

SEE IN IRISH SETTLEMENT GREAT EVENT

British Government Regards it Only Next to Locarno Pact

HEALY HAD PART

Topics of London Discussed in Correspondence to The Times-Star

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LONDON, Dec. 10.—The cabinet regard the Irish boundary settlement as next only to the Locarno peace pact, which in some degree it resembles, the Government's front window achievement so far. Praise for adroit control of the protracted negotiations and for getting into the discussions a goodwill personality is given to Mr. Churchill and Lord Birkenhead, whose old sporting friendship must have been much commented by this testing mutual grapple with Ireland's thorniest problem. It probably gets border chaos, possibly saves the Free State from republicanism, and, what few commentators in this country have noted, greatly smooths the path of ultimate Irish unity. This will be Mr. Cosgrave's trump card in the South, only it may be directed to keep it up his sleeve for a hit. A cynical estimate of the financial effects is that Dublin and Whitehall mutually agree to cancelling the debt which has debilitated Mr. Justice Feath's big services will be adequately honored is sure.

POLITICAL MIRACLE

Agreement among Dublin, Belfast and Whitehall is unique enough to pass as a political miracle of the twentieth century. I hear that the Free State Governor General, Timothy Healy, was among those present at Sir Austen Chamberlain's dinner party to the European statesmen, and played no small part in smoothing the path of the delicate negotiations. But, impossible though agreement seemed at first, there was tremendous pressure on all parties to avoid trouble. The Free State cabinet did not relish the opportunity that failure would furnish to their implacable foes and the De Valera republicans; the Ulster cabinet gravely dreaded the possibility of border anarchy, and the British cabinet policy is peace at almost any price. Finance afforded the golden bridge, and, though the settlement reads like a give-and-take affair, there is no question who the Irish experts think will foot the bill. It is their old friend, John Bull.

SIR AUSTEN'S CAREER

Students of politics are confronted, in the instance of Sir Austen Chamberlain, with a remarkable fact. Respected and liked though Joseph Chamberlain's distinguished son is, few would say that, either as an intellect or as a vital personality, he is the equal of his illustrious father. Compared with Sir Austen, "Joe" was a giant, as he was, moreover, in comparison with other prominent statesmen of this epoch. How, then, is the fact to be explained that, greater though the popular fame won by the father, the son has achieved far greater official rank and royal honor? The answer is perhaps an encouraging one, especially in days when the Prime Minister of England pleads the need for honesty in politics. Sir Austen's great asset is character—a proved reputation for perfect loyalty and absolutely integrity. Everybody, whether at home or abroad, trusts him as they might trust a perfect loyalist. Fidelity is what, more than anything else, plinned Sir Austen's star to his garter ribbon.

FRANCE'S RECORD STATESMAN

Lloyd George's Gallic alter ego, M. Aristide Briand, with whose face and mannerisms the Locarno pact film has made millions familiar, is the real doyen on French statesmen. Though not so venerable in years as M. Clemenceau, France's G. O. M. and "the Tiger" of the boulevard gossip, M. Briand has held ministerial office longer than any countryman of his. He is presently in the sixties, actually the eighth time he has been president of the council, or Prime Minister of France, and he has held ministerial office of different sorts 18 times. His reign as prime minister totals now nearly 10½ years. In a country where cabinets are so "decadent" as France, this is an amazing record, though one or two British Premiers have equaled it here. Two former French presidents of the council held the office five times—M. Charles Dupuy and M. Alexandre Ribot—but neither ruled for two years, and both are dead.

