



Queen Mary of Britain, idolized by British subjects, whose motto is, "Let all things be done decently and in order."



Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, first lady of the United States, whose charm and graciousness have won for her a sincere place of affection in the hearts of Americans. Kindness dominates her character.



Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, whose devotion to her country is reflected in the unbounded loyalty of her subjects.



Queen Waiseru Menan, empress of Abyssinia, the black kingdom of Africa. She is the consort of Emperor Ras Tafari, who claimed the throne in 1930 upon the death of Empress Zauditu, who had asserted that she was a direct descendant of the Queen of Sheba, of biblical history fame.



Queen Rambai Barni of Siam, who, with King Prajadhipok, made an extended visit to the United States in 1931. Their rule is unhampered by revolutions.



Mrs. Eamon de Valera, first lady of Ireland.



Queen Helene, wife of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy.



Madame Mary Moscicki, Poland's first lady.

## 'FIRST LADIES' OF WORLD FITTED FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES

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HEREWITH are presented the portraits of first ladies of many lands. They occupy, by reason of marriage or birth, titular positions of leadership of the womanhood of the world. Most of them, particularly the three whose pictures grace the top of this page, are eminently fitted by breeding, character, and other essential human qualities for the roles in which fate has placed them.

It is conceded by all who have had the good fortune of acquaintance with Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, first lady of the United States, that she will be remembered as a woman thoroughly qualified for the position bestowed upon her by the election of her husband to the highest office in the land. She is an outstanding representative of the old-fashioned school of manners which holds kindness and consideration of others to be cardinal virtues. She has a lively sense of humor and a deep sense of human sympathy, and is endowed with the priceless ability of making of her family residence, no matter where it may be, a home in every sense of that word.

Queen Mary of England is idolized by the British not only because of her regal position, but for her human qualities, as well. She lives by a code of ideals which represent the highest standards of English womanhood. She considers herself first as a wife and mother, second as a person responsible for upholding by example the finest traditions of her countrywomen. She undertakes this heavy responsibility with simple dignity. Queen Mary is an ardent supporter and participant in social welfare work and is a real as well as honorary leader in every movement for the alleviation of suffering.

In these turbulent times the job of monarch probably is less secure than ever before in history. Since the war kings have been dethroned and banished with increasing frequency. There is one crowned head in Europe, however, whose position is more secure today than ever before. She is Wilhelmina, who, although only 53 years old, has been queen of Holland for nearly half a century. She was ten years old when she succeeded to the throne in 1890. She is today the actual as well as titular ruler of her country and the beloved idol of her subjects. This fact has been illustrated frequently, to the dismay of revolutionary agitators, who have been told by the loyal Hollanders, "We will never have a republic as long as we can see our queen sitting sewing in the window."

Among the other first ladies of the world whose pictures appear on this page and who are celebrated for their charm and character are Queen Marie of Yugo-Slavia; daughter of Dowager Queen Marie of Rumania; Queen Helene of Italy, who was a Montenegrin princess before her marriage to Victor Emmanuel, who became king of Italy; Queen Rambai Barni of Siam, who, with King Prajadhipok, made a tour of the United States two years ago; Mrs. Eamon de Valera, wife of the president of the Irish Free State; and the dowager empress of Japan, mother-in-law of the present empress.



Madame Nicholas Horthy, wife of the regent of Hungary.



Maud, the English Queen of the Norwegians.



Alexandrina, the queen of Denmark.



Dowager Empress Sakoko of Japan, mother of Emperor Hirohito, who succeeded to the Japanese throne, with his wife, Empress Nagako, in 1926. The dowager empress, a daughter of Prince Kuni, now is 49 years old. She resides in one of the royal palaces at Tokyo. Her husband was Emperor Yoshihito.



Queen Marie of Yugo-Slavia closely resembles her mother, Dowager Queen Marie of Rumania. She was married to King Alexander I of Yugo-Slavia in 1922.

### Queen Mary and the Simple Life

QUEEN MARY of Great Britain is most emphatically what used to be called "straight laced." Her tastes are simple to the point of austerity and her conservative principles are typified by the clothes and hats she wears and the books she reads. "Queen Mary has no taste for flippant reading," said Edward Legge, the historian. "Any book pronounced by her as fit for young girls and women would receive the approval of the archbishop of Canterbury, Father Vaughan, noted Roman Catholic priest, General Booth of the Salvation Army, and the elders of every Scottish kirk."

### The Kaiser and the Queen

QUEEN WILHELMINA succeeded to the throne of Holland when she was a girl of 10. It was not many months afterward, while on a visit of state to the German emperor, that the then Kaiser Wilhelm II is reported to have boasted jovially to the girl queen of his 7-foot tall guardsmen. "In Holland," young Queen Wilhelmina quickly replied, "we have dikes which, when opened, allow the water to rise 10 feet!" Fate decreed that her host of that occasion later would seek exile in the land which she rules. She has been described as the best loved queen in Europe.