

# Royal Tragedy Of Abdication Thrills Empire

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"I think my best course today and one that the House would desire is to tell them so far as I can what has passed between His Majesty and myself and what has led up to the present situation."

"Now that was the basis of my talk on that aspect and I expressed my anxiety and then my desire that such criticisms should not have cause to go on."

"I said that in my view no popularity in the long run would be gained against the effect of such criticism. I told His Majesty that I had looked forward to his reign as a great reign, a new age. He has so many of the qualities which are necessary to it."

"I told him I had come naturally and wanted to talk to him as a friend. Perhaps I am saying what I should not say here—I did not ask His Majesty whether I might say this—but I will say it because I do not think he would mind and I think it illustrates the basis on which our talks have been held."

"He said to me not once but many times during these many, many hours we have had together especially towards the end, he said to me:—'You and I must settle this matter together. I will not have anyone interfering.'"

### WANTED NO FACTIONS

"Well I then pointed out the danger of the divorce proceedings; that if a verdict was given in that case which left the matter in suspense for some time that period of suspense must be dangerous because then everyone would be talking and when once the press begins, as it must begin sometime in this country, a most difficult situation would arise for me and for the King, and there might well be the danger which both he and I have seen through all this, and one of the reasons why he wanted to take this action quickly was that there should not be sides taken and factions grow up in this country where no faction ever ought to exist."

"It was on that aspect of the question that we talked for an hour and I went away glad that the ice had been broken."

"My conscience at that moment was clear and for some little time we had no further meetings."

"I begged His Majesty to consider all that I said. I said that I pressed him for no kind of an answer but would he consider everything that I had said."

### THE SECOND INTERVIEW

"The next time I saw him was Nov. 16."

"That was at Buckingham Palace. By that date the decree nisi was pronounced in the divorce case and I felt it my duty on that occasion—His Majesty had sent for me—I felt it my duty to begin the conversation and I spoke to him for a quarter of an hour on the question of marriage."

"Again you must remember my cabinet had been in this at all. I reported to about four of my senior colleagues the conversation at Belvedere."

"I saw him Monday, the 16th, and I began by giving him my view on a possible marriage."

"I told him I did not think that a particular marriage was one that would receive the approbation of the country."

"That marriage would have involved a lady becoming Queen and I did tell His Majesty once that I might be a remnant of the old Victorians but my worst enemy could not say this of me—that I did not know what the reaction of the English people would be to any particular course of action."

"I told him that so far as they went I was certain that that would be impracticable."

"I can go further into the details but that was the substance and I pointed out to him that the position of the King's wife was different from the position of the wife of any citizen of the country. It was part of the price the King has to pay."

"His wife becomes the Queen. The Queen becomes the Queen of the country and therefore in the choice of the Queen the voice of the people must be heard."

"It is the truth expressed in those lines which may come to the minds of the many of you: 'He will not be his own For he himself is subject to his birth. He may not be as unvalued persons do, Care for himself for on his choice depends The safety and the health of the whole State.'"

"And then His Majesty said to me, and I had his permission to tell you this, that he wanted to tell me something that he had long wanted to tell. He said, 'I am going to marry Mrs. Simpson and am prepared to go.'"

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"The compromise was that the King should marry and that parliament should pass an act enabling the lady to be the King's wife without the position of Queen."

"I saw His Majesty on Wednesday, Nov. 25. He asked me if that proposition had been put to me and I said 'yes' and he asked me what I thought of it."

"I told him that I had given it no considered opinion but if he asked me my first reaction it was that parliament would never pass it."

"I said that if he desired I would examine it formally. He said he did so desire."

"Then I said it will mean my putting it formally before the whole cabinet and communicating with all the Prime Ministers of the Dominions, and asked if that was his wish."

"He told me that it was and I said I would do it."

"On Dec. 2 he asked me to see him and again I had intended asking for an audience later that week because some inquiries I had thought proper to make had not been completed."

"But they had gone far enough to show me that neither in the Dominions nor here would there be any prospect of such legislation being accepted."

"His Majesty asked me if I could answer his question."

"I gave him the reply that I was afraid it was impracticable for those reasons and I do want the House to realize this."

"His Majesty said he was not surprised at that answer. He took my answer without question and he never referred to it again."

"I want you to put yourselves in His Majesty's place and realize what his feelings are, and to know how glad he would have been had this been possible."

"There was no formal decision of any kind until I came to the history of yesterday but when we finished that conversation I pointed out that possible alternatives had been nulled and it had really brought him into a position which he would be placed in a grievous situation between two conflicting causes in his own heart, either complete abandonment of the project on which his heart was set and remaining as the King, or doing as he intimated to me he was prepared to do in the talk which I have reported, and of going and later contracting that marriage if possible."

"In the last days from that date until now that has been the struggle in which His Majesty had been engaged."