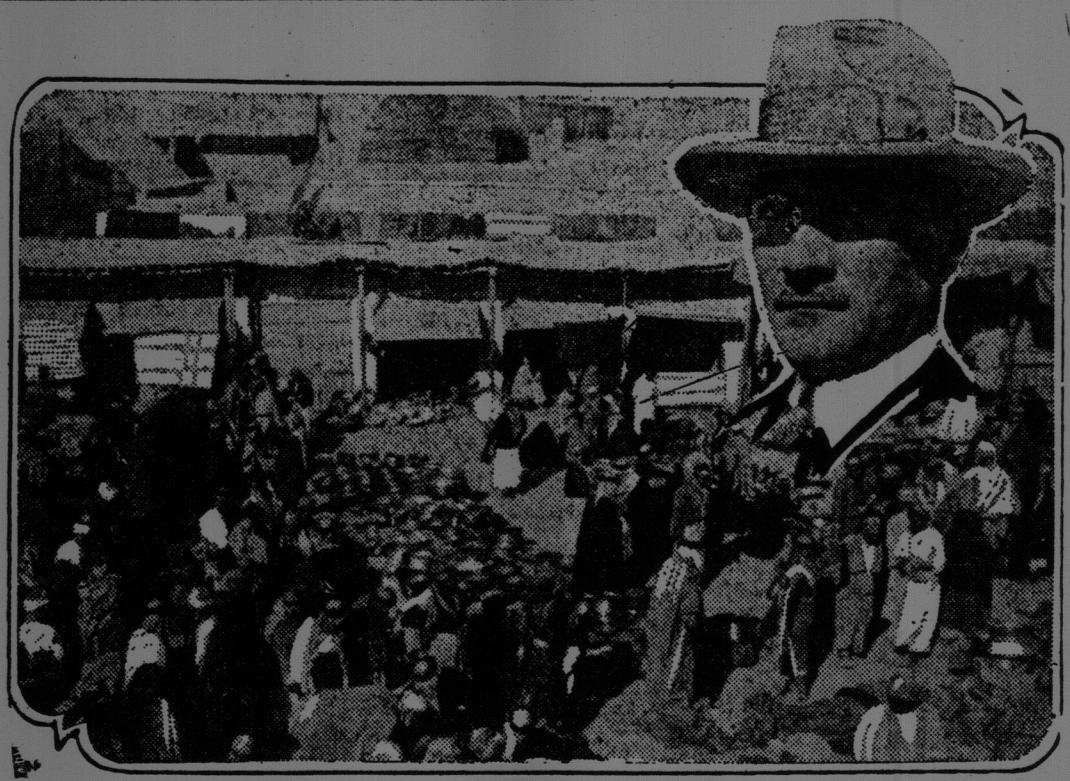
ALEXANDRA'S FORTUNE

One of the silliest and most improbable gossip stories I have seen in any London newspaper for a long time is one about Queen Alexandra leaving a vast fortune. That this was true of Queen Victoria and King Edward may, especially in the case of the first-named, be a perfectly reasonable suggestion, even though obviously no more than a supposition, but the late Queen Mother's income was practically limited to her state allowance, and her habit of open-handed benevolence certainly left her little more out of that than sufficed to maintain her household. The probable extent of the late Queen's bequests will be a life-interest in her beautiful seaside villa, Avondale, to her sister, the Dowager Empress Marie, and beyond more purely personal souvenirs, her small fortune to her daughter and constant companion, the Princess Victoria. The latter will now probably join the Princess Royal.

LEAVING COLOGNE

A friend just back from Cologne tells me that, as might be expected, the evacuation evokes mixed feelings. Though the German military men are overjoyed and a great "Fest" is being organized in celebration, the departure of Tommy is deplored by hotel proprietors, theatre managers, restaurant proprietors, and cabaret promoters, as well as the German shop-keeping fraternity generally, who stand to lose thousands of pounds a week by the big

MOSUL, WHERE WAR MACHINE IS BEING OILED



A street in Mosul, centre of the rich oil fields over which Great Britain and Turkey are at loggerheads. Inset is Mustafa Kemal, president of Turkey, whose uncompromising stand in the Mosul matter is responsible for the present crisis. Instead of the traditional fez, he wears a hat, a symbol of Turkey's modern ideas.

