

EGYPT'S BOY KING

King Farouk I, 18-Year-Old Monarch, Marries the Fairest Flower of His Land in Elaborate Ceremonies Climaxing Royal Romance

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For several centuries Egyptians have forgotten their illustrious national background. Their ancestors threw British troops into the sea and fought all Europe during the Crusades. Indeed, is not Egypt the center of the world and the mother of civilization?

Egypt's awakening dates back only a few years. Her passionate revival of nationalistic feeling is a still more recent development, hastened by the ascension of a boy king who is just now beginning to feel his strength. King Farouk I is 18 years old, not so young as to be putty in the hands of a scheming premier, nor old enough to be very diplomatic. Thus far his ultimate ambitions are not very clear. But the powerful Wafd (National party) has been driven from the cabinet and an allegedly pro-Fascist governing body has replaced it.

King Farouk ascended to the throne in 1936 following the death of his father, the diplomatic King Fuad, who managed to maintain his power without bowing too deeply before the strongly democratic Wafdists. If Farouk were older he would probably follow a similar strategy instead of attempting to safeguard his power by liquidating the Wafd.

Although street riots between Wafdist Blueshirts and pro-Farouk university students have been common the past few months, a truce has been called until the current tourist

legendary Egyptian charm." The royal romance resulted from a childhood friendship between Farida and Farouk's four sisters. Early last year when the royal family visited Switzerland they took the new queen along. Romance budged in the Alps.

Actually, King Farouk will not be eighteen until February 11. But he is already more than six feet tall. Egyptian press agents claim he has "a finely trained mind, a strong and stalwart physique."

Like monarchs of old, Farouk has been trained from birth to the arduous duties of kingship. His childhood, although happy, was not as carefree as that of children born to a less exalted destiny. He was taught the necessity of punctilious courtesy, to bow acknowledgements and return salutes, all a part of the burden of responsibility which was destined to fall on his shoulders.

Find Historic Parallel.

Wafdists may have some reason to believe their new king is being impressed with his importance. It has been conveniently discovered



Said to be the first independent king Egypt has had since the days of Cleopatra, King Farouk I isn't content with merely sitting on the throne. He also wants to rule.

the senate, Farouk refusing to approve the Wafd majority's nominee. A few days later he declined to sign a bill authorizing expenditure of funds for suppression of foreign propaganda, demanding an accounting for every cent.

Eventually Nahas was forced to resign when his differences with Farouk failed to dissolve under arbitration. In his place Farouk appointed Mahmoud Pasha, whose private army—the Greenshirts—have often clashed with Nahas' Blueshirts. With so many "shirts" flying through Cairo, it was quite obvious that somebody was going to lose one. A few days before his forced resignation, Nahas had ordered dissolution of the Greenshirts. Mahmoud, in turn, not only abolished the Blueshirts but also all other "shirts." Whether this wise move will stop the rioting remains to be seen.

Fascist Trends Apparent.

Great Britain is justified in being doubtful about Premier Mahmoud. Although he has given every assurance that his new cabinet embraces the policy of friendship for Britain, there is too much Fascist zeal in the patriotic slogans of Mahmoud and his followers. Egyptians are encouraged to despise everything foreign, to speak only in Arabic, to buy only from Egyptians and to keep as their motto something like: "Allah, the Fatherland and the King!" Still another Fascist note, paradoxical though it may be, is the Wafdist Blueshirts' determination to defend democracy with an organization that is itself Fascist on the surface.

Great Britain realizes that Egypt is in the center of a political hotbed. In Libya, along the Egyptian frontier, Italy has placed highly-mechanized army units. Arabs throughout the Near East are aroused by England's policy in Palestine.

King Farouk's latest attempt to drive the Wafdists from power was an order dismissing the highly democratic parliament for one month. The order followed close upon the heels of Nahas' dismissal as premier, but its immediate end was merely confusion. As the chamber speaker was about to read Farouk's order, irate Nahas jumped to his feet and began to protest. Police were called, the lights turned out and the parliamentarians stumbled to the streets. Nahas could smile, however, for he had won temporary success. The dismissal order had not been finished.

Election in Offing.

Scheduled almost at the same time as the royal wedding is a new parliamentary election in which King Farouk and Premier Mahmoud hope to see the Wafdists defeated. At present the Wafd has 184 deputies out of the total of 232, and 94 senators out of 132. If this great majority is wiped out, Egypt's democratic government may be on the way to disaster.

Among plans already announced by Premier Mahmoud is enlargement of the army from 11,000 to 50,000. Even 50,000 troops would be an unimportant stumbling block to any invader who might covet Egypt. Therefore observers believe the military expansion is for internal defense of Farouk and the palace government. Built swiftly, it would be a loyal army, ready to do the bidding of its king and premier. With such a force behind them, Farouk and Mahmoud might successfully eliminate the Wafdist competition.

But perhaps the influence of his beautiful young wife will help pacify the boy king. Possessed with the idealism of adolescence, Farouk is possibly going through a period when he wants to play with his power, to be as strong as the pharaohs of old.

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The new queen of Egypt, pretty Miss Farida Zulfikar, seventeen-year-old daughter of an Egyptian judge, with whom Farouk fell in love during a trip to Switzerland last year.

season is over. And tourists are swarming through Cairo right now, because the boy king is taking unto himself a wife.

The Bride Is Pretty.

Preparations for the elaborate marriage ceremony starting January 20 have been under way for months. The bride is comely Miss Farida ("The Only One") Zulfikar, daughter of Zulfikar Pasha, senior justice of the mixed appellate court of Alexandria. Like a previous queen of Egypt—Cleopatra by name—Queen Farida is among the fairest in the land. The name Fa-



Patriotic Egyptians say King Farouk's features resemble those of King Amenhotep II, who also mounted the throne at the age of eighteen, in 1447 B. C.

rida was bestowed on her by Farouk, replacing her given name of Sasi Naz. Her mother was a lady-in-waiting at the royal palace.

