



The PRODIGAL KING

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Editor's Note—This is the fourth of six stories on the life and loves of King Carol II of Rumania. Previous stories have told of Zisi Lambrino, beautiful commander, and his unhappy royal union with Princess Helen of Greece. Today's story tells of his mistress, Madame Lupescu, the third woman in his life.

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PARIS, July 7.—Strange are the things that kings do for love. England's George IV, as Prince of Wales, had his affair with the comely young widow, Mrs. Fitzherbert; Henry VIII defied his church to divorce Catherine and marry Anne Boleyn, one of her ladies-in-waiting; Louis XV of France had his notorious romance with Countess du Barry; Manuel of Portugal lost his heart and ultimately his crown for the affections of a French dancing girl, Gaby Deshayes.

And so Crown Prince Carol of Rumania—now King Carol II—renounced his right to the throne, deserted his wife and baby and fled his country for a butterfly existence with a red-haired divorcee of a Rumanian junk dealer.

It all may sound like a movie scenario or a comic opera plot, but it is Balkan history.

Madame Magda Lupescu was the titian-tressed charmer—the third woman in young Prince Carol's amorous life. Before her had been Zisi Lambrino, whose morganatic marriage to royalty had been annulled, and Princess Helen of Greece, with whom he was forced into a royal union for political reasons.

But Carol and Mme. Lupescu dispensed with the formality of marriage. Their relations continued for more than four years without benefit of clergy.

Tired of the boredom of a loveless married life in the royal palace, the young prince ran away with her in December, 1925. She was 35, Carol was 32. He met her, evidently by prearrangement, when he was sent to London as Rumania's royal representative at the funeral of Queen Mother Alexandra of England. After a "honeymoon" in Venice, they took up residence in a chateau near Paris, apparently unconcerned by the resultant scandal.

They continued to live together until just recently, when Carol dramatically returned to Rumania by airplane and proclaimed himself king, taking the throne from his 9-year-old son, who had inherited it during his absence. He left Mme. Lupescu in France.

Mme. Lupescu's friendship with Carol, according to the story she has told, began in their native Rumania long before he quit his wife to run away with her.

His first met when she was 9. Her father took her on a visit to the home of an administrator of one of the estates of King Carol I. There she encountered the old king's nephew, Prince Carol, then 15.

The young prince admired the little girl's beautiful red hair with lavish praise, and he gave her a box of chocolates with his own hand.

They did not meet again, Mme. Lupescu insists, until years later, when Prince Carol came to Paris after attending Queen Alexandra's funeral. In the meantime she had married a Rumanian officer at 16, given birth to two children, both of whom died, and divorced her husband.

They met, she says, at a reception in the home of an attaché of the Rumanian legation. The young prince looked "so tired and wistful and unhappy," she says, that her sympathy went out to him.

"I would like," she quotes him as saying, "to renew our old friendship of Rumania. And days."

"Come tomorrow to my apartment," was her answer.

The crown prince went, and so began the clandestine romance



HE RENOUNCED A CROWN FOR HER LOVE—Here are Carol and Mme. Lupescu, his pretty mistress, for whom he deserted his royal wife and baby. They are pictured as they were enjoying a holiday on a visit to England.

that scandalized Europe and cost him, temporarily at least, a throne.

After their "honeymoon" in Italy and a round of gay European resorts, the couple returned to Paris and settled down to a quiet companionship in a rented villa at Neuilly, in the suburbs.

It was several weeks before they were able to obtain the Rumanian servants that they desired. In the meantime, Magda did her own housework, prepared their meals—and Carol helped wash the dishes.

"Actually," said Mme. Lupescu in an interview shortly after that time, "we live as thousands of young married people live who have been blessed by the church and approved by society. Our menage is simple. We have three servants—a butler who drives Carol's car when he is not at the wheel, a chambermaid and a woman cook."

They lived mostly by themselves, Carol keeping abreast of political developments in Europe and aviation (his hobby) by much reading and Mme. Lupescu finding recreation among her dogs and birds. She always loved dogs—at one time, when she was a girl, she had 16.

"Dogs understand through the heart," this strange woman once said. "They do not judge by human laws or standards."

Singularly enough Zisi Lambrino, Carol's first wife, was living in another villa only a short distance away during the early days of Mme. Lupescu's butterfly existence with Carol.

And how these two women hated each other!

"It was a youthful plunge into romance which turned into marriage because Carol was too decent and cavalierous to do otherwise," Mme. Lupescu snorted, contemptuously, referring to Carol's first marital venture, as she accused Zisi of vague plots to bribe her servants and perhaps poison her.

"That woman!" shot back Zisi.

ly, in open disregard of society's conventions, while Carol fought and won a 10,000,000 franc suit brought against him by Zisi. In Paris, and his princely wife in Rumania obtained a divorce on the grounds of desertion.

At the outset, Carol's parents—King Ferdinand and Queen Marie—had announced that they would have all the debts he contracted while heir to the throne, but he would have to pay his own thereafter.

