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EDITORIAL

THE KING HAS GONE — GOD SAVE THE KING

Our beloved Edward, King of England has made his choice between love and royal pomp and for the present has gone into seclusion. He would rather live as you and I and marry the one who seemingly all these years he has scoured the countries looking for. While some would condemn him for turning his back on the throne. They must respect and honor him as a man who has courage to follow his convictions.

The unprecedented abdication of King Edward is bound to have an affect on the Empire's future. I think as others, that under any other regime the English Crown will not be able to hold as successfully the colonies under its allegiance for long. Particularly, we must be interested in the fate of the colored people of the British Empire—especially in the case of the West Indies.

The probability again looms, that they might be ceded to America in exchange for War debts. United States has always had its eye on Bermuda and Jamaica as strategic points that should be in American hands—as naval bases, rather than under a foreign power. Particularly is this essential in view of the current Pan American Peace Conference and President Roosevelt's aim to keep war out of the Western Hemisphere.

The question of American assimilation of the West Indies is a very serious one and people in the both United States and in the Tropical Zone are divided in opinion as to whether such a move would be for the benefit or detriment of the people of those Colonies. America hitherto has not been too successful in her attempts at colonization—the histories of Cuba, Haiti, Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands are not altogether complimentary.

Edward, the Duke of Windsor, the new title bestowed on him, has visited among the humblest of homes during his reign as Prince of Wales and King of England and has won the heart of the people, and will be welcome wherever he chooses to go. To the Queen Mother Mary, we feel for her in her disappointment, having built so much on her son. Along with here other sadness we do, as every other mother, sympathize with her.

However, we feel that in time the wound will heal as King George VI carries on in his father's footsteps, having contentment of a good wife and happy family and respect of the Empire. Let us wish for Edward, Duke of Windsor, happiness in his new sphere of life.

CHRISTMAS NOW AND THEN

A festival of the Christian Church, observed annually on Dec. 25th, in memory of the Birth of Christ, and celebrated by a particularly fitting Church Service.

Christmas carols, songs, descriptive of the birth of the Promised Child. (The Babe of Bethlehem), and incidents connected with it, are sung specially at Christmas.

The time when the festival was first observed is shrouded in mystery, but reference to this festival or Holy Day was known to be made back in the 3rd century by Clement of Alexandria; in the latter part of the 4th century Chrysostom a celebrated Greek father of the Church, born in Antioch about A.D. 344, speaks of it as of great antiquity. At one time a diversity of days were observed by different communions, but in the 4th century the Western Church fixed the date as Dec. 25th, yet with on certain knowledge of the actual day of Christ's birth. The Eastern Church generally favored the sixth of January, but they gradually adopted the same date.

Many believe that festivals already held about this time, the Roman festival Brumalia—when it was believed the sun to be born anew—have had a strong bearing on the question, however in the Roman Catholic, Greek, Anglican, Lutheran and all Protestant Churches, special religious services are held for Christmas Day.

A Roman Catholic Priest may celebrate three masses on Christmas Day. Christendom through the world makes itself felt by its spiritual fervor its service, and devotion to others on this Holy Day.

Our modern method of feasting sporting and wordly endeavor—do not strike the high note that so solemn and holy a day should vibrate. Unto us a Son is born, unto us a Child is given—His name shall be called Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins. Not only does this day portray the condescension of Jesus to be born of a woman; but Heaven itself bowed to earth and its choir sang the first Glory Song. Instead of turning this sacred day into a Feast Day—a holiday—it is the business of the Church to keep the feast a Holy Day unto the Lord.

Without the birth of Jesus, there would be no God-man, so Mediator, no Sacrificial Lamb, no Vicarious Death, no Redemption, no Regeneration, no Salvation, no Intercession, no hope of Heaven but a fearful looking for Judgment to come.

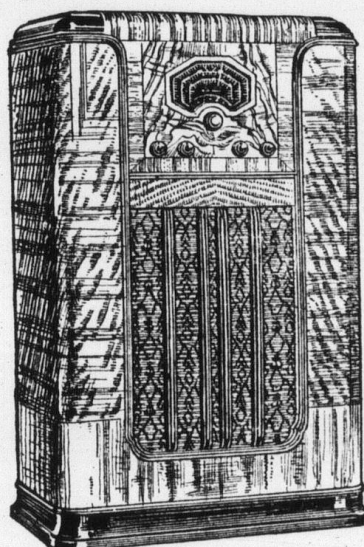
All hail the spirit of Christmas time, with its hearty co-operation of goodwill and cheer to all mankind.

Respectfully,
REV. T. H. JACKSON

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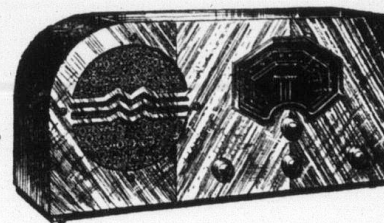
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