



The PRODIGAL KING

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Editors Note: This is the fifth of six stories on the romantic life of King Carol II of Rumania. Previous stories have told of his youthful morganatic marriage, his royal marriage and his elopement with a red-haired mistress.

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PARIS, July 8.—The lure of a pretty woman may have had much to do with the present King Carol's action in renouncing the Rumanian throne when he was crown prince, but the unscrupulous brand of political intrigue and trickery practiced in his native country certainly had a part.

The suddenness with which the errant prince was catapulted to the throne when he returned to Bucharest from exile recently shows that anything may happen in Rumania, and frequently does. By the same token, it probably explains much in connection with his departure nearly five years before.

Viewed from one angle, Carol may be a reckless and irresponsible royal vagabond, more concerned with feminine charms than with the welfare of his country.

Viewed from another angle he may be a young man who was unhappy in a loveless royal marriage that was not of his own choosing and disgusted with the machinations that surrounded the Rumanian throne, and therefore sought to get away from it all.

Certainly his father, old King Ferdinand, was king in name only during his last years, when Carol was growing to manhood. The powerful Bratianu family, which had imported the royal family from Germany a generation before when Rumania gained its freedom from the Turks, really ruled the country. Ion Bratianu, prime minister, led the king around by the nose—politically speaking.

Queen Marie, Carol's mother, tried to buck this outfit when she tried to get England as the young granddaughter of Queen Victoria to become Ferdinand's wife. She failed, and, being wise, promptly joined them.

Crown Prince Carol, however, was imbued with more independent ideals. He looked forward to being his own master when the time should come for him to take the throne, and made no secret of the fact that when his day arrived the Bratianu influence would perish.

He hated Bratianu and the latter's brother-in-law, Prince Babu Stirbey, a mysterious figure at the Rumanian court.

"When I am king I will clean out your whole crowd!" he is once reported to have told them.

And so there was war within the royal palace.

One can hear almost anything in Rumanian political circles, depending on which side he listens to. And so, truthful or not, strange stories have been told.

It is even charged that Prince Carol's youthful marriage to Zizi Lambino, a commoner, was the result of a deep-dyed political plot engineered by the Bratianus in an attempt to discredit him, and thus prevent him from ever ascending the throne.

It is also rumored that Mme. Lupescu, his beautiful mistress, was secretly in the pay of the Bratianus, who had a similar motive in this case.

Whether these charges are true or false, it is nevertheless apparent that young Prince Carol did not show overly much resistance when a pretty face beckoned.

When Carol fled with Mme. Lupescu a graft scandal was promptly discovered in connection with the purchase of military airplanes. He had approved the contracts in question, to be sure, but his friends say he countersigned them innocently.

"To the devil with this crooked business!" Carol is said to have exclaimed when these accusations of dishonesty reached him. "I am sick of it all, and I am going to enjoy life normally, as any man should."

It was the Bratianu influence, it is claimed, that compelled King Ferdinand to demand Prince



THE BOY WHO ONCE WAS KING—Above, Rumania's boy king, Michael, is shown between Queen Marie and his mother, Princess Helen, as he reviewed his army of 100,000 men at a grand military display. The smaller child is Prince Paul of Yugoslavia, his cousin. Below are Queen Marie, King Michael and Princess Helen as they appeared when he ascended the throne at 6 years.

Carol's renunciation of the throne after it had been represented that Carol in Paris was plotting a revolution in Rumania.

Bratianu quitted the king, then almost on his deathbed, as saying, "Carol is the foul branch of the dynasty which must be cut off to save the tree." And when Ferdinand died and 5-year-old Michael became king, Bratianu followed this up by appointing himself executor of what he called the last will of the dead king. Moreover, he became Queen Marie's Disraeli, guiding her as he had guided Ferdinand.

The brand of Rumanian politics that Carol had assailed was notorious. The liberals, with Ion Bratianu at their head, ran the country. The profits of members and friends of the government were not a subject of gossip or scandal. They were mentioned in a matter-of-fact manner as a sort of accepted and expected practice.

Ion Bratianu's brother, Vintila, was minister of finance, and thus in control of bank credit. Credit was both scarce and expensive in Rumania, costing ordinary folk from 20 to 40 per cent. Thus, when peasants defaulted on their lands—as many did—they were forced to sell them for whatever they would bring. The liberals bought . . . and profited handsomely.

The brand of politics practiced in elections, it has been said, would make a Chicago ward boss think he had died and gone to heaven. The local police perfect was a czar with powers to pass on tax sheets, applications for shopkeepers' licenses and the like. Soldiers, therefore, did anyone dare risk his displeasure on election day.

When Ion Bratianu died, his

brother, Vintila, not half as shrewd, succeeded him as the power behind the throne.

Clamor for the return of Carol began to be heard openly and soon it increased. A few years ago Carol thought the time had arrived and he made an abortive attempt to re-enter Rumania by airplane from the estate of a Rumanian friend in England, but the British government heard about it and chased him out of the country.

His hopes grew stronger in the winter of 1928, when the conservatives joined with the peasants' party to oust Vintila Bratianu's liberals and John Maniu became premier. Nothing happened immediately, but the liberal's bitter attacks on Carol were forbidden on the ground that he was "the brother of the regent and father of the king."

Then Carol—or his friends—began to play some keen politics themselves. The weaknesses of the existing government under the child king were exaggerated upon and laid before the populace by clever propaganda. It is even hinted that the recent unfortunate engagement of Princess Ileana to a German prince, innocently engineered by Queen Marie, was a clever piece of trickery intended to trap Marie and prove that the Rumanian royal family needed a man at its head.

Such is politics in Rumania.

