

Where Ramsay McDonald is Unique

Ramsay MacDonald is the first Prime Minister since the office became part of the British system two hundred years ago to reach that position without any previous experience of administration, says the London "Observer."

Such a case would have seemed fantastic to our ancestors. Even as late as 1880 Gladstone maintained that a man should serve an apprenticeship before being admitted to the Cabinet, and it was an article of faith with the governing families for many generations that the higher offices of State should be jealously guarded for themselves. Men like Canning or Disraeli who broke into the circle were bitterly opposed and grudgingly accepted. Government was by family compact, and if he was of the right stock a man might reach the top of the tree rapidly. Rockingham formed his first Ministry at thirty-five, and Mr. Pitt was Premier at twenty-four having already received an apprenticeship at the Exchequer.

Disraeli became leader of the House without any previous administrative experience, but he had led the Opposition and was steeped in political lore. Grey's experience was rather out of date by the time he reached the Premiership in 1880 but he had been, for a short time and many years earlier, at the Exchequer and at the Foreign Office. Melbourne had been Irish Secretary and Home Secretary. Peel had filled several offices. Palmerston had an accumulated experience in connection with two opposite parties and was indeed a pretty typical placeman. Gladstone himself had followed the natural line of advancement for a young man of a rather new family, and he had been a good deal more than thirty years in politics before he became Prime Minister for the first time. Salisbury had been long in public life when he became Premier for the first time in 1885, and Rosebery had held minor office in addition to the Foreign Secretaryship.

Of this century's Premiers, Campbell Bannerman had been Irish Secretary and War Secretary. Asquith had been Home Secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lloyd George had filled several offices of importance. Mr. Baldwin is spoken of sometimes as one of the amateurs, but he was by no means without knowledge of administration, especially at the Treasury. The case of Mr. MacDonald stands alone.

Given up for Dead, Back in Custody

PENILESS AND CONSCIENCE-STRIKEN WAR VETERAN FACES CHARGE.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Given up for dead by his mother and three wealthy uncles in Canada, Hugh McVean, battle-scarred veteran of Ypres, tired, penniless and conscience-stricken, trekked northward last night to face a charge of absconding with \$7,000 belonging to the customs service at Windsor, Ont., for which he was cashier when he disappeared last September.

He left here in custody of Sergeant James Proctor of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, who long in "bandy" of MacVean's brother throughout the war. MacVean, the police say, admitted his guilt and said he won \$3,000 more on the races, all of which he had spent.

Up in Windsor he will be greeted by the wife he deserted when she was a bride of two months. There was something like a mist in the keen eyes of Sergeant Proctor as he left with his prisoner to-night, for MacVean bore all the ear-marks of a man who has had his lesson, but who has not lost his nerve. MacVean's only explanation of his action was:

"I wanted to see the cities of the United States before I died. I have seen them now and I am willing to go back and face the music."

Killed by Aerial

BLOWN ACROSS HIGH VOLTAGE WIRE.

NEW YORK—An aerial wire attached by an amateur wireless enthusiast to an electric light standard caused the death of two firemen recently at Upper Montclair.

Flown loose from the amateur's house, the aerial crossed a 2,400 volt overhead cable and wound itself around an iron fence.

A milkman going on his rounds collided with the fence and was knocked senseless. Sparks from the metal ignited a shrubbery and the fire brigade hurried to the scene.

Captain Muller, in charge of the brigade, tried to cut the aerial with a pair of insulated pliers, but the wire brushed against his wrist and killed him.

A member of the brigade tried to drag his chief away, but the wire blew towards his face and as he flung out his arm to ward it off he caught the wire and died instantly.

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Colored Silk	Reg. 1.50	1.29
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MARSHALL BROTHERS

Just Folks.

By EDGAR A GUEST

MAY.
Here's May in the world,
With her petals of pink
And her leaves just as bright
As a baby's first wink.
And the trees newly gowned
In the loveliest green,
And young life where the scars
Of old winter have been!

Here's May once again!
With her orchards in bloom,
Like a bride at the altar
Arrayed for the groom.
There's a wreath in her hair,
And her bridal bouquet
Scatters beauty afar
As she flings it away.

Just as lovely to see
Here's May with her youth,
As when first the world looked
On the green of the tree.
Man runs his brief race,
Then his story is told,
And the grave takes him in,
But May never grows old.

Here's May! The same May
Which thrilled men of the past.
As she was long ago,
She shall be to the last.
And though over the world
Countless ages have rolled,
May has smiled at them all
And never grown old.

Crazed Mother Steals Child to Replace Her Own

ARRESTED WITH STOLEN BABY, FACES CHARGE OF KIDNAPING.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—Corrie Modell, kidnapped baby, was rescued to her mother's arms yesterday. The ten weeks old youngster, found by the police in a house near the spot from which it was stolen Monday, was little the worse for its adventure and cooed contentedly as the mother hugged it to her breast.

Harry Modell, the father, was hospitalized with joy when he broke into a house with the police and recognized his child.

Police said the child was stolen by Mrs. Mary de Marco, who was insane with grief because she has just lost her own child.

The tip which led to the recovery of the baby, was furnished by Mrs. Lena Churchill, widow of a policeman.

"I saw a woman take a baby that looked just like the description of that missing Modell child into a house at 62nd and Filbert streets," she telephoned early to-day. "You better look into it."

Police immediately went to the Modell home, aroused the father, and took him to the address Mrs. Churchill had given.

They heard a baby's wail as they broke through the door.

Modell rushed to the room from which the crying came and shouted "It's mine! That's my baby!"

Police arrested Mrs. DeMarco and Anthony de Marco, her husband.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed tenders will be received at the Office of the Department of Public Works until Thursday, 22nd inst., at 12 o'clock noon, for the purchase of buildings used as rock sheds in West and East Ends of St. John's; also separate sealed tenders for tools and other materials contained in said rock sheds and tools to be removed immediately after notification of acceptance of tender.

Inventory of tools, etc., and further information may be obtained at the Department of Public Works during office hours.

Tenders to be addressed to the undersigned and the words "Tender for sheds (or tools, etc.)" to be written across the face of envelope.

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JAMES HARRIS,
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