

# EDWARD VII, ENGLAND'S NEW KING.

## The Kind of Man Who Comes to the Throne of Great Britain After Many Years of Waiting --- His Gracious and Noble Queen, Alexandra --- Some Facts About the New Heir Apparent.

Edward VII, the new king of England and emperor of India, is in his sixtieth year. He is well preserved, of average height, of portly build, florid as to complexion and of an even, placid temperament.

In the shadow of the throne he has lived an almost uneventful life. While waiting for the scepter and royal robes he has had little chance to show what kind of a man he is.

The world knows him only as a jolly prince who has done nothing very good nor any great evil. Perhaps the most notable feature of his life thus far has been his fondness for sports. He has raced horses, sailed yachts, shot birds, played cards and gambled more or less, with more or less discretion.

He might have come to the throne as Albert I, starting a new line of kings,

than the prince and, though comparatively poor, was beautiful and accomplished. The marriage was celebrated in St. George's chapel, Windsor castle, on March 10, 1863.

All England rejoiced over the event. Tennyson, who had just been made poet laureate, wrote one of his fine poems, "A Welcome to Alexandra," on this occasion. The princess soon made herself very popular with all classes of the British public, not only by her outward grace of manner, but also by her virtues and amiability. The prince



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himself has always shared in this popularity, although the sterner puritanism of his potential subjects has often been shocked by stories of his dissipation.

As a social factor in England the prince has always been supreme. Ward McAllister called him "the great social dictator." It was largely through his influence that many Americans—a nation whom he has always liked—have received their entrée into the inner circles of the British aristocracy. Nevertheless the social and fashionable side of his life has been more of a duty than a pleasure to him. He has always been most content when surrounded by a circle of his old friends at his palace, in Sandringham, a small village in the county of Norfolk. There he has lived the life of an English country gentleman.

The affection and esteem in which the prince has been held were never better exemplified than in December, 1871, when he was attacked by typhoid fever and for some weeks hung between life and death. The anxiety of the public was intense, and the news of his recovery was greeted with great joy. On his first appearance in public to take part in the memorable "thanksgiving service" in St. Paul's cathedral on Feb. 27, 1872, the streets along the line of his route were crowded with a cheering multitude.

Since then the prince has been putting in several years of quiet work, taking a great deal of the responsibility that attaches to sovereignty off his mother's hands. He visited India and Ireland, engaged in solidifying the empire. He started intercolonial and international exhibitions. He encouraged and liberally subscribed to public charities. He has been a liberal patron of art and of the drama. It is impossible to overestimate his power as a social factor. He has dictated fashions and dominated manners. On him fell the full responsibility of the arrangements for the celebration of his mother's jubilee in 1887. He worked like a slave.

It is impossible not to mention two notable things of recent years—the baccarat scandal and the death of the prince's eldest son and his heir, the Duke of Clarence. The card scandal came up in the winter of 1890 while the prince was visiting Mrs. Arthur Wilson at Tranby Croft. Sir William Gordon-Cumming, a cavalry officer of good family, was charged with cheating. It was said that he increased his stake after seeing that the cards were in his favor. It was a famous trial; the prince was a witness, and Sir William Gordon-Cumming lost. He married the daughter of an American millionaire, Miss Garner of New York, and retired to private life.

Two years later the Duke of Clarence fell a victim to the grip. It was a great blow to both the prince and princess, a bereavement from which they have never fully recovered. After the funeral the prince retired to the deepest privacy. It was many months before he could take up his public duties.

Of late years Marlborough House has become the center of the prince's social and official life. His study, where none but his intimates is admitted, looks like the room of a hardworking man of business. He works at an old-fashioned pedestal desk table. The desk shuts with a spring and can be opened only with a golden key, which the prince carries on his watch chain. Every

hour of his day is mapped out for him. First comes his private correspondence, which is very large. From 10 till 11 each morning is spent in talking over and dictating replies to letters that have been sorted over by his secretary. The remainder of his day is governed by his appointment book. The social feature of it is very large.

When the prince does have an idle hour, he enjoys a new novel that he has picked from the bookstall himself. No political party has ever been able to rightly claim the Prince of Wales as an adherent, or even as an active sympathizer. He has always managed to keep conspicuously clear of party or sectional interests and still remain an aggressive Englishman.



PRINCE ALBERT EDWARD OF YORK.

In 1898 the late king of Sweden initiated Albert Edward into the mysteries of Freemasonry. His father had refused to associate himself with the

Americans know the new king as a game sportsman. He began that career early. When he was only 15 years old, accompanying his father on deer stalking expeditions, he was the best shot in his family. In manhood the royal colors—purple, gold band, scarlet sleeves and black velvet cap with gold fringe—have been a familiar sight on all British race courses of the first class. His name has often stood high in the list of winning owners. He is generally agreed to be a capital judge of a horse. His greatest triumph was the winning of the Derby by Perseus in 1896.

