

NEW PREMIER MAY NOT USE CHEQUERS

Bonar Law Said to Have No Great Liking for House

Nation Pleased at Return of King to Yachting—A Spot in London Where Things are Cheap—The Man who Defeated Winston Churchill.

(From Our Own Correspondent)
London, Nov. 23.—One dominant impression permeated the meeting of the new House of Commons. There are going to be lively scenes at Westminster with the new and rather class-conscious Labor party. There was a premonition of it even during the formalities of the old Speaker's re-election after T. P. as Father of the House, had gracefully proposed Mr. Whitely, and when Captain Pretymann, the Conservative stalwart, was seconded. The latter referred to Mr. Maxton's statement of a Labor gathering the night before about waking up the old fogies to this was very warmly cheered by the Tories, and there came angry mutterings baso profundo from Labor's newly-sorried legions.

Parliament's First Job.
How many members of parliament realize that the first business of every session is to make a gesture of defiance towards the crown? Parliament is opened by the King, after the preliminaries of swearing-in and electing a Speaker have been disposed of, with a speech from the Throne setting out the "cause of summons." Then the Commons return to their own place, and the Speaker reads the speech just listened to. But before the first reading of the Clerk announces the first reading of a "Bill for the more effectual preventing of clandestine Outlawries," which is carried without discussion, and is never heard of afterwards. It has never appeared in print, and no one knows how the House of Commons proposed to guard against this mysterious peril. The House of Lords also gives a first reading to a measure before listening to the King's speech being repeated, this being called the "Secret Vestries Bill," and its purpose is likewise a mystery. The notion of both these ceremonies is to assert the right of parliament to do as it pleases, irrespective of the expressed desires of the sovereign.

Taming the Wild Men.
This House will at least not lack characters, and everyone will watch the process of taming which parliament carries out. Except in the case of Tim Healey, who remained firm to the end, the wildest of wild men have been brought into due subjection by the slow pressure of the House. Keir Hardie, who came down to take his seat in a charabanc escorted by a brass band, became a model of correctitude in due course. How will his spiritual successor, the one Communist, E. Shinn, from Louth, fare? He is a remarkable man, a Jew with the racial aptitude for economics and abstruse argument, with little else here which should delight the cartoonists.

Going Begging.
I understand that Bonar Law entertains no great liking for The Chequers, which is the official country residence of the Prime Minister of this country, presented to the nation by Lord Lee, Lloyd George accepted the gift on behalf of the nation, and at one time spent much time in residence there. When his own place at Churt was completed he transferred his affections, and during the latter portion of his premiership, very rarely used The Chequers. It is improbable that Bonar Law will use the place at all, indeed I learn from a well-informed quarter that he will offer the place to the next minister entitled to its use. This would be Lord Curzon, but with his place at Hackett, near Basingstoke, which is easily accessible to its use, it is hardly likely His Lordship would require The Chequers. Next in order comes the Lord President of the Council, Lord Salisbury, but here again the offer is little likely to be accepted. Then the offer would be to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and it is not improbable that Mr. Baldwin might find The

Chequers suitable as a country residence.
The King and Yachting.
Considerable satisfaction has been caused throughout yachting circles at the announcement that the King will put his racing cutter "Britannia" into commission again next summer, after being laid up since the conclusion of the racing season of 1921. About twelve months ago the King decided that he could no longer afford the considerable expense entailed in continuous yachting under present conditions, but since then such extremely large economies have been effected in the administration of his household that he feels that he can once more afford to enjoy this pastime, which has always been a great favorite with him. "Britannia" will therefore be present at most of the principal regattas along the coast, including that of the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes next August.