"removal." We had made ourselves thoroughly at home, and leave behind us now football grounds as well as golf links established by us. Incidentally my friend tells me that the collection of railway tickets from British officers and men travelling homeward is performed by military police, who travel about on the line just like ordinary ticket collectors. Red Caps as "jumpers" is a thing that greatly tickles the army. But it hardly adds to the never excessive popularity of the genus.

A CUSHY BILLET

However sadly for personal reasons some of them parted from Cologne, the British "army" will find Wiesbaden, their new G. H. Q., an ideal billet. The famous hot saline springs, one of which is 166 Fahr., and causes clouds of vapor as its abundant overflow percolates the drains and gutters, will please our warriors as much as they did the Romans 2,000 years ago. Pliny refers to the "Fontes Mattiaci" at the time the 22nd Legion garrisoned the fortified hill still known as "the Romberg." The German Mattiaci tribe, breaking faith, cut the 22nd up rather severely. Wiesbaden has been called "the city of lodging houses." Its one great asset is the springs and in the season its border "cure" population used to outnumber the natives. Perhaps Mr. Thomas Atkins may not be greatly drawn by the artistic and antiquarian objects at the Schlosschen, but he will pay the tribute of his awe admiration to the Duke of Nassau's ornate mausoleum to his wife, and pronounce the Kurpark gardens, with their cafe tables, bands, and pretty Gretchen's "top hole."

WHAT OFFERS?

Unsatisfactory as the financial results of Wembley were, and unfortunate the plight of the guarantors, there is brisk competition for the purchase of the huge exhibition's empty shell. Necessarily the liquidators are selling to the highest bidder, in order to relieve the objects at the Schlosschen, but he will pay the tribute of his awe admiration to the Duke of Nassau's ornate mausoleum to his wife, and pronounce the Kurpark gardens, with their cafe tables, bands, and pretty Gretchen's "top hole."

THE GLASS OF FASHION

Observant onlookers at the peace pact signing did not overlook the great beauty of the famous Foreign Office

clerks. These romantic young men, whose adventures have supplied the needs of a whole generation of lady novelists from "Ouida" to Ruby M. Ayres, showed distinguished visitors to their seats. Even the way they discharged this comparatively minor office was solemly magnificent. When the distinguished visitor happened also to be a rather pretty lady, magnificence verged on brilliance. Whoever recruits the Foreign Office clerks chooses them tall, slim, and either Disraelian or Byronic. And how superbly their fashionable tailors turn them out. It was a liberal education to the normal shabby baggy journalist to study the cut of these exquisite trousers, the flow of that waistline, and the set of those cravats. Now I know where the late Lord Curzon got his celebrated deportment from. He caught it from the F. O. clerks.

A FAMOUS BACHELOR

The Bachelors' Club has in its time had many matrimonial casualties, but William Gillett, its doyen and one of its three original founders, never even ducked to Cupid's white-bangs. A really curious study in personality was this old bachelor of 86. Son of a Quaker father who was a country banker, he invented the clearing house system for country checks, and the Victorian premiers much disappointed many admirers by refusing, despite strong pressure, to give Mr. Gillett a title in recognition. That a Quaker's son should become the exquisite arbiter of West End social affairs for half a century and die the last of the Beau Nashes is surely bizarre. Even to the last when he was a pathetic valdun, he was a Quaker, and he was a Quaker, mounting guard in Windsor Castle.

EMBARRASSED CONDUCTOR

I have found myself on the same bus as the Bishop of London more than once, and have watched the Archbishop of Canterbury have his penny ticket punched on a train by an L. C. C. conductor who did not have the ghost of a notion who was his ecclesiastical customer. Peers on buses in these days of business aristocrats are common enough. Lord Middleton rides down the Strand frequently. Earl Balfour has also enjoyed a trip across London outside a bus. The present Pope used to ride on a bus from Baywater to the Museum. And even perreuses use buses. A conductor to whom I apologised for tendering a half-sovereign note, informed me, not without some professional amour propre, that a well-known countess, whom he named, once handed him a five-pound

note to pay her penny fare. He took her ladyship's name and address and the company collected the penny in due course.