During the past few years King Edward VII has seldom been seen following the hounds, but in the game season he is foremost in big shooting parties. As a yachtsman he has been particularly fortunate. He is the owner of many splendid prizes.

While no one can confidently say what political changes the advent of the new king will make—and it is possible that his rule may materially affect the course of British politics—it is known that he has always had liberal leanings. He detested Beaconsfield; he felt a warm admiration for Gladstone. His most intimate friend among the leading politicians of England is Rosebery. It is already predicted that the new king will work for Rosebery for the premiership.

As for the new queen of England, she is a daughter of the north who at 56 is still beautiful. She is a splendid type of woman and was Princess Alexandra of Denmark prior to her marriage to the Prince of Wales 38 years ago.

A very pretty and romantic story is told of how the Princess of Denmark became the wife of Prince Albert Edward of Wales. The prince chanced to be visiting Mrs. Arthur Wilson one afternoon with two or three congenial friends when one of them, a colonel, produced from his pocket a photograph.

The prince immediately became struck by the beauty and simplicity of the young person in the picture and soon became a possessor of it. Within a very short time he had dispatched a confidential emissary to Denmark to marry his suit to the princess. The emissary was struck by the simplicity of the royal personages, but particularly by the grandeur and beauty of the young princess. Because of her simple home training the princess was best fitted for the pomp and honor of her station. She is a brilliant woman, strictly conservative, of commanding presence and stature.

Her character is at once strong and sweet, and she shows a kindly consideration for all who approach her.

As a mother she is ideal. Her children were reared and educated as befits their station, and their discipline is a matter of comment in England. She is a thoroughly practical woman, fond of the best literature and an accomplished musician.

An intimate friend of the Princess of Wales—for only an intimate friend can be pardoned in so describing her—says



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other—but at a later date she took Lady Graves instead and insisted that she become one of her ladies of honor. It is not in temper alone that the new queen differs from her predecessor, but in every other detail.

For years Alexandra has been noted for her taste in dress—an accusation never made of Queen Victoria.



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that she is "sweet, noble, pretty, snappy, arrogant and disagreeable." Her temper is quick, disagreeable and uncertain." Yet, without, this friend adds that she is "just the most lovable woman in the world."

Queen Victoria during her long reign has shown herself to be more a man than a woman. Her conduct in time of trouble has been calm and serene, and in time of peace she has displayed the stolidity so admired by Englishmen.

Queen Alexandra, on the other hand, is always a woman. Excitable at times, fervent, pathetic, variable—and womanly always.

The strongest feature displayed by the new queen of England is her elation. No one ever knew Victoria to have an intimate friend. Even Miss Alham was kept at length, but Queen Alexandra has her friends and falls out with them in a woman's way.

At one time she loved Lady Brooke, but her love cooled; at another she and Lady Randolph Churchill were inseparable—one never shopped without the

Victor, the duke of Clarence, died in 1820, and George took his place in the succession. York's training has been altogether naval. In 1833 he became a midshipman on board the Canndn, with the North American squadron. In 1835, after passing the examinations with great credit, he was promoted to a lieutenant. His first command was that of the gunboat Thrush on the West Indian station, and while occupying that post he opened the Jamaica Industrial exposition in 1839.

Just one year later the young man was raised to the rank of commander, but his actual service was brought to a close by the death of his brother and his own suddenly acquired importance as heir presumptive.

The Duchess of York, his wife, was formerly the pretty Princess May of Teck. The marriage has been very happy, and this royal couple are probably the most democratic of their kind in Great Britain. They have three pretty children, two of whom are princes. The new Prince of Wales has earned for himself a warm place in British

# SPORTS.

**BURTON MATCHED.**  
Charles Burton, who at various times was matched to go against pugilists of local reputation, has signed articles to fight a 20 round go with Jesse Hudson, known as the Sun-bury Giant. They will meet at Circleville, Feb. 28.

**BALL PLAYER INJURED.**  
Frank Roudelush, catcher for the Kent base ball team, was injured at Mogadore Saturday by a fall of clay. His injuries are so serious that it is doubtful whether he will ever be able to play again.

**ANOTHER LEAGUE.**  
The Kent correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer has formed another league taking in Canton, Ashland, Warren, Conneaut, Alliance, Chicago Junction, Massillon and Youngstown. He says that Akron will have a strong independent team.

**NOT NATURAL.**  
Macou, the New York representative of the Cincinnati Enquirer, has discovered that Rublin is not a natural fighter. He believes that Jeffries will have an advantage because of this. Jeff's father has been fighting the wickedness of San Francisco for years as a minister. This is why it comes so natural to the son.