A Pre-War Oasis.
In the very midst of London there is a spot where, in the local jargon, "the quid's still a quid." This economic oasis is a social backwater between two main streams of London life. Its pulsating artery is the New Cut, a debris-littered street of huckstering barrows, like an eastern bazaar with a Cockney accent and a dias col, or scheme running across from Waterloo Bridge road to Westminster Bridge road. The New Cut is intensely and exultantly glad about itself; class-conscious as a Moscow Soviet; caste-proud as a Horse Artillery bombardier. But the casual visitor a real shock when brought in sudden contact with its local economies. Fine potatoes are a halfpenny a pound in the New Cut. Other fruits of the earth are proportionate. Splendid pears, sold only 200 or 400 yards away, over the bridges in the select area labelled "West End," at tenpence and a shilling, are fourpence a pound. These are not exceptional quotations at all the barrows, and the high quality of the goods is beyond all question. The lucky matrons of this pre-war neighborhood—this profitless economic Eden—are still shopping in the halcyon days of early 1914.

Old Masters' Appeal.
The Exhibition of Old Masters on behalf of Lord Haig's fund at Thomas Agnew & Son's galleries is a rare spectacle. Here are to be seen famous

"Dimmers" Put On Dimples By Judge Vamped By Pretty Speeders



Omaha, Dec. 18.—No pretty girl autocrat can do 60 miles an hour up Forum street, then flicker a pair of dimples at Police Judge Wapwick and get off scot free. No, sirree! "Girls and women with good looks are too clever about 'smiles' through their predicaments," said Judge Wapwick, severely. "It's got to stop. You can't make 'em stop trying to vamp the police court judge, but you can keep 'em out of court. And that's what I'm going to do!" So when Mrs. Rose Shotwell, a young

matron of undeniable charm, parked her car overtime Judge Wapwick, paroled her to her attorney husband and summoned him to face the judge. Then pretty Alice McCormick turned a downtown corner on two wheels and a cop saw her. Alice was "paroled" to a newspaper editor who pleaded her case for her to a stony-faced judge. "Women's independence! Bah!" said Judge Wapwick. "There's a time in the life of every pretty woman when some man's got to be made responsible for her actions."

Victory nearly took his own breath away—but not quite! He has no present plan for causing "scenes" at Westminster, but means to feel his way, and made his maiden speech last night, when members were jostling at the table over the signing of process—some of which have been passed by the House of Commons. The speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. Speaker, will take at least temporary precedence. An expert at today's private view told me that it was practically impossible to compute the intrinsic value of this picture. There are thirty-seven canvases, some of which have been in public sale for some time, but seldom in our life time been seen in public. Although prints have made them familiar. There are first rate examples of Giovanni Bellini, Del Sarto, Benvenuto, Cosimo, Rembrandt, Frans Hals, Titian, Holbein, Vermeer, Van Ostad, Van Goyen, Cyp, Gainsborough and others.

The Reason.
At the Garrick Club the other night someone ran amuck on the subject of West End theatrical standards. The actor-manager's reply was quite conclusive. Beyond all other charges, every West End production has to meet a rental of from 2400 to 2600 a week. To avoid certain loss on a ruinous scale this means that there must be no empty seats at any performance, and the major portion of the seats must be expensive ones. But there is a deep gulf fixed between the demands of the stalls and dress circle, whose guineas and half-guineas are vital, and the pit and gallery, whose half-crowns and shillings are essential. The former are less intellectual and more frivolous than the latter. So the real problem is that, whilst the intellectuals have not enough brains to support good serious drama. The only solution is that impressed by "The Beggar's Opera," with its record run in the wilds of Hamersmith, and the old Vic, with its crowded cheap houses on the shabby side of Waterloo Bridge—migration to the suburbs.

Man Who Beat Winston.
Mr. Scrymgeour, famous as the man who beat Winston, is having a worrying time in London. Ever since he arrived he has been haunted by pressmen for "copy." And at present, like Mark Twain when he was pulled out of the river, Mr. Scrymgeour pines for solitude and a back alley. He looks like one of Ian MacLaren's village elders—middle-aged, medium-sized, fair, with square jawline, and a fine Presbyterian frenzy in his eyes. His

THE FERRANTI CO. WITHDRAWS TENDER

Transformer Bids Referred Back to Hydro Commission—Other Matters Before Council.

