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NU7 XX SPEECH.

ONE UNOFFICIAL INDICATION THAT ABDICATION WAS NEAR CAME FROM THE SUNDAY DISPATCH, PUBLISHED BY LORD ROTHERMERE WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD INDICATED HIS SYMPATHY WITH THE KING.

"NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE KING'S INTENTION TO ABDICATE CAN— NORMALLY—BE MADE EXCEPT THROUGH THE PREMIER TO THE COMMONS, BUT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS MAJESTY CAN NEITHER COMPLY WITH REQUESTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO HIM ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF HIS PRIVATE LIFE, NOR WILL BE FORCED UPON THE EMPIRE THE CATASTROPHE WHICH MIGHT FOLLOW HIS INABILITY TO SECURE AN ALTERNATIVE GOVERNMENT OF DIFFERENT VIEWS."

OBSERVERS INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN THE NEWSPAPER UNDERSTOOD THE KING WAS STILL DETERMINED TO MARRY THE WOMAN OF HIS CHOICE, THAT HE FELT HE COULD NOT FORM A GOVERNMENT TO FIGHT FOR BOTH THRONE AND WIFE, AND THAT, THEREFORE, HE WOULD ABDICATE RATHER THAN CREATE A CRISIS EVEN GREATER THAN THE PRESENT ONE.

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