

Edward Clings to Old Friends; Americans Among Favorites

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EUGENE, July 18.—I am better acquainted with you than I am with most of you as the Prince of Wales. And, although I now call you as the king, I am still your old friend.

March 1, 1934, King Edward of this in his first broadcast to the British people.

It took it to mean that all the which lay near to his heart in the as Prince of Wales would be care—promotion of British care for the unemployed soldiers, and wiping out unemployment areas.

His society took still another turn. For social lights it meant that no Prince Hal business would be a famous character, as that of Shakespeare's history, was a good fellow while the prince, but turned a cold shoulder to his old-time cronies when he was king.

Each change in King Edward's life and no such change occurred. His friends of the old days—his friends today—so far as the king's social life has been made up.

He will not go to full blast until October, when court mourning for the late King George formally begins.

In the meantime, King Edward is already shown a difference in his reign and that of his father. King George very rarely accepted the hospitality of his friends. Edward in the last few months has done so a number of times.



Envy of London society as one of the few commoners who often entertain King Edward VIII, Mrs. Ernest Simpson, former Baltimore woman. Here the king is shown with Mrs. Simpson (in white fur coat) in a theater audience. Mr. Simpson, former Guards captain, is in the shipping business in London.

to a quiet, homey atmosphere. Here the king used to come before he mounted the throne and here he continues to come.

Sometimes it is for tea. Sometimes it is for "pot luck" at dinner or lunch. And the Simpsons are in turn often week-end guests at Fort Belvedere, the king's own private residence.

When he was Prince of Wales, he and the Simpsons often formed three of a small, select crowd at a congenial cocktail party or went to some successful show and dance later at the Embassy Club.

Favorite Dance Partner
Occasionally, although invited, Simpson could not go along. Thus, last year, business kept him in London, but Mrs. Simpson joined the other men and women in the prince's party at Biarritz in France and later in the Austrian Tyrol and Budapest.

The royal host likes Mrs. Simpson as a dancing partner and enjoys her witty talk. Their delightful freedom from an inferiority complex and their power to amuse has always made American women favorite table companions with the king.

Just the other day social London sat up and took notice when it read in the Court Circular the announcement of one of the king's first formal dinner parties.

Americans in Forefront
The guests were Prime Minister and Mrs. Stanley Baldwin and Duff Cooper, minister for war, and his wife, Lady Diana—all old and valued friends.

Then there were the king's kinsman, Lord Louis Mountbatten, and wife; the First Sea Lord and Mrs. Chatfield, Lord and Lady Wigram and the king's equerry, the Hon. Piers Leigh and wife.

The other guests were Lady Cunard, Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, and the Simpsons. So the dinner had a decided American tinge.

In addition to the Lindberghs and Mrs. Simpson, Lady Cunard and Mrs. Piers Leigh are also Americans by birth.

The Circular was a Simpson triumph. It sealed the fact that husband and wife were social superlatives. It also proved that England's king valued his friends for something else than titles or vast bank accounts.

Regular Services Set For Church
Regular services will be held in Central Lutheran church, Sixth and Pearl streets, Sunday, at the 11 a. m. service, the pastor, Rev. P. J. Luvass, will have for his sermon topic, "Christ and the Law."

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UNIVERSITY DRAMA GROUP TO PRESENT 'CHRISTOPHER BEAN'

The second and last production of the University Summer Players will be "The Late Christopher Bean" by Sidney Howard. The production is under the direction of Horace W. Robinson and is now in the final stages of rehearsal. The play will be presented on Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25, at 8:15.

"The Late Christopher Bean" is a sparkling comedy that produced a sensation on the New York stage about four years ago. Eugene residents will remember it as the starring vehicle for the late Marie Dressler when it was shown here as a motion picture about two years ago. The local cast for the play was taken entirely from the summer school registration of the university, many of the cast members, however, having taken part in previous summer productions.

Schwartz in Lead Role
The leading roles are taken by Roy Schwartz, as Dr. Haggerty and Helen Scruggs, as Mrs. Martin. Mr. Schwartz will be remembered as Parson Manders in last summer's production of "Ghosts." Mrs. Martin, a former resident of Eugene, and known to many here as Helen Scruggs, has been recently occupied with the Little Theatre movement in Portland.

Other members of the cast are as follows: Eleanor Pitts as Mrs. Haggerty; Eleanor Henderson as Ada; Marion Vinson as Susan; Jack Speer as Warren Creamer; Phil Putnam as Tallant; Bud Winstead as Rosen; and Vernon Trimble as Maxwell Davenport. Miss Pitts and Mr. Winstead are regular members of the winter university acting group and Mr. Speer has played with the Very Little Theatre of Eugene.

Plot Reviewed
The plot of "The Late Christopher Bean" deals with the discovery of the part of a small town doctor, Dr. Haggerty, that one of his former patients, the late Christopher Bean, is now considered a genius as an oil painter. The efforts of Dr. Haggerty and his family to find some of the Bean paintings, now worth thousands, which are supposed to be in their possession and to secure others in the possession of their servant girl, Abby, provides the background for this riotous comedy.

The setting for the play, the dining room of the Haggerty family, has been designed by Kenneth Pope, a student in the University of Oregon art school. This will mark the first time that a student's design has been used for a regular University Theatre production.