The Common Council was notified by telegram from the Ferranti Meter and Transformer Company yesterday that they would have to increase their price from \$6,000 for each transformer to \$8,100 on account of the rise in value of the pound sterling and some differences in freight rates. It was decided to refer all the tenders back to the Civic Power Commission for report.

A communication was read from G. C. Murphree, engineer in charge of the city survey, in which Mr. Murdoch signed his willingness to enter into a contract with the city for the completion of the work for \$8,000. Commissioner Bullock was given authority to conduct the annual sale of the fisheries rights on Jan. 2.

Official notification from Frederick regarding the sanctioning of the contract between the city and the N. B. Electric Power Commission for the Musquash energy was read at the meeting. The matter of the offer from the N. B. Power Company, presented through Messrs. Sanford & Henson, solicitors, came up but consideration was deferred until signed copies of the offer could be placed in the hands of the commission.

R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade, was heard concerning a request from interested persons in the matter of the proposed changes in the harbor by-laws. After short discussion it was decided to grant a hearing on Thursday morning. The following recommendations and reports from the assessors' office were received and ordered carried out: That an amount of \$298 be refunded to K. A. Wilson, assessed to him in error; that an amount of \$84.62 be refunded to Charles H. Jackson, who made an error in submitting his statement. A report that a reduction of \$200 had been made on the valuation of the property of George E. Holder and that a correct statement had been forwarded to the collector of the estate of the late Louis Green, as ordered by council, was received.

R. Downing Patterson, as spokesman for the executive of the Rotary-Y. M. C. I. executive, was heard concerning a request for a grant of \$500 for keeping the rink at Lily Lake in good shape throughout the winter for the coming skating championships. He felt this also would assist materially in providing a public rink during the winter for the citizens. Mr. Patterson also reported to the council what was contemplated in regard to the winter carnival week. If it were the desire of the council, he said, the \$200 could be subtracted from the \$2,000 deficit guarantee which had been voted by the council last October. Commissioner Frink thought \$500 would not be sufficient to keep the rink clear during the winter months. If it were needed for a week or ten days before the meet it would be sufficient. Commissioner Wigmore then moved that a grant of \$500 be authorized, the same to be deducted from the \$2,000 guarantee, thus making the city liable for a \$1,500 deficit. He asked if the \$500 would be repaid out of any surplus. Mr. Patterson replied that while the executive had not thought of that, it would be ready to agree to the council's wishes. The surplus would go to charity and giving \$500 to the council would make that much less for charity. "I don't know about that," interjected Commissioner Frink amid laughter. After further discussion, it was decided to leave the matter with Commissioner Frink for report at Thursday's meeting.

W. K. Haley and H. Sheehan accompanied Mr. Patterson.

The committee report as published, save the section regarding the transformers, was adopted without discussion.