PATRICIANS ON BUSES

It used to be a convention with some popular pre-war novelists that the aristocracy never travelled by any public vehicle less exclusive than a first-class railway saloon or a taxi. I notice that some of our post-war serialists still maintain the fiction. That the present King and Queen have ridden on an L. C. C. tram as well as one run by the Palermo municipality counts for nothing. These were in the nature of joy-rides—royalty in the bank holiday mood. But all sorts of famous people do regularly make use of both trams and buses in London, though the latter for some reason seem to be regarded as less plebeian than trams. During the war I once rode up Whitehall on a bus with two admirals as fellow-passengers inside—the present Lord Jellicoe and Lord Beatty.

ART AS FAIRY GODMOTHER

Not always is art the flinty-hearted godmother she is made out to be. We are familiar with the consumptive poet in his garret, the starving painter in his studio, and the dying musician in his attic. They are the motif of innumerable works besides "La Boheme." Two romantic and notable exceptions confront London at the moment. Orlando Greenwood, who was once a Lancashire mill-hand, and the Duke of Marlborough, the Earl of Weymouth, and Lady Angela Forbes. And look at "Juno and the Peacock," who in what used to be a Dublin tenement. His fairy godmother is a very beneficent one, anyway, and talks with the loftiest brogue. It is a great play, but the author owes a king's ransom to his actors.

OUR POST-WAR YOUTH

It is remarkable how particular dramatists and particular plays attract a special kind of audience. So much is this so that any tolerably experienced London playgoer, if he were suddenly led blindfold into any West End theatre with being aware which, or what the play, could readily pick out, say, a Shaw audience from

any other. And the same applies, in varying degrees, to other fairly well-known playwrights. For some reason or other, "The Seagull" now being played at the Little Theatre, draws a very marked audience. Mostly they are young people, of a sort one very seldom meets at the theatre, and of the ultra post-war type. The girls wear masculine attire, so far as jackets and collars and ties are concerned, and have their hair shingled like a draft Tommy's. They march about in the intervals, hands thrust deep in pockets, smoking. The other night I saw two smoking cigars as coolly as their grandmothers would have worn mittens. On the other hand, several of the men in the audience had their back hair sweeping their coat-collars. What a queer topsy-turvy world London is nowadays—suffering apparently from a painfully self-conscious adolescence.

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Elephant Escapes; Does Much Damage

WHETSTONE, Hertfordshire, Dec. 29.—One of the Assam elephants which were much had temper when at the Zoological Gardens some time ago, recently gave another and a wider exhibition of wilfulness at Whetstone. One Sunday evening, when people were coming out of church, the elephant was being taken to be put on board ship for South America. Three Indian keepers were in charge, but it broke away, and for some hours kept half the county in anxiety, and did much damage before it was recaptured. On the way home it broke away again. Seven hours after its first escape, and fagged out from its adventures, the elephant was coaxed into its night out the elephant did damage estimated at thousands of dollars.

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Pony Is Guest at Dinner To Jockey

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A dinner was recently held at the Piccadilly Hotel, at which the most pampered guest was a small Shetland pony. The dinner was given to Frank Bullock, the jockey, as a farewell to his departure for Australia. The pony, which was fully harnessed, was ridden into the dining-room by a waiter, who, like all the other waiters, was dressed as a jockey. During the meal the pony was taken round to the diners, who fed him with tit-bits.

lynching here Saturday night of Lindsey Coleman, a negro. This was made known with the publication of an order by Circuit Judge Alcorn, relieving Sheriff Glass from official performance of duty "during the special term."

Four indictments were returned by the Grand Jury and it is understood that nine men in all are named. Four men were arrested prior to the Grand Jury report, but had been released on bond. They were returned to jail. Coleman was seized by a group of unmasked men shortly after he had been acquitted of the murder of Grover C. Nicholas, plantation store manager.

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