States

Senators in the palm of his hand, admitted that he had ~~chiseled~~ <sup>debraided the United States to the tune of</sup> ~~Mr. Whiskers out of income tax payments.~~ Four hundred and twenty-nine thousand dollars. ~~he was short in his returns.~~

So what's to be his punishment? Fifteen months in prison and a ten thousand dollar fine, said the judge.) In addition, he has to pay Uncle <sup>Sam</sup> that four hundred and twenty-nine thousand, ~~out of which he cheated the old gentleman,~~ with interest. ~~Of course he'll get time off for good behavior.~~

That was his sentence on one indictment. On another he was awarded three years in prison but placed on probation for five years. And that word "probation" means that he can't get back into politics. The once powerful boss got off lightly, it is said, partly because he's sixty-seven years old,

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and also he has <sup>been in</sup> ~~had~~ poor health for three years.

Before he goes to serve his sentence at ~~Uncle Sam's~~  
~~penitentiary in~~ <sup>Fort</sup> Leavenworth, Kansas, he has a week in which

to straighten out his affairs. ~~And there you may say, is the~~  
~~end, at any rate~~ The political end, of one of the <sup>dominant</sup> ~~strongest~~

<sup>forces of</sup> political dictators ~~is~~ the country.

The big excitement in Washington today was with the Dies Committee on Un-American activities. The principal entertainment was afforded by <sup>the</sup> a witness ~~named~~ Dudley Pierrepont Gilbert, who is described as a Social Register <sup>ite</sup> ~~magnifico~~ from New York. Gilbert went to Washington to tell the committee about plans that had been made to fight a revolution in America. The ~~commit~~ committee asked Gilbert about a letter he had written February eighteenth to one James Irwin Campbell, a letter in which he had used the phrase "The Spanish method."

"What did you mean by that?" they asked him.

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And Gilbert replied, "I figured that shortly in this country we would face a civil war from the Left, and I thought the American people would have to rise under some American officer of the type of Francisco Franco; otherwise we would have a Red Republic."

The committee's counsel then asked "Did you mean that your group would have to start a revolution?"

Gilbert replied, "No sir."

Then the lawyer continued, "But that's what happened in Spain, wasn't it?"

Again Gilbert replied, "No, sir." And he added, "You haven't read your history." Gilbert also told the committee that he believed that ~~some~~ day there would be a Nationalist state over here with the Stars and Stripes flying from the Panama Canal to the Arctic Circle. And he added, "I think many army officers agree with us."

On the other hand this ~~Social Register~~ witness denied that he was opposed to the present form of the American Government.

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Chairman Dies then asked <sup>him</sup> ~~this Social Register mag~~ ~~magnifico~~ about another letter he had written to ~~the~~ Campbell ~~man~~ in which he had urged Campbell to keep up his courage and remember that all successful leaders such as Hitler and Mussolini are men who have suffered much. And Gilbert also wrote in that letter; ~~to Campbell~~, "You and I are destined to lead America?" ~~to that end.~~

Another witness before the ~~Dies~~ committee today was John ~~D. Ma~~ Hamilton, Chairman of the Republican National Committee. He was called because correspondence between him and ~~the~~ Campbell ~~man~~ had ~~also~~ come to light.

Hamilton said to the Dies committee: "I have no knowledge whatever of any activities of ~~Mr~~ Campbell or any others who have been named before this committee except what has been recently reported in the Press. There was nothing in ~~Mr~~ Campbell's letters to me which indicated in any way that he was engaged in any un-American activities. If there had been, I certainly would not have engaged in any correspondence whatsoever with him. (All my life any form of intolerance has been hateful to me. My first campaigns in Public life were marked by my opposition to the ~~K~~lu Klux Klan. I have always opposed any movement to penalize any man because of his race or because of the manner in which he chooses to worship God.")

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NICARAGUA

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Nicaragua is to get a loan from Uncle Sam. This was announced today by President Roosevelt himself after a conference with Dr. Somoza, President of Nicaragua. Early this year, a similar loan was made to Brazil. Nicaragua is to be allowed two million dollars in credits through the Export-Import Bank.

When Mr. Roosevelt made the announcement, he said it would have a most important bearing on the defense of the western hemisphere. Later it became clear what he meant.

For the government of Nicaragua is going to use part of that two million dollars to deepen the San Juan River. When that is done, there will actually be a waterway, not a deep one, but nevertheless a waterway from the Atlantic to the western part of Nicaragua.

— perhaps a prelude to that much talked of Nicaragua Canal.

ALLIANCE

It was noticeable that Mussolini sent his son-in-law, Count Ciano, to Berlin to sign that treaty with Hitler.

A cynical spectator observed that the solemn and ceremonious signing ~~of that treaty~~ had a good deal of the air of a surrender about it. The Fuehrer sat at the center of a long table. At either side of him were the two foreign ministers, Count Ciano and ~~his son~~ Joachim von Ribbentrop. All around them were generals, field marshals, uniforms, medals, cameras, microphones.

But here's the most curious feature: ~~of the occasion~~

Accompanying Ciano ~~to Berlin~~ was Mussolini's ~~principal~~ Charlie

McCarthy, ~~the editor~~, <sup>the Editor.</sup> Virginio Gayda, Gayda filed a dispatch

to his paper in Rome <sup>saying that</sup> ~~that~~ there were secret agreements

between Hitler and Mussolini which made the military alliance

even stronger. ~~Of course the question arises, "how secret are~~

~~those agreements if Gayda makes them public?" Be that as it~~

~~may,~~ <sup>it is said that</sup> ~~as they are called~~ In those secret conventions, Hitler

and Mussolini have parceled out Europe, the Mediterranean and

north Africa <sup>into</sup> zones of influence.

STRIKE

Another strike at Detroit! Seven factories of the  
Briggs Company, which manufactures automobile bodies, are shut  
down, thirteen thousand workers idle. That means that eventually  
~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> motor car factories will have to shut down ~~else as they'll~~ <sup>for lack</sup>  
~~be without~~ <sup>of</sup> bodies to complete their cars.



SPELLMAN

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This was an important day to Roman Catholics in the east and to all New Yorkers. The new Archbishop-designate of New York, Bishop Francis J. Spellman, made his formal entry into his new See. Incidentally, New York is today the richest archdiocese in the world. ~~On his way~~

On his way down from Boston, the Archbishop-designate was met at the boundary line of his new archdiocese by Bishop Stephen J. Donahue, who has been acting as administrator of the See, and <sup>the aged</sup> Monsignor Lavelle, Rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral of New York. At the city line there was a motorcycle escort of New York police to help him on the way to his official residence. Policemen lined the streets along his route and there was a large and vociferous welcome. ~~for him as he entered his new home.~~

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BACKMAN

Charles Backman, the Swedish flyer, may be still alive after all. That was the rumor at St. Johns, Newfoundland, today. The ~~rumor~~<sup>word</sup> is that instead of having dropped into the Atlantic on his attempt to fly to Sweden, Backman may have made a forced landing in some remote spot in Newfoundland. The foundation of this rumor was the report that a plane, somewhat like Backman's, had been seen near Botswood, Newfoundland, some twelve hours after ~~Backman~~<sup>the flyer</sup> had taken off. The spectators reported that the pilot of ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> plane seemed to be looking for ~~some~~<sup>a</sup> place to land.

So there may be hope.

And a-l-u-t-m.

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