**NEW TRAINING QUARTERS.**  
A change has been made in the plans for Rublin's training. It was originally intended to do the work on the Kentucky side of the river. Madden has leased the Country Club house on the Ohio side and Gus commenced work today.

**PRIZE OFFERED.**  
A prize of \$5 is offered for the high score for the month on Smith's bowling alleys. F. H. Place is high man at present with a score of 214.

**FULL OF FIGHT.**  
Art Simms and Eddie Gardner will meet again early next month. At Youngstown, Simms and Gardner signed articles for a 20-round contest at 130 pounds. They will give the fight to the club offering the largest purse. Simms has a busy month ahead of him. In addition to the contest with Gardner he meets Frank Boyle at Pittsburg, Feb. 4. In addition to these matches he is figuring on a go with Harry Lyons and another with Terry McGovern.

Jack Palmer will meet Johnny Brooks, of New Castle, Pa., at Youngstown some time during February. They will weigh in at 118 pounds. The winner will take 75 per cent of 50 per cent of the gate receipts. They will split \$100 on the side.

Charles Green, Art Simms' sparring partner, has signed articles for a 20-round contest with Billy Edwards at Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 23. The purse of \$250 will be divided 75 per cent to the winner and 25 to the loser.

**BUSINESS MEETING.**  
There will be a business meeting of the South End Athletic club tonight. The recently elected officers will be installed and other matters of importance considered. President Wlose will appoint a number of committees.

**MADDEN IS CONFIDENT.**  
Billy Madden is confident that Rublin will defeat Jeffries in the coming contest at Cincinnati. At Indianapolis, Saturday night, he said: "When Rublin faces Jeffries at Cincinnati next month he will be an entirely different person than he was when he met Fitzsimmons last fall. He met Fitzsimmons after he had been in training for a year. He had trained through a hot, dry summer, and had but little vitality the night of the contest. Fitzsimmons soon showed that I was right. Had I not forced the fellow to give up hard work he would have gone into consumption. He has now taken things easy for several months and he will be as strong as a horse when he meets Jeffries." Madden says he thinks the odds should be at least 3 to 1 on Jeffries.

**THEY MAY BE WRONG.**  
New York sports plock Jeffries to win because he is alleged to have a better head than Rublin. They say the champion cannot be rattled, whereas Rublin is inclined to go up in the air at the slightest unlooked for occurrence. Many a winner on form has been a badly defeated man, however after it was all over.

**AT KENT.**  
The M. O'Neil bowling team will go to Kent Tuesday night and play the Kent bowling team. A number of rosters will accompany the team.

**GETTING THE FEVER.**  
A Kent bowling alley proprietor has set apart days and evenings each week for the exclusive use of ladies. Ladies only are admitted and the alleys are doing a big business.

**GETTING READY.**  
Kent, O., Jan. 27.—Preparations are under way for a large business in athletics during the coming season. A team has already been selected for the base ball battles and the men are playing basket ball to keep themselves in trim, until the weather will permit out door practices. The Kent grounds are being plowed and seeded, and everything possible will be done to make first class base ball. The club will give a minstrel show at the Kent opera house in the near future.



ALEXANDRA, THE NEW QUEEN.

In admirable characteristics Alexandra is not wanting. She is the only one of Queen Victoria's royal daughters-in-law who has been able to get along with her. Even her daughters have found little sympathy in the cool rigidity of the throne. But Alexandra began by determining to like her mother-in-law, and she has kept it up.

Queen Victoria declared that she liked the Princess of Wales better than any one of her own family except Beatrice and that she would sooner see her on the throne than any other one that she could mention.

The new Prince of Wales, like the new king, is a man who has sown his wild oats with a princely and lavish hand. He has, however, settled down and become a man of family and dignity.

George Frederick Ernest Albert, the second and eldest surviving son of the new King Edward VII, has long been known as the Duke of York. He has also been called "the sailor prince" from the fact that he has had a naval career.

He was born June 3, 1865. The young prince, like his brother and sisters, was brought up with the most studied simplicity both in London and at Sandringham and much more like the child of a plain country gentleman than the son of a royal prince as such bringing up is understood in other countries. The Rev. J. N. Dalton was selected by the Prince of Wales as his son's tutor, and under his superintendence the first few years of the young prince's life were passed in quiet study and in a happy home life of which he was the leading spirit.

In 1877 Prince George and the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale became naval cadets and entered on board H. M. S. Britannia, the training ship stationed at Dartmouth. Here the young prince entered upon his training for the profession to which his after life was to be devoted and showed a great deal of taste for naval studies, applying himself in praiseworthy manner to the intricacies of navigation and to the mysteries of knotting and sailing and the other details of a seaman's education. His elder brother, Albert

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