"We had many talks discussing the aspects of this limited problem; the House must realize—and it is difficult to realize—that His Majesty is not a boy."

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me that at the date when he did and not to have told me for some months to come, but he realized the damage that might be done in the interval by gossip and rumors and talk and he made that declaration to me when he did on purpose to avoid what he felt might be dangerous not only here but throughout the Empire, to that very moral force of the Crown which we are all determined to sustain."

### NO CONFLICT

"He told me his intention and he has never wavered from it. I want the House to understand that. He felt it was his duty to take into anxious consideration all representations that his advisers might give him and not until he had fully considered them did he make public his decision."

"There has been no sign of conflict in this matter. My efforts during these last days have been directed, as have the efforts of those most closely around him, in trying to help him make the choice which he has not made, and we have failed, and the King has made his decision to take this moment to send his gracious message because of his confident hope that by that he will preserve the unity of this country and the whole Empire and avoid those factions which he feared might arise."

"I was assured, before I left him Tuesday night, by that intimate circle that was with him at the Fort that evening that I had left nothing undone that I could have done to move him from the decision at which he had arrived."

"While there is not a soul among the who will not regret this from the bottom of his heart, there is not a soul here today that wants to judge."

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will be few and simple. We will all hear with profound concern the message from the King. The King has decided he can no longer continue on the Throne. The whole country will receive the news with the deepest sorrow and his subjects in these islands and throughout the British Dominions beyond the seas will feel a sense of personal loss."

"I am certain that throughout these anxious days he has had the sympathy of all in the tragic dilemma in which he has been placed."

"This is due not only to the nature of the dilemma involving the strongest human emotions but to the personal affection he has inspired in his people."

"No British monarch has been so well known to his subjects. People not only in this country but throughout the Commonwealth and the Empire have seen in him not a remote ruler—many of them have been personally acquainted with him in his high visited places where many of them live."

"We all know of his personal courage and ready sympathy with suffering. We on this bench (Labor) know how he felt for the miners in their time of trial and how he showed his deep human interest in the unemployed and people of the distressed areas."

"Now purely personal and human considerations have conflicted with the obligations and responsibility of his high calling. I am sure that all of us tried to see if there were some way in which this conflict could be resolved."

"We hoped it would not come to abdication, but the King has made his decision. He is resolved to abide by it. We can do no other than accept it. The wish of all his people will be that he will have a long happy life."

"I can all appreciate the strain that events have placed on our sympathy. He is entitled to receive a severe shock. It will take time to recover from it."

"The position of anyone who in these days of pressing problems is called upon to succeed to the Throne is obviously one of great difficulty."

"It will be the endeavor of all of us to do what we may to lighten the burden. On behalf of my colleagues I would like to express our deepest sympathy to Queen Mary and the other members of the Royal Family."

"Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberal parliamentary party arose as Attlee finished. He said: 'The country and the Empire have been passing through days of stress and strain. The climax must arise in all of us deep feelings of grief and frustration.'"

"We are bound to our King not only by formal solemnities, by oaths of allegiance, and by our recognition of the Crown as the one remaining link uniting all the people of the Empire, but also by those closer, more intimate links to which the Leader of the Opposition has so aptly testified."

"The rupture of the ties which bind himself and his people is profoundly painful to us all."

"It must be the most painful to those gentlemen who, during the brief months of his reign, have been his ministers and confidential advisers."

"Above all the Prime Minister, his closest and most intimate adviser, deserves our sympathy and our gratitude for the grave, clear, moving statement, which it was his melancholy duty to make to us this afternoon."

"Let us gratefully and respectfully acclaim the political wisdom which His Majesty has shown in discontinuing any attempt to divide the country on the issues of his proposed marriage involves."

"It is a large measure due to His Majesty's wise and strong restraint and his recognition of the supremacy of parliament and constitutional responsibility of his ministers that the Crown has not become involved in our political controversy but it remains aloof."

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# KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

## Empire Lodge Holds Regular Convention —B. F. Tinney Elected Chancellor

Mr. B. F. Tinney was elected Chancellor Commander of Empire Lodge No. 19, Knights of Pythias, at the regular convention in Charlottetown last night. Other officers elected for the incoming term were: Vice-Chancellor, William Henry; Preceptor, H. R. Vessey; Master of Work, Lloyd Yeoo; Keeper of Record and Seal, J. J. McLauren; Master of Finance, Alvin Ford; Master of Exchequer, C. L. McKay; Master at Arms, Gordon Toombs; Inner Guard, Harry McKee; Outer Guard, J. A. Bradley; Trustee, J. A. MacKenzie.

After routine business the Lodge closed and the members were asked to remain to hear a guest speaker, Prof. Croteau, who had consented to deliver an address on adult education.

