

own glory, her own advancement, and that of her family. And with her talent and her ability and her effort in other eras, she would have succeeded probably in this goal but in that time it was impossible. And so her influence is something that negates itself actually because of the situation in which she was. But it is very interesting historically and it is hard to keep from taking time to go into it in detail. In the end it was not tremendously important so you will have to be content with a very brief summary and I will not be able to take time to answer a lot of questions about it because we could spend several hours going into the details of it - there are plenty of histories in which you can read the details if you're interested. I think it'd be interesting for you to do it sometime. But for our present purpose, all we'll have time to do is to recognize her straight political importance in France during this era to give you a little idea of her general attitude and then to show how it came out. Well her attitude was one of determination to get control. She said once - Smith says - "Through her goggle eyes she saw clearly where lay the path that she must follow. I am resolved she wrote to seek by all possible means to preserve the authority of the King, my son, in all things and at the same time to keep the people in peace, unity, and concord without giving them occasion to stir or to change anything. He says, surrounded by men as fierce as lions, she showed no little of the skill and intrepidity of the tamer in keeping them for a time from each others throats." But she did not succeed. The times were times in which she could not very well be effective in her objective but she certainly did everything possible she could to accomplish it. Thus she recruited a group of young women, whom she selected very carefully, who came to be called "The Flying Squadron" and they were extremely attractive young women whom she secured and trained to seduce political leaders who might be doing anything that was not satisfactory to her. And she succeeded in getting one of the