He was dropped from the royal civil list, which meant he lost his annual \$60,000 allowance. But he continued to enjoy an income from the vast Rumanian estates that old King Carol I had willed him, and this approximated \$30,000 a year.

From January, 1926, until June, 1929, Carol and his red-haired beauty continued their butterfly existence. And then, as suddenly as he had joined her, he left her.

By airplane Carol departed secretly for Bucharest, landing there at midnight. Secretly, the stage had been set for one of those amazing political coups for which the Balkans are noted, and with astounding rapidity it was executed.

In a few hours after he landed, the government had been peacefully overturned, the boy King Michael dethroned and Carol II was king of Rumania. Helen, his unhappy princess, became a still unhappier queen.

NEXT: The sinister political intrigue and trickery of the Balkans . . . Carol's dramatic restoration and events that preceded it.

Spring Lakers Enjoy Party at C. H. Young Home

SPRING LAKE, Ore., July 7. (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Young entertained a large number of friends Saturday night. The evening was spent in dancing, after which excellent refreshments were served.

Bill Strahn is visiting in Rogue River for a few days. Mrs. Hooper and daughters and Mrs. Travis were calling on Mrs. Stewart Sunday.

Mrs. Anderson is enjoying a visit with two lady friends, who motored to this vicinity from Indiana recently.

Miss Opal Hooper visited with Marie Schreiner Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Stewart and son Bill visited with Mrs. Chas. Rightmire of Merrill Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford and son Keith were callers at the Shreiner home Sunday.

Virgil and Bill Stewart, Ernest Schreiner and Bill Strahn enjoyed the day playing tennis Sunday at Moore park.

Earl Mack and John Fach are putting up their hay.

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CIVIC CLUB TO AWARD PRIZES

TENNANT, Calif., July 7.—The Wildwood Guild will give a number of prizes in August for best yards, flowers, etc.

First—Greatest improvement in yard since April.

Second—Best vegetable garden.

Third—Most attractive flower.

Fourth—Neatest back yard.

Fifth—Best lawn.

The judges of these awards are C. E. Kingsley, Frank Hetz and Henry Alsop.

Arthur Leonard Hammerley and Lucille Helen Anderson, both of this place were married Thursday, June 26th, at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Mr. Hammerley is the auto repair man of Tennant and Miss Anderson, who recently graduated from the Tennant high school, is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Hammerley will be at home shortly after the Fourth at 304 C. St.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fine left Sunday by auto for a week's visit with Mrs. Fine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Webb, near Eureka, Calif.

Miss Pearl Murphy, who accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Murphy, to San Francisco about three weeks ago, returned home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are at Sacramento, Calif., at present, where they will stay about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Warren and small son, Bobbie, left Tuesday to spend the 4th holidays with Mr. Warren's parents at Grants Pass, Ore.

William Harnett left for Sacramento, Wednesday for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marshall and sons, Murray and Russell, are visiting friends at Eugene, Ore., where they will remain for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLeod and four children and Mrs. McLeod's brother, Ted Davis, left Wednesday evening by auto for Portland and The Dalles, Ore., where they will visit the rest of the week with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Parker left Wednesday evening for Coos Bay, Oregon, where they spent the 4th of July.

W. P. Counts and E. H. Tardy left Friday morning for Medford, Ore., on business.

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Frank Herzog left Wednesday evening for Yreka, Calif., to spend the 4th with his home folks.

Andy Wheeler of Dunsmuir, Calif., was in camp the first of the week, visiting old friends.

Robert Murphy of Weed, who is a salesman for the Realty Mortgage Insurance company of Los Angeles, came home Tuesday for a few days visit with his home folks.

Earl Whitlock in Charge of Campaign To Raise Budget

Earl Whitlock was Saturday chosen general chairman of the committee to raise the budget of the Boy Scout council, Klamath area, by the executive committee. Mr. Whitlock has been active in the past in Boy Scout work and stated last evening that all was in readiness for the campaign to start Tuesday morning, July 8. The details have been worked out and the various business and professional

men who have signified their willingness to assist in this work will be announced shortly.

This year's budget for the Boy Scout council is \$4,750. Although the activities of the council are increasing and a great deal more work will be carried on this year than last, the executive committee has been able to keep the budget at the same level as last year. One of the chief activities of the council is the Boy Scout camp to be held at the Lake of the Woods, which also starts today.

Last year a modern mess hall and headquarters building was erected at the camp and this year six cabins have been erected to replace the tents used in former years. These cabins house eight boys and were donated to the council by the Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, the Elks lodge, the Odd Fellows lodge and the American Legion.

The committee in charge of the campaign state that they are anxious to finish the work within a few days and asked the co-operation of all business and professional men of the city.

Old papers for sale at Herald and News office.

L. L. GAGHAGEN BETTER

Lem L. Gaghen, who for many years was police judge for the city of Klamath Falls, is recovering from a broken left arm which he suffered in a fall about a week ago.

The "Judge," as he is familiarly known by his friends, is able to be out and says he is not suffering in the least. The break was a clean one and it is believed it will be only a matter of a few weeks before he will be able to remove the splints.

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