Prof. Croteau was introduced by Vice-Chancellor R. F. Tinney and the Chancellor Commander, William Warren extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the Lodge.

The speaker outlined the growth of the adult education movement from its inception, bringing out the need and the development in other places down to a year ago when it was first introduced into P. E. I. It has met a real need here and is being warmly supported through study clubs and co-operative effort.

The courses of study cover a variety of subjects adapted to agricultural and other callings. The cultural advantages afforded by the Public Library and the Government supervision of Credit Unions, all find their place in the scheme of adult education.

Instances of the number of Credit Unions already organized and the interest inquires as to the movement that are continually coming to the executive manifest its growing popularity.

The scope of adult education is wide spread and fits in with the work of Women's Institutes and other organizations.

An intelligent public is the answer by democracy to the menace of Communism and Fascism the speaker said.

A vote of thanks moved by B. R. Holman, seconded by B. F. Tinney was presented to the learned speaker and supported by a number of members.

A sacrifice for peace and the strength of his realm which goes far beyond the bounds required by law and constitution.

"That is my first observation. My second is this:—"

"I have throughout pleaded for time. No one can say how grave would have been the evils of a protracted controversy. On the other hand it was my duty to endure those evils. Time was also important from another point of view."

"It was essential that there should be no room for asserting after the event that the King had been hurried in his decision."

"I believe if this decision had been taken last week it could not have been declared so far as the King himself was concerned."

"In King Edward there were discerned qualities of courage and simplicity and above all sincerity, rare and precious, which might have made his reign glorious in the annals of our ancient monarchy."

"It is the acme of tragedy that these very virtues should in the private sphere have led to this melancholy and bitter conclusion."

"But although our hopes today are withered, still I will assert that his personality will not go down uncherished to future ages, but that it will be particularly remembered in the homes of his poorer subjects and that they will ever wish for his private peace and happiness and for the happiness of those who are dear to him."

"I have been looking at this matter from an angle different from that of most of the honorable members."

"It was my duty more than a quarter of a century ago to stand beside His present Majesty and proclaim his style and title at his investiture as the Prince of Wales and the sunlit battlements of Canarvon Castle."

"Ever since then he has honored me and also in time with his personal kindness and I may even say friendship. I should have been ashamed if in my dependent and official position I had not cast about for every means not the most forlorn to keep him on the Throne of his father to which he had only just succeeded amid the hopes and prayers of all."

"Therefore, I shall make only a few observations. First is this. It is clear from what we have been told this afternoon that there was at no time a constitutional issue between the King and his ministers—the supremacy of the King and parliament."

"The supremacy of parliament over the country and the duty of the Sovereign to act in accordance with the advice of his ministers—neither of these were at any moment in question."

"No Sovereign has ever conformed more strictly and more faithfully to the letter and spirit of the constitution than His present Majesty."

"In fact he has voluntarily made

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THE CALEDONIA Presbyterian Church. Divine worship will be held on Sabbath next at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., weather and road conditions permitting. Rev. J. Kier Fraser, D. D. will be in charge. L-1218.

THE CENTRAL Parish: Divine worship will be held on Sabbath next as follows, weather and road conditions permitting, Canoe Cove 11 a. m., Nine Mile Creek 2.30 p. m., Clyde River 6.30 p. m., and Churchhill 7.45 p. m. Mr. H. Lloyd Henderson, student, will preach. L-1217.

POLICE COURT—A motorist charged with driving a car while intoxicated was sentenced to ten days in jail in Police Court yesterday. A vagrant was sent to jail for thirty days and a drunk five days. A summary ejection case was adjourned until the 16th.

Mr. John Collings was a passenger on the Southern train last evening, visiting friends in Bunbury.

Little Clara MacEntee, of Auburn, has entered the City Hospital for treatment.

Mr. John N. McDonald, Blooming Point, was in the city yesterday.

More than 70 per cent of the 6,000 fur pelts were disposed of by eager buyers at unchanged prices. Balance of 6,200 silver foxes will be placed on the auction block tomorrow.

The investigation committee recommended that in its opinion much greater interest would be shown in the work of the Society if members took part in some programs occasionally. At the conclusion of the entertainment last night the President, Mr. J. McKenna, announced that during the winter months it was the intention of the executive to hold smoker and entertainment at the conclusion of each monthly meeting.

The executive are working to have St. Patrick's Day parade and dress parade, the President announced last night. It is felt he would like the individual Society members are strongly in favor of such an idea.

Inspector J. Fripps speaks at meeting.

Inspector J. Fripps of the R. M. P., guest speaker at the week dinner meeting of the Y's Men Club, last night, gave an interesting short sketch of his experience with the famous police force.

Inspector Fripps joined the Mounted Police in 1909 and after four months training at Regina was transferred to the Battledore district in Saskatchewan.

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