Due to an excessive royalty the play will be produced only two nights and those who want to see the production are urged to secure their tickets early.

PICNIC IS SET
Cascade chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will hold its annual picnic at Diller's Riverside park Sunday, July 26, it was announced Saturday. The chapter will serve coffee.

Gehrig, Paul Waner Escape Bat Shakeup
NEW YORK, July 18.—(AP)—Another shakeup featured the major league batting races this week, with only the leaders, Lou Gehrig of the Yankees and Paul Waner of the Pirates, escaping the turnover in both loops.

Gehrig found his American league lead endangered for the first time in weeks. He was unable to get more than five safe blows in 23 times at bat, to lose 13 percentage points and drop to .377, while Rip Radcliff of the White Sox came up from fourth with .375.

Waner hit at a near .500 pace, getting a dozen safeties in 26 times up to increase his lead with a .364 average. Ducky Medwick, Cardinals' cloutier, came back and took second place with .358.

Magic Lure Of Klondike Gold Started World On One Of Its Greatest Rushes 39 Years Ago; Modern Mines Remain

SEATTLE, July 18.—(AP)—Glaring headlines in the world's newspapers just 39 years ago today made the name "Klondike" a household word. Into port with a heralded "ton of gold" came the wooden steamer Portland of the North American Transportation and Trading company—and news of an almost unbelievable gold strike on the Klondike river in the vast frozen-tundra interior of Yukon territory.

Four days earlier the steamer Excelsior had entered the Golden Gate with \$750,000 in gold, but the real "manana" was on the Portland, nearly \$2,000,000 of it.

The setting for one of the greatest gold stampedes in history was created. The world was in the midst of a depression. Stories of the new El Dorado spread rapidly. Excitement mounted. Stories of fabulous wealth were told and re-told.

Loss of Value Feared
Many thought the strike was so rich that gold was about to lose its value.

Who discovered the first gold in the Klondike has long been controversial. Those in the Yukon say George H. Carmack, a miner from Juneau, made the strike. Sourdoughs in Alaska say it was Joe Juneau. But at any rate Carmack and his wife, "Indian Kate" went fishing in 1896 and struck placer gold on Bonanza creek, a tributary of the Klondike river. The news of the strike, however, did not "come out" until the Portland arrived at Seattle.

The "gold rush" was on. A cosmopolitan crowd moved in on the Yukon. "Sure thing men" and farmers and the man with the pick replaced the man with the trap.

The gold-thirsty crowd flooded by boat to Dyea, or Skagway, Alaska, and crawled over 2,500-foot mountain passes.

Once over the mountains, the gold seekers went by boat from Lake Bennett and a chain of lakes and rivers 600 miles to Dawson.

Towns Sprang Up
Camp towns sprang up as the tramping crowd fought for places to pitch their tents. "Mother" Pullen, "Soapy" Smith, "Swiftwater" Bill, "Diamond Tooth Lil," "Skookum" Jim, "Klondike" Kate, "The Ragtime Kid," and "The Lady Knows as Lou" came upon the scene.

Dawson became the principal town. In one year the population jumped from 3,000 to 18,527. Prices went sky high.

Ham and eggs were \$2.50 an order; fresh milk \$1.00; black coffee 25 cents—with cream, 50 cents; soup "one buck a bowl"; champagne \$20 a pint, and a "special" was beans, \$1.00 a plate. The grub houses' motto was: "No gold; no grub."

At the opening night of the Pavilion dance hall the bar receipts alone ran \$12,200.

In 1910, \$22,000,000 in gold was exported from the Klondike and one paystreak—the El Dorado, four miles in length—netted \$25,000,000 in its heyday. In 30 years the Klondike has shipped \$173,417,188 in gold.

Never Enough Room
There never was room in the Klondike for all who came, and when the best ground had been worked the exodus began in early 1898. The gold seekers swarmed across the border into "Seward's ice-box," Alaska, to make other strikes there.

The exhaustion of the bonanza placers by pick and shovel was followed by installation of modern mining plants which today export millions in gold each year.

Sourdoughs say the word "Klondike" came from the Indians and meant a river of fish.

Many of those who joined the Klondike stampede in '97 later thought they belonged to the same river.

Epworth Leaguers Camp To Conclude

Lane county members of the annual Epworth League encampment at Suttle lake will return to their homes Monday, as the affair draws to a close.

Registration for the event found the camp greatly crowded, and as a result meals have been served outside.

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Tax Turnover Of \$21,086.59 Is Made
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Following were the various amounts, given in tax amounts and interest: 1936, \$8063.52, \$85.43; 1935, \$4251.19, \$325.18; 1934, \$2385.46, \$180.16; 1932, \$1663.72, \$246.18; 1931, \$1152.15, \$257.05; 1927-30, \$1514.17, \$345.93; 1914-26, \$12.76, \$3.09.

Minor Boy Thought To Have Taken Car
John Miller of 2423 Friendly street reported to city police the theft of his 1926 Star car Saturday.

The person taking the car is believed by police to be the minor youth who last week confessed to the robbery of the McDonald Candy Co., and Ed's Bike Shop. He is thought to be heading for North Dakota.

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