The Carolists' strength continued to grow, and the time for his return ripened sooner than even he himself had expected. Announcement that everything was ready came to him in a telegram from his brother, Prince Nicholas, while Queen Marie was en route to the passion play at Oberammergau.

Carol responded quickly, arriving in Rumania by airplane at midnight.

Next day the national assembly met, solemnly decided that Carol had never renounced his rights, that little Michael had never been king, that since Ferdinand's death the rightful king of Rumania had been "Carol II," and therefore proclaimed his kingship by a vote of 486 to 1. The one vote was that of Vintila Bratianu . . . the old hatred of the power behind the throne still lived.

Rumanians, long accustomed to royal affairs of the heart, looked on Carol's romances leniently and forgave as he became their ruler.

NEXT: Carol's mother, brother and sisters . . . more about this strange royal family.

Dr. Cassel Heads New Organization Of Chiropractors

The chiropractic doctors of Klamath Falls met recently in the library club rooms to perfect an organization. Regular meetings will be held from now on.

Dr. C. B. Cassel was elected president of the newly formed Chiropractic Association and Dr. O. H. Mather was chosen as secretary and treasurer. Another meeting will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in Dr. Jenkins' office in the Stewart-Drew building.

Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Mather and Dr. C. B. Cassel, attended the state convention of the association held in Medford on July 3rd and report a successful convalesce.

Newport Oregon's "Summer Capital"

SALEM, Ore., July 8, (AP)—Governor Norblad said today that he expects, while governor, to spend most of his week ends at the "Summer Capitol," which the people of Newport have equipped for the use of the executive. The governor was introduced to the home July 4, and found it decorated with flowers and with a radio included among the conveniences. Mrs. Norblad, son Walter and daughter Eleanor are there for the summer. Mrs. Frank Jenkins of Eugene and children are guests for several days.

MANY VISITORS.
MEDFORD, July 7, (AP)—A total of 2,582 automobiles bearing 8,837 persons visited Crater Lake National park over the three-day holiday.

Rev. D. V. Haight Resigns Pastorate

Rev. Drury V. Haight, who has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church here for a number of years, has resigned from the pastoral duties of the local church and with Mrs. Haight plans to leave within the near future for California to take up extensive church work.

The resignation, if it is accepted by the congregation and presbytery, will become effective the last of August.

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"The condition of my hair was terrible—it was full of dandruff and falling out in handfuls. On top of that streaks of gray made me look years too old for I'm a young woman yet," declared Miss Elizabeth Sonne, 47 Parkis Ave. Providence, R.I.

Fortunately for me I learned about Lea's Hair Tonic and it has proven a wonderful investment for me. It has improved my appearance—made me look younger and my hair and scalp in nice condition. Free of gray hairs and the thin spots are growing out thicker," continued Miss Sonne, who like thousands of other men and women have found Lea's to be just the thing. Between the stimulating effect of the tonic and the massaging of it into the scalp, the blood comes to the surface, nature seems to get back on the job vigorously and healthfully growing a full head of even colored, youthful looking beautiful hair. Certainly pay postman when it comes, if with such a wonderful treatment for the hair and scalp now available in most drug stores at small cost, it is foolish to use ugly old-time dyes, or pay a large sum for such tinting or dyeing. If reader desires to give Lea's Hair Tonic a trial, they may purchase same from druggist or the famous Lea Tonic Co., Brentwood, Md., on positive guarantee that its use for six weeks will delight you or money refunded without argument or question. (Sent by mail postage paid \$1 per bottle) or if preferred pay postman when it comes, if druggist hasn't it.

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PAY-DAY! BOY, THIS BIG YELLOW-BACK IS GOING TO GET AN AWFUL LICKIN' THING! TWO TALKIES AND BE UP TO HER EARS IN SODAS

GOSH, I ALMOST FORGOT! GOTTA PAY JAKE THAT TWO BUCKS INSTALMENT ON MY PIN!!

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SEE! I HOPE YOU GET THROUGH OK WITH THIS PLANE YOU'RE DELIVERING, RILEY—AND DON'T COME DOWN IN ANY QUER, LIKE WE DID THAT TIME OUT IN ARIZONA!!

NO—THIS TIME I WANT A CROOK TO DEAL WITH, LIKE FARGAR!!

I GUESS YOU HEARD THAT FARGAR ESCAPED WHEN THEY HAD HIM ALMOST TO PRISON—HE'S A BAD EGG ALL RIGHT—HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO LAY OVER HERE BEFORE YOU PULL OUT AGAIN?

OH, UNTIL FRIDAY, I GUESS—YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT FARGAR—A SLICK AND CUNNING CUSTOMER.....

SAY, WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER TO THE HOUSE FOR DINNER SOME NIGHT? I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING—ANY NIGHT YOU SAY!

THAT'S NICE OF YOU, FRECKLES—HOW WOULD IT BE?

GREAT KID!

WELL, CMON OSCAR—I'M READY TO GO NOW—WE HAVE TO GET READY FOR THIS HIKE OF OURS!

YOU CAN WRITE MORE TIME TALKIN' TO THESE AVIATORS THAN ANYBODY I EVER HEARD OF!

Pay Day By Gowan

TEH DOLLARS! FLUSH, EH, BETTER YOU PAY MAYBE TWO WEEKS INSTALMENTS, EH?

NIX! I GOT OTHER IDEAS WITH THE REST OF THAT GREEN-BACK

WELL, IF YOU STILL MAYBE HAFF THE IDEA TO MARRY DOT GIN, YOU GIFF THE PIN TO YOU SURE VILL NEED DOT EIGHT BUCKS! VELL, VEN I GOT MARRIED I HAD NUTTINS—

YEAH? AND NOW YOUR WIFE'S GOT IT!