

Vittorio Emanuele III; One-Time King Of Italy, Dies After Long Exile

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Dec. 29 (AP)—Vittorio Emanuele III, 78, the diminutive king whose 20 years of subservience to Benito Mussolini led to the downfall of the house of Savoy and nearly brought about the ruin of Italy, died in exile yesterday of pneumonia at his Alexandria villa.

Elena, tall, 74-year-old wife of the former ruler, was at his bedside when death came.

The former king was stricken with double pneumonia Wednesday while preparing to celebrate Christmas with his family. He was taken to the Italian hospital in Alexandria.

A dispatch from Lisbon said that Umberto, who succeeded his father as king for one month, until the Italians threw out the monarchy, planned to leave today for Alexandria.

Vittorio Emanuele, esteemed by his people after World War I, came under the domination of Mussolini in 1929 when the latter marched on Rome and the king summoned him to form a cabinet.

At the time Marshal Pietro Badoglio was reported to have asked the king to give him a few regiments to smash the black shirt uprising, but was turned down because the king wanted to avoid bloodshed.

During the ensuing years the five-foot-three monarch signed a series of fascist decrees Mussolini placed before him.

The picture finally changed in July, 1943, when allied victories in the Mediterranean theater showed Italy's true weakness and Vittorio Emanuele played a major role in unseating the dictator to whom he had played yes-man for so many years.

Denounced Hitler
When finally he found asylum with the allies, Vittorio Emanuele denounced Mussolini and Hitler.

The Italians remembered too keenly his previous loyalties, however, and called for his abdication. In 1944 when the allies took Rome, the king surrendered his power to Umberto as lieutenant general of the realm, a move which made him king in name only.

Public feeling remained hostile, and in a final move to save the house of Savoy Vittorio Emanuele on May 9, 1946, signed a document of abdication in favor of Umberto and sailed with his wife to Alexandria.

The move was too late, and a month later the Italians voted in a plebiscite for a republican form of government.

Besides Umberto the couple had four daughters. Yolanda, the eldest, married Count Calvi di Bergoglio in 1923.

No funeral arrangements have yet been made, but there was no indication the former monarch would be returned to Italy to lie in the Pantheon niche once assigned to him.

In Cairo Foreign Minister Ahmed Helwanly said the king died of pneumonia.

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Officer To Marry 14-Year-Old Girl

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—First Lieut. Ralph H. Bassett Jr., 24, of New York, and 14-year-old Italian Luciana Parri, the youngest of two score Italian and Greek war brides and fiancées who arrived by plane in Washington yesterday, say they plan to be married January 1 or 2.

The lieutenant and his bride-to-be were reunited here last night at an airline office and left for the apartment of Bassett's mother.

Bassett, who left Leghorn, Italy, December 1 to come home on leave, said he met his bride-to-be, a five-foot two-inch brunette, at an officers' dance in February, 1946. She said at first she was 17, but later revealed her true age, he added.

Portland Hotel Hit By Blaze

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 (AP)—One man jumped to safety and 60 others fled into a driving rain Saturday night when the small Fourth Avenue hotel caught fire in downtown Portland.

Firemen brought the blaze under control quickly, confining damage largely to the second floor of the four-story building.

A hotel employee, trapped in his room, leaped to the roof of an adjoining building. One elderly man, overcome by smoke, was carried to safety.

The fire started in a storeroom on the second floor. Damage was not determined.

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Business Year Sets Record

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Payrolls reached \$845,000,000, a record that exceeded even the 1944 wartime high of \$799,480,000.

The federal department of agriculture estimated farm cash income at \$380,000,000, compared with the previous high of last year, \$340,977,000.

A record tourist trade income of \$100,000,000 was estimated. Lumber production also hit a record 6,600,000,000 board feet.

Exports were at a peacetime high, though below wartime figures. In Portland record bank clearings, construction and bank deposit figures also were marked up.

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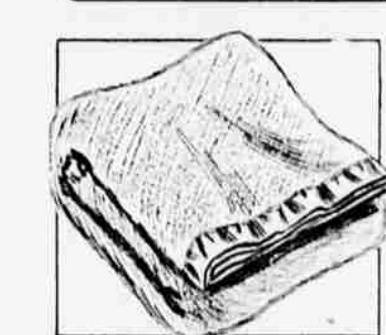
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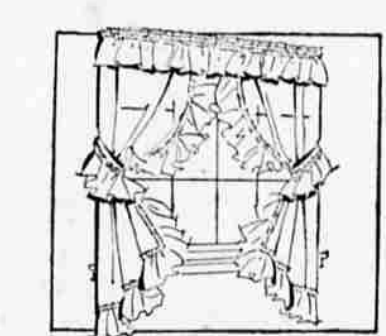
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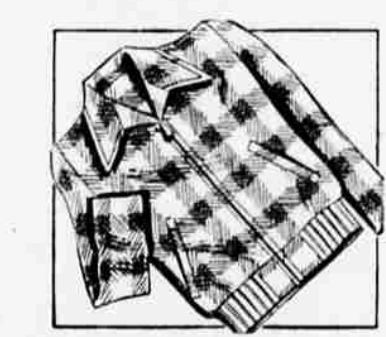
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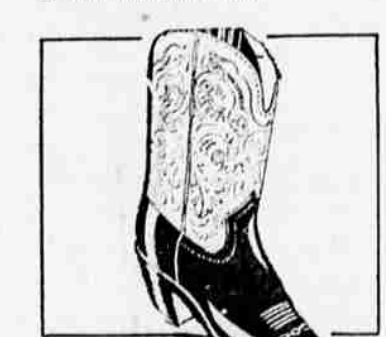
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