

KING AS PILOT STEERS BRITAIN THROUGH CRISIS

Hand of George V Is Seen
on Policies of His
Statesmen.

This is the first of a series of four articles by H. L. Percy, United Press Correspondent at London, dealing with the personality of King George V of Great Britain. It is suggested that this series be filed for use in event of his death.

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LONDON, March 6.—His majesty, King George V of Great Britain, is the pilot steering the British ship of state through the economic crisis.

It is his hand that has guided the policies of his leading statesmen, and his decision that has ended indecision.

This is the consensus, gleaned by a canvass of politicians, based on the epochal events since the downfall of the Labor government in 1931.

Officialdom probably would deny that the king has had a finger in its pie, for, constitutionally, he is neutral. But there have been unmistakable evidence of the royal touch.

Perhaps the outstanding example of this royal power is the behind-the-scenes story of the formation of the national government.

When the Labor cabinet split and fell, in 1931, over the question of unemployment insurance, Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald went to Buckingham Palace and tendered his resignation.

Disregards Precedents

According to precedent, and on MacDonald's advice, the king should have invited the Conservative leader, Stanley Baldwin, or Arthur Henderson, as head of the largest Labor faction, to form a new government.

King George did neither. Disregarding all precedent, he asked MacDonald to try to form another cabinet. Whether or not a coalition was his suggestion is hard to say, but there is no doubt that it met with his approval.

This is seen by the fact that when MacDonald found himself faced with difficulties in obtaining the co-operation of the other parties, King George summoned the prime minister and Baldwin to the palace, together with the Liberal leader, Sir Herbert Samuel.

The story goes that he told them very plainly—and the king is known for his blunt, sailor-like language—that the matter was urgent and must not be delayed. He gave them an hour to make up their minds. Within that hour the government was formed.

Shows Intense Interest

King George was aware of the seriousness of the situation just before the suspension of the gold standard in September, 1931. Many were the talks he had with his close friends, including Lord Lee of Fareham, the millionaire philanthropist, and Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Jellicoe, in which he expressed his anxiety. There is no doubt that he was advised of and fully approved the suspension of the gold standard.

Never before has the king shown such an intense interest in the daily occurrences of dominion, foreign and home policy. He must have established a record for the number of ministers and others summoned to audiences during the past year.

Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald rushed to and fro from the palace to Downing street, advising the king on every phase of his cabinet-forming. He called there more than once during the recent passage of notes between the United States and Britain over payment of war-debt instalment on Dec. 15. The king's approval was desirable, if not strictly necessary, for all four British notes.

Approves Foreign Policies

The king was interested in the Ottawa conference and had special reports of its proceedings, besides holding lengthy conferences with Baldwin and his party upon their return. He also was consulted when Britain took the historic step from free-trade to protection, although since parliament had passed the tariff bill, he was bound by the constitution to approve it.

At the same time, King George has interested himself in and has more than a layman's knowledge of India's fight for independence, the Anglo-Free State dispute, and, more recently, the Anglo-Persian squabble.

It is certain that he approves Britain's policy at Geneva, both at the disarmament conference, and in the Sino-Japanese question.

The king has no politics, although in the ranks of the capitalists he might be thought to have conservative leanings.

Whatever is his private opinion, and it is known that MacDonald is a favorite of his, he never has shown it when, either by power of his position, or through sheer personal interest, he has taken an active hand in the government of his people.

**EX-CONVICT IS HELD
ON ASSAULT CHARGE**

Attack Attempt Laid to Man by
Young City Woman.

Harry Melton, 43, of 329½ North Pine street, ex-convict, today faces charges of attempted criminal assault, carrying concealed weapons and vagrancy following his arrest Sunday night five minutes after he is alleged to have attempted to assault a woman in a downtown alley.

The woman, Miss Marie Burns, 23, of 60½ East Market street, was seized by the wrist and dragged into an alley as she walked near her home, but succeeded in escaping. She ran to police headquarters.

Shortly afterward, she pointed out Melton in a nearby street and identified him as her assailant, according to police.

Melton admitted he had been released from an Illinois prison after serving a nine-year term for burglary. A revolver was found in his pockets.

EPPESSON RITES SET

Funeral Services for North Side
Woman Will Be Held on Tuesday.

Funeral services for Mrs. Harriet Jane Epperson, 69, who died Saturday in her home, 3134 North Illinois street, will be held at 10 Tuesday in the home. Burial will be in Highland Lawn cemetery, Terre Haute.

Mrs. Epperson had lived in Terre Haute most of her life, moving here five years ago. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Let's Explore Your Mind

BY DR. ALBERT EDWARD WIGGAM, D. Sc.



securing justice and protecting public morals.

3. Common experience in Europe and America indicates that where the wife is one to three years younger, more marriages turn out happily. Dr. Donald Laird, psychologist, studied a large number of couples from Who's Who and found a higher percentage of couples with these age differences gave confidential reports that they were happy than where the difference in ages was greater.

