

KING

London Daily Mail, Dec. 4th - "The people want their King No development of the present extraordinary situation shall be allowed to part it from its beloved King". Abdication is out of the question. It predicted the King would emerge from the crisis "stronger, happier and even more respected than ever."

The Daily Express, Dec. 4th, declared "The King is free to choose".

Dec. 4th - (A.P. Dispatch) - "Free Churches (Baptists and Methodists) not pressing King to drop friendship (with Mrs. Simpson). Officials declared they would refuse to pledge support to Prime Minister Baldwin at least until he announced his plans for the Government".

Citizen, Dec. 4th, Col. Wedgwood said: "I want an open debate in the House of Commons. I am perfectly certain the House of Commons is for the King".... "We have put up with a great deal from the Dominions in these later days, but we are not governed by them and need hardly change our King to suit their temper or because he marries an American."

Dec. 4th, Sir Arnold Wilson, M.P., attacked the Bishop of Bradford for making "an incursion into matters of high policy" and exposing the King to the "ruthless glare of publicity". (Journal Dec. 5th)

Dec. 4th, Sir Oswald Mosley, speaking at an open air meeting, said "Politicians created this grave crisis. They have created it because they have interfered with the King's private life. I say with all deliberation that, before a junta of politicians can force the King to abdicate, this issue should be submitted to the votes of the people of Britain and

relaxation and companionship with chosen friends. What he cannot and will not afford - what the nation and the Empire cannot afford - is that influence of the great office which he holds should be weakened, if ever private inclination were to come into open conflict with public duty and allowed to prevail.

Dec. 3rd(?) - Endorsed Prime Minister Baldwin's conversation with the King.

Dec. 3rd - James Maxton, Independent Labor M.P. - "I was for the King when it was purely a question of whether he be permitted to marry whomsoever he should choose, but when it is a dispute between him and the Government, I cast my lot with the Government. We want no dictator".

Dec. 3rd - The Church Times, organ of the Church of England, said the marriage between the King and Mrs. Simpson would be unacceptable because of the fundamental effect it would have on the relations between Church and State. It said Britain has learned "with profound sorrow and dismay" that the King intends to marry "an American lady who has divorced two husbands".

Dec. 3rd - An A.P. dispatch said "cheers greeted Mr. Baldwin when he entered the House looking pale and drawn".

Dec. 3rd (Journal) - C.P. Dispatch said "Clement H. Attlee, Labor Leader, has intimated that, if Mr. Baldwin resigns he will not be prepared, under the circumstances, to attempt to form a government.