

headed by Admiral Coligny and Catharine decided that the Romanist power was so great that if she was going to be supreme, she'd better ally herself with it. And the Duke of Guise ~~was~~ hated greatly Admiral Coligny on account of his father's murder though Admiral Coligny had nothing to do with it - he had been killed by a Protestant. And so there was an attempt made to assassinate Coligny in which Catharine de Medici was implicated. And it didn't succeed and aroused the anger of the Huguenot leaders and Catharine decided it was necessary to get rid of the Huguenots. And so - I've mentioned to you Jon(Joan?) the daughter of Margaret - she had a son now, the heir to the throne of Navarre, a young boy named Henry, and Henry was the next one in line after Catharine's family for King of France though Catharine still had other sons. He was the next one in line and so Catharine made an arrangement that Henry should marry one of her daughters. And it was arranged and they planned to hold a big celebration, have the wedding in Paris, and a big celebration, and Henry of Navarre came to Paris and the Protestant nobles were all there and there was going to be the great wedding of Henry of Navarre the second cousin to the daughter of Catharine and this would mean that the next one in line for the throne would also be tightly tied into her family and the Huguenots naturally thought this means she won't oppose us any more and they came great numbers of them with great rejoicing to the city and the night before the wedding was to take place, by plan between her and the Duke of Guise which they had talked out at length and her son Charles had objected to for a time because he was very fond of Admiral Coligny, and finally they persuaded Charles, they said, "Charles, these men are determined to take the power away from you. If you don't agree to this you will lose out in France and finally they persuaded the sickly boy of 21, they persuaded him to give his approval to the plan. And so he gave the approval, though he was very fond of Coligny. So that night Henry