

BRITAIN'S NEW MINISTRY COMPOSED OF PRACTICAL, EXPERIENCED MEN

Lloyd George, Prime Minister, Rose From Ranks, Became Popular Idol—Bonar Law Was Once Iron Merchant—Others of "Close-to-People Type"

LONDON, Dec. 11.—David Lloyd George was announced in Tory circles just before the war began as the man who was "dragging the country to the dogs."



Buzzing life as an inconspicuous Welsh solicitor, he escaped notice until 1899, when, at the age of thirty-seven, he entered Parliament as member from Carmarvon, Wales.



Arthur Henderson, leader of the Labor Party in Commons, resigned from the Asquith Cabinet, in which he held the post of president of the Board of Education, in August of this year.



Lord Curzon, who in fifty-seven years old, had long experience in foreign affairs, his most important post being Viceroy of India, where he served during 1895-1905.



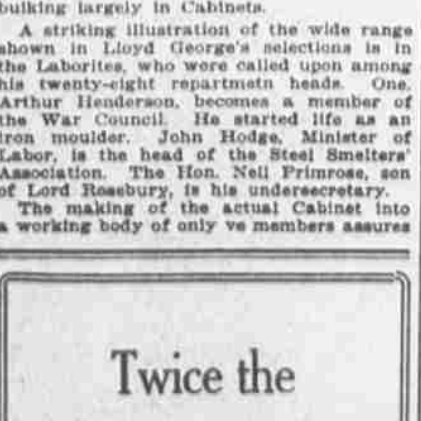
Lord Milner, who was among those mentioned as successors to Lord Kitchener, has long been identified with the Egyptian and South African wars.



Sir Albert Stanley is general manager of the underground railway system of London. He was educated in American technical schools and for a number of years was the manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad.



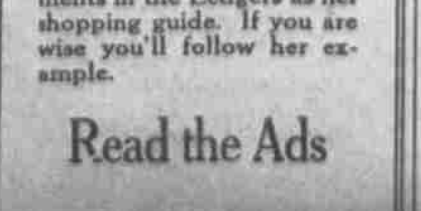
John Hodge is a Labor member of Parliament. He is secretary of the Steel Smelters' Amalgamated Association.



Dr. Christopher Addison has held the post of Parliamentary Secretary of Munitions. He is a doctor of medicine and has written extensively on anatomy.



Baron Devonport, food controller, is chairman of the Port Authority of London and has also held the post of Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade.



Sir Frederick Cawley is Liberal member of Parliament from Lancashire.



Augustus Birrell as Secretary for Ireland after the Dublin revolt. He is the Unionist member of Parliament for Exeter.

Ignatius J. O'Brien has held the post of Lord Chancellor of Ireland since 1913. He is a well-known Irish lawyer.

Lord Rosebery, is his undersecretary. The making of the actual Cabinet into a working body of only five members assures

Lord Curzon, former Viceroy of India, and now Lord President of Council in Lloyd George's new War Cabinet of five. Below is Arthur Henderson, leader of the Labor party in Commons, who will be without portfolio.

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Dictators of History PERICLES—His rule raised Athens to its zenith of power and glory. THEMISTOCLES—Saved Greece from the Persians. CINCINNATUS—Called from his plow to save Rome from the barbarian hosts. POMPEY—Savior of Rome from Hannibal and the Carthaginians. CAIUS GRACCHUS—Leader of the plebeians of Rome to attainment of democratic rights. FABIUS—Roman general who led in second Punic war. SULLA—Roman general created for establishment of the republic. JULIUS CAESAR—Inaugurated imperial Rome out of chaotic condition of decadent republic. RIENZI—Rescued medieval Italy from domination of tyrannical ruling houses. CROMWELL—Leader of the Puritan regime in England, which had its political climax in the commonwealth. ROBESPIERRE—Chieftain of the French Revolution. SIMON BOLIVAR—Liberator of several of the South American countries. SANTA ANA—Virtual sovereign of Mexico at time of war with United States. DIAZ—For many years autocrat of Mexico. GAMBETTA—Helped restore France to normal after Commune. DAVID LLOYD GEORGE.