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Another major question put by money experts is: Will "Gresham's law" operate? This is the economic truism that "bad money drives out good money," that is, that when a currency not backed by gold begins to circulate, people hoard their gold money, or gold-backed money, and put into circulation, by spending, their new money, backed by what is not deemed so valuable a security.

The banks under President Roosevelt's order are not permitted to pay out the old currency, or legal tender—bank notes, federal reserve notes, gold and silver certificates—but nearly seven billion dollars' worth of this sort of currency now is in circulation.

The unique quality of the Roosevelt emergency plan lies in its scope. Clearing-house certificates have been used many times in place of money in past United States bank operations, and in 1907 such "certificates of deposit"—merely showing that the bank depositor had the money on deposit in a bank—were widely used.

Police said Albernathey carried a screw driver which fitted marks on the front door of the grocery where an attempt had been made to force the lock.

Lock of \$100 was obtained when the combination was battered from a safe in the office of the Virginia Motor Sales Company, 650 Virginia avenue, according to William Mueller, 4510 Washington boulevard, a member of the firm. Entrance was gained by breaking a rear door lock.

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Burglar Suspects Caught Red-Handed in Grocery

Pair Seized by Police in Answer to Hurry-Up Radio Call.

Responding to a radio call early today, a police squad headed by Lieutenant Leo Troutman captured two alleged burglars in a Standard grocery at 654 Blake street.

Charges of burglary were placed against Claude Peck, Negro, 29, of 637 Colton street, and Edward Barlow, Negro, 19, of 729 Douglas street.

Both were awaiting examination before Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron today and were bound to the grand jury under bonds of \$2,500 each on burglary counts.

Police said Albernathey had been spread on the floor and a pile of meat, groceries and canned goods was nearby. Glasses in the front door had been broken.

James Wells, 702 Blake street, called police when he heard the glass break. He said two Negroes waited outside the store, but fled before police arrived.

One of three men seen running from a Kroger grocery at 717 East Twenty-fifth street late Sunday night was captured and is being held on vagrancy charge.

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So New, and So Fresh!

Even House Office Building Elevator Men Take New Congressmen for Ride.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, March 6.—All forecasts on the freshness of new young Democratic members of the house have been borne out. So, predictions that they would soon be "taken for a ride" on something more than congressional elevators.

Ironically enough, it was the operator of the house elevator running from the floor chamber to the subway connecting with the house office, who first put several of these ebullient youngsters in their place.

In view of what more influential people may do to them, they should have taken warning, but not they. Their caucus, called to voice

NOON LENTEN SERMONS WILL BEGIN TUESDAY

Series Will Be Begun at Christ Church; Chairman Here.

A series of noon-day Lenten sermons will begin Tuesday given by the Rev. Frederick Percival Houghton, chairman of the field department of the national council of the Episcopal church at Christ church.

Wednesday night Mr. Houghton will deliver a sermon at the Inter-parochial Lenten service at the Church of the Advent. At 12:45 Thursday he will speak to the members of the Episcopal church at a luncheon at the Columbia Club.

Mr. Houghton served in the One hundred third engineers. Twenty-eighth division, later becoming assistant chief chaplain of the Twenty-eighth division.

"You mean to tell me," he broke out, "that you're drawing pay around here, and don't know where the leaders are? I'll take care of you after March 4."

"Listen, young fellow," replied the Georgian. "I'm hired to run the elevator, not to answer questions. And I'll tell you something. I've been before you came, and I'll be after you're gone."

Will Rogers—the Oklahoma congressman, not the conscious humorist—apparently has assumed leadership of the freshman bloc. If only because of his name, which gives him a sort of reflected glory, he is getting lots of publicity. And he seems to enjoy it.

Their movement to obtain unusual acclaim so soon has not been a complete success, however.

More cautious newcomers protest against any action which may promote discord, and only half the group attend their first caucus.

So they probably will make more noise than anything else. They soon get used to back seats and tail-end committee assignments.

PLAN SUMMER SCHOOL

Professor George F. Leonard will

Direct Butler Hot Weather Team,

Plans for opening the Butler

summer school term moved for

ward today with appointment of

Professor George F. Leonard as di-

rector.

Miss Helen Hover of the uni-

versity staff will be assistant di-

rector, while Dean James W. Put-

ham, Dean W. L. Richardson and

Dean Frederick D. Kershner will

comprise the executive committee.

The term will open June 12, and

continue for eight weeks, closing

Aug. 5.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

PRICE INFLATION FORECAST WITH 'CRISIS MONEY'

Substitute for Cash May Be Spur: Can Be Controlled by Government.

BY HERBERT LITTLE

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The Roosevelt bank order today put in motion the greatest effort ever made for an entirely new oversight system of "substitute money."

The chief question of the politicians and experts here is: Will it bring price inflation? If so, how much?

The answer lies in whether prices will rise at once in relation to the new clearing-house certificates which are to be issued by banks in place of the usual currency. It is deemed possible they will rise, offsetting some of the calamitous fall of prices that has made the "deflated" dollar so "dear"—hard to get.

The degree of inflation, if it comes, is controlled in this case, because of the limits of the bank deposits upon which the certificates are based.

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