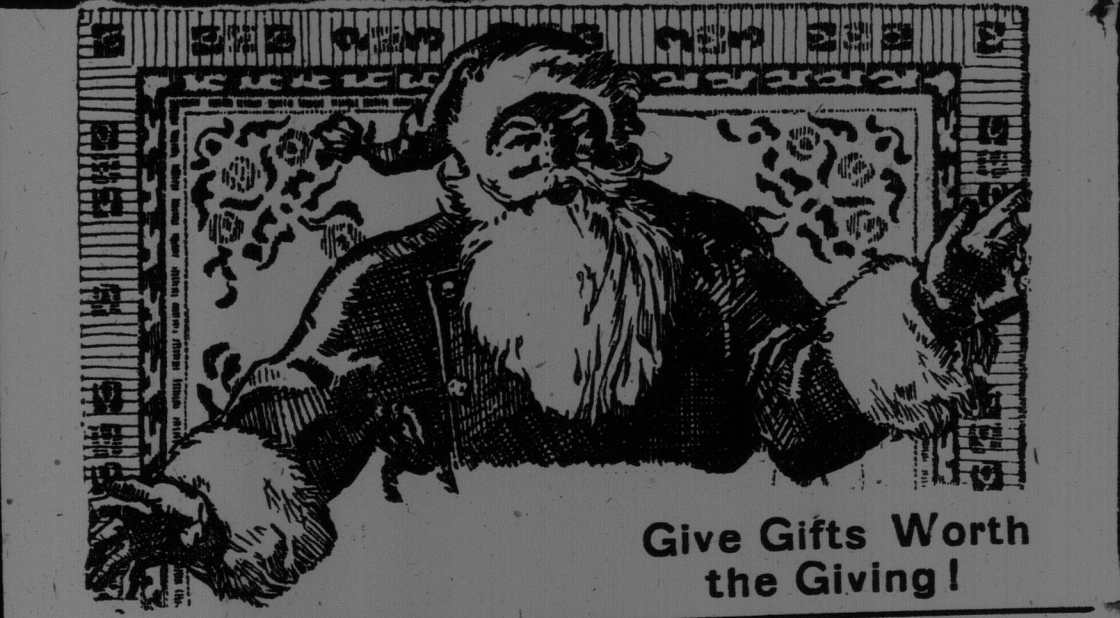
ARREST IN NEEDLE STABBING

Woman in Paris Bus Accuses a Man Who Sat Beside Her.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The police were called upon last week to arrest a man who, a fellow passenger in a bus, Mrs. Herkowitz, alleged had stuck her in the wrist with a needle. She held the police that on stooping to pick up her bag, she felt a sharp pain in the wrist and cried out. Another woman, who sat nearby, declared she saw the needle in the man's hand.

When taken to the Police Commissioner's office, the man, who said he was an official of the city hall of the twentieth ward, loudly protested his innocence. No pin, needle or other instrument was found on him or on the floor of the bus.

Mrs. Herkowitz persisted in the accusation, and finally Flury was told to hold himself in readiness to report to the police whenever called upon.



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CASH MILLER ON SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS TIME

(From The Thrift Magazine)

"Have you done your X-mas shopping yet, or don't you believe in department store football?" inquired Cash Miller as the Old Customer purchased his daily quota of smoking supplies.

"Yes, it's all over," replied the Old Customer with a deep sigh of relief. "Well, I still gotta few more buttons to win an I'm glad of it," Cash continued. "They was a guy limped in here last night what had just escaped from a necktie sale, an' he says, 'Take it from me, Cutie, I don't want to enter my name in no more of these here X-mas shopping'—he sure had news for the feet, but it's good for anything else what ails 'em."

"An' so it is. They's a lotta people don't believe in X-mas shopping. I don't neither, that is not the old bird with long whiskers an' a team of twin-size reindeers. But X-mas was the wisest guy what ever lived when the gift grabbin' days come along. I have existence as a old man he ups an' dies when everybody is about five years old."

"Now my dope is he learned us a lotta good stuff an' that's why I don't freeze up an' break like some people when the gift grabbin' days come along. I was out yesterday X-mas shopping around an' a guy in a store stand on my feet ten minutes tryin' to reach a pitcher called 'Think of Others,' an' when I totters home at last I'm busy all evenin' pickin' chowin' my system. I was out yesterday X-mas shopping around an' a guy in a store stand on my feet ten minutes tryin' to reach a pitcher called 'Think of Others,' an' when I totters home at last I'm busy all evenin' pickin' chowin' my system. I was out yesterday X-mas shopping around an' a guy in a store stand on my feet ten minutes tryin' to reach a pitcher called 'Think of Others,' an' when I totters home at last I'm busy all evenin' pickin' chowin' my system."

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