She is a spirited and talented girl, it is reported, beautiful to the extreme and "the personification of

ASK ME ? ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

1. What is meant by the Great Divide?
2. What king was known as the "Father of His Country"?
3. Who said, "Better read one man than ten books"?
4. Can the President of the United States declare war?
5. What is a posthumous child?
6. Of what ancestry was Cleopatra?
7. Is Jerusalem a walled city?
8. What statesman has the most places in the United States named for him?
9. What is the pledge of the National 4-H club?
10. What is meant by a scale model of an airplane?

Answers

1. It is a colloquial term for the Continental divide, which sep-

- arates streams which flow to the opposite side of the continent.
2. Alfred the Great of England.
3. The quotation is from "Chatterfield's Letters to His Son."
4. The President cannot declare war. Congress alone has that power.
5. One born after the death of the father.
6. She was of Greek ancestry.
7. It is still a walled city. The missing stones in the old wall have been replaced, the rubbish and obstructions removed and it is possible to walk along the top of the wall to view the city.
8. Andrew Jackson and Benjamin Franklin have the largest number of towns and counties named in their honor.
9. My hands to larger service, My health to better living, My head to clearer thinking, My heart to greater loyalty, My club, my community, my country.
10. It is a small airplane made exactly like a regular plane but on a small scale. For example, if the large plane has twelve-foot wings each foot may scale down to one inch, consequently the scale model would have a twelve-inch wing.

Strange Facts

Cavalry Captured Dutch Fleet

A FEW men on horseback once conquered the Dutch fleet. The crews of the well-armed battleships were so surprised when they found their ships surrounded by a troop of cavalry that they surrendered without a fight.

This happened during the cold winter of 1794-95. In France there had been a revolution and the king, Louis XIV, was executed. The French, already at war with Austria, now found themselves forced to fight England, Holland and Spain.

Most of the fighting took place in what is now Belgium. The Dutch were protected until the winter of 1794-95. Then the French generals drove the Austrians across the Rhine, the English soldiers under the duke of York embarked for home. The army of the French general Pichegru crossed frozen rivers, a country bare of supplies, densely intersected with dykes to conquer Utrecht and finally Amsterdam.

North of Amsterdam is the long thumb-like peninsula of North Holland and that great inland sea, the Zuider zee. Between the islands and the tip of North Holland the Dutch fleet had anchored for the winter. The winter of 1794-95 the fleet was frozen in at Texel.

Shortly after Christmas 1794 a small troop of Pichegru's cavalry rode out across the frozen waters. A handful of hussars surrounded the battleships. The Dutch fleet, though well-armed, surrendered to a few Frenchmen on horseback.

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Uncle Phil Says:

Our Foibles

A woman always seeks to look young; a man to look rich—or important.

People who laugh the loudest at the troubles of someone else are the same people who cry the hardest at their own misfortunes.

Sales resistance means not buying something because you can't afford it.

A way some people have of showing sympathy for your troubles is to tell about their own.

Usually It's Pig Iron

One hates to knuckle down to the iron will of another man.

There are bachelors who do not complain, although in their lifetime they have bought 127 wedding presents.

Crime will continue as long as men with defective intellects are born.

Most of us have to earn money. Men with great financial talents "make" it.

It Would Be a Sow's Ear

Greatest obstacle to making a silk purse out of a sow's ear is that no sow's ear wants to be a silk purse.

Millions have no hobby unless it is their work.

A man in an unbecoming hat acts as if he knew it.

AROUND the HOUSE

Items of Interest to the Housewife

Rotate Use of Clothes.—Always when putting away the clean clothes, place the freshly ironed ones on the bottoms of the various piles. Then towels, handkerchiefs, napkins, etc., will be used in turn and some will not wear out more quickly than others.

Attractive Apple Desert.—Pare five medium-sized apples, scoop out core and put into pan containing boiling syrup to which 5 cents' worth of cinnamon drops ("red-hot") have been added. Let boil until tender. Then remove from fire and place melted marshmallow in center of each apple. The apples will be red and spicy, and with the white centers make an attractive dessert.

Fudge Cake.—One-half cup fat, one and one-quarter cups sugar, two eggs or three yolks, two squares melted chocolate, two cups cake flour, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, one-half teaspoonful salt, one cup milk, one teaspoon vanilla. Cream fat, add sugar and cream until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, add chocolate and then alternately add milk and sifted dry ingredients. Add

vanilla and bake in two layers, or a rectangular pan for squares, or as cup cakes, in moderate oven. Ice with creamy chocolate icing.

Separating Yolks From Whites.—When separating the yolks from the whites of eggs, break them over a funnel. The whites will pass through, leaving the yolks in the funnel.

Mistake-O-Graph Answers

1. Lettering on sign reads, "Candy shop."
2. Sign would read backward from outside.
3. Sign reads, "Calves liver given away."
4. Butcher is calling a duck a chicken.
5. Gravy is not sold by the pound.
6. Eggs in basket are peeping.
7. Man is carrying a leg of lamb with shoe on it.
8. Lady has one shoe off.
9. White cat has black tail.
10. Goldfish do not sell by the pound.
11. Branch is growing from chopping block.
12. Scales read forty pounds for small bird.
13. Clerk's arithmetic is wrong.
14. Hot dogs are labeled sea food.
15. Bones are too large to be chicken bones.

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Mistake-O-Graph



Having gone domestic in the last week, our artist has been doing the family marketing. Here is his impression of the corner butcher shop. There are fifteen mistakes in the drawing. Can you find them? The answers will be found above.