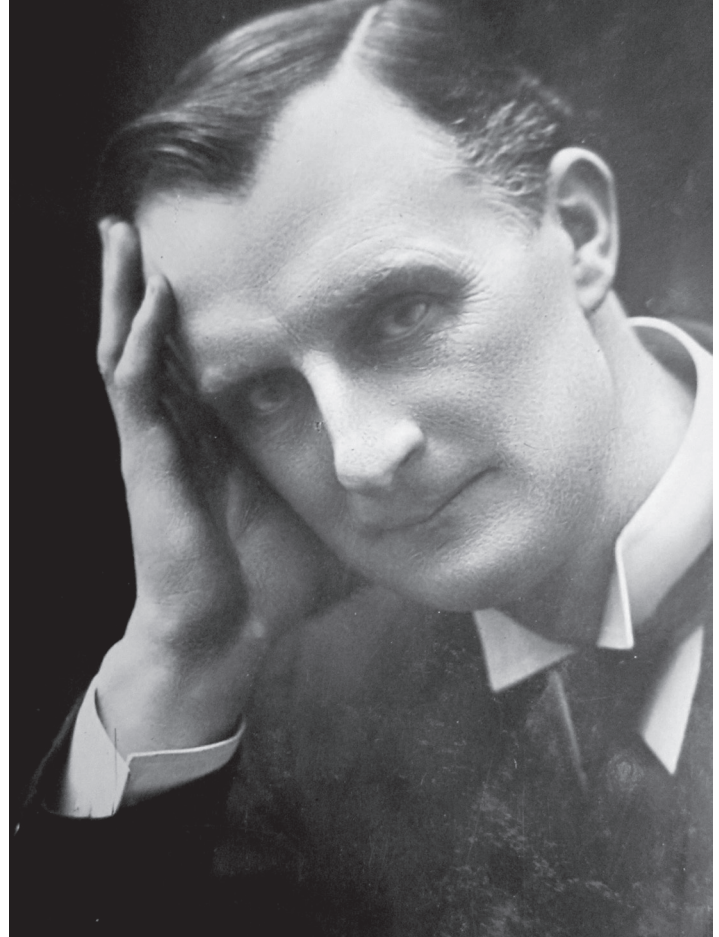


# EDWARD GREY VISCOUNT FALLODON

Edward Grey was the Liberal M.P. for Berwick from 1885-1916. He served as Foreign Minister in Asquith's government from 1905-1916, continuing the policy of Entente [friendly cooperation] with France, and in 1907 he concluded a similar arrangement with Russia. A great believer in peace, he was involved in arbitration to end the Balkan Wars in 1912. During the Moroccan Crisis of 1911 he worked to persuade the Kaiser to withdraw a German warship from Agadir. However in 1914 his efforts to persuade the Kaiser not to back Austrian aggression against Serbia failed and when the Germans launched their invasion of France through neutral Belgium, he advised Parliament that Great Britain had a duty to go to war to help the Belgians. Saddened by the failure of his efforts, he remarked to a friend:



*"The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime."*

Grey continued in office as Foreign Secretary until 1916, but when Asquith and Lloyd George quarrelled, splitting the Liberal Party, he followed Asquith into opposition.