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RESIGNATION OF FRENCH CABINET IMMINENT

PARIS, Dec. 11. It was reported in political circles today that the resignation of the French Cabinet is imminent. The Matin is authority for the statement that the reorganization of the higher command of the army will not be settled until after the reorganized Government takes its seat and is endorsed by a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies. Governmental authority will be concentrated. The Matin predicts that "old administrative machinery will be thrown into the melting pot" and that a small war will be formed, similar to that in England. More and more England's limited war council idea is gaining support in France. Mors and more the Lloyd George being regarded as England's man of the hour. France isn't waiting time in pessimistic reflections over Rumania and Greece. On the contrary, the nation is settling its jaws the more firmly and demanding action that will be immediate and daring. With the slow-down of activity along the west front, forced by chilling and unceasing rain, clammy fogs and seas of mud, events in England, Greece and Rumania loom all the more prominently here.

ITALY PLANS TO PUSH VIGOROUS WAR POLICY

ROME, Dec. 11. Italy, no less than her allies, is preparing to make 1917 a year of its most vigorous prosecution of the war. Two events today indicated the new determination of the nation. One was the calling to the colors of the class of 1898, one year in advance of the time at which men of that age ordinarily would be called upon for military service. The other was the vote of confidence accorded the present Government by Parliament. The session was a secret one. The vote was 376 to 45. Details of the division on this vote were not made public, but it is supposed those who opposed the Government's plans were the Socialist wing and some adherents of Giolitti.

U-Boats Sink 16 Munition Ships

BREITENBURG, Dec. 11.—According to reports from Stockholm says the Overseas News Agency today, German submarines in the Arctic have during the last few weeks sunk 16 ammunition steamers bound for Russia.

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BERLIN, Dec. 11.

The resistance of the Rumanians in eastern Wallachia has been broken by Field Marshal von Mackensen, according to the official report of the War Office today. The German Allies are fighting their way forward despite heavy rainwater and the absence of bridges which were destroyed by the Russo-Rumanian forces during their retreat. On the Carpathian front the Rumanians kept up their attacks on Sunday over a wide front, but gained no advantage, the War Office says. There have been no important actions on the eastern front the War Office stated.

SOPIA, Dec. 11.

Recapture of the west bridgehead at Cernavoda was announced in today's official report. Forcing back of the enemy for several hundred feet by Teuton-Bulgarian forces west of Suhodol was also announced. A Bulgarian force crossed the Danube into Rumania near Silistria and captured the city of Kalapash. In Macedonia, the statement said, several enemy attacks had been repulsed.

HINDENBURG HONORED FOR RUMANIAN VICTORY

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—Emperor William was sent to Field Marshal von Hindenburg the following autograph letter: "My dear Field Marshal! The Rumanian campaign, which with God's assistance already has led to such brilliant successes, will be valued in the war history of all times as a bright example of the strategic art of genius. You have again conducted great operations with rare presence as regards special arrangements, with the greatest energy in carrying them out, and you proposed to me with farseeing thoughtfulness measures which directed the way to separately marching columns for a united blow. To you and your well-versed assistants of the General Staff the thanks of the Fatherland are again due. With proud joy and satisfaction it has learned the news of victory, and with sure certainty full of confidence in such leaders, looks upon the future. But I desire to give special expression of my deepest thanks by conferring upon you as the first of my generals the Grand Cross of the Iron Cross. Your grateful and always very affectionate King. WILLHELM."

Greece Hovers on Brink of Conflict With Entente

Continued from Page One that the situation has improved, the diplomatic body is reserved. "According to Greek statements, a friendly spirit prevailed at the audience King Constantine gave the British and Russian Ministers. The King, as a sign that he entertains no hostile intentions, offered to withdraw two regiments from Thessaly and integrate the guarding of the Corinth Canal and the Chalcis Bridge to French torpedo-boat destroyers."

Dispatches from Rotterdam indicate that Greece is on the brink of war. These dispatches quote the Budapest correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung as saying that any further pressure from the Entente will be regarded by the Greek Government as cause for war.

The same newspaper says that the Allies are prepared to dethrone Constantine and proclaim eight-year-old Prince Peter King, with former Premier Venizelos as regent. Telegrams to the Weekly Dispatch from Smyrna Island, dated Friday, say that troops are reported arriving at Athens continuously and that 20,000 have gathered in and around the capital.

ATHENS, Dec. 11.—King Constantine's Government made formal protest to the Allied Powers today against continuance of the Allies' blockade.

ATHENS, Dec. 9 (delayed).—The situation here is believed to be approaching a critical moment. General D'Amico, the American Minister, was in conference with King Constantine more than a hour today. The Spanish Minister has left for Valencia, ostensibly on leave of absence, placing the legation in the hands of the Charge d'Affaires.

All the Entente nationals have been ordered by their legations to quit Athens today.

Snow Hampers Italian Guns

ROME, Dec. 11.—Artillery activity has been hampered in the mountain regions by heavy snowfalls, says last night's War Office statement, "but it has been very violent in the region east of Gorizia and on the Carso."

BRITAIN'S BOOZE BAN HAILED BY DRYS HERE

"Victory for Our Cause," Dr. Tope Calls Plan to Check Traffic

England's contemplated control of all liquor trade in the British Isles was greeted here as a great victory for the drys by the Rev. Homer W. Tope, Philadelphia superintendent of the new League, who hailed the action of the new Government under Lloyd George another step toward a "liquorless world." England will prohibit the distillation of whisky and gin and greatly restrict the sale of beer. Virtually all alcoholic drinks are to be used only for medicinal purposes. "England's action is something we expected," Doctor Tope said, "particularly since Lloyd George has come into power. England's action, like Russia's, is not taken upon grounds of morality, but in recognition that a liquorless nation is an efficient nation. Commanders of armies and the heads of Government realize this truth."

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promptness of decision and execution which would otherwise be unobtainable under the present ministerial system. Further concentration and co-operation have provided a scheme for commissions or committees in Parliament similar to those in the Congress of the United States.

Because of his cold, the Premier is confined to his home. In a letter, which he has written to Parliament, he indicated his belief that he would be unable to attend tomorrow's session of Parliament, at which the new Cabinet will formally take office.

"The one predominant task before the Government is a vigorous prosecution of the war to a triumphant conclusion," Lloyd George declared in this letter. "I am confident I can rely on your support and that you will long devote your energies effectively to that end."

While the Premier remained indoors his new Ministers were formally received at Buckingham Palace by King George and kissed his Majesty's hand. A meeting of the Privy Council, called at noon, brought seals of the retiring Ministers and later delivered these to the newly accredited Cabinet members.

LUXURIES MUST GO England's every resource is to be turned into the war. Every luxury is to be cut off, every activity turned into the serious business of fighting.

Nothing could be clearer than this declaration after announcement of Lloyd George's new cabinet and consideration of preliminary measures to be enacted.

VIRTUALLY A DICTATOR

"The little Welshman" becomes virtually dictator of England.

Associated with him in the War Council are Earl Curzon, who will be Government leader in the House of Lords; Andrew Bonar Law, who will be leader in the House of Commons; Arthur Henderson and Lord Milner, ministers without portfolio.

Because Curzon and Law will be largely occupied with their duties in the two houses, the War Council really narrows down to a permanent membership of three men—and two of these, Milner and Henderson, are without other tasks than that of members of the War Council.

Thus the Government forces are aligned for efficiency. The new Government also plans efficiency through reforms as to public economy.

It is believed virtually certain that Lloyd George's regime will institute absolute prohibition of spirits throughout Great Britain, with severe restrictions on beer and wine. Further manufacture of spirituous liquors will be forbidden.

One of Lloyd George's new "department

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Great Britain Roused for War to Finish

Continued from Page One free peoples' answer to the claim, repeatedly made since August 1, that in a crisis their democracy with its scattered control and its divided authority cannot cope with the efficiency and the force of centralized power possible under an autocracy of the German type.

France went a long way toward contradicting the German argument for a centralized military, when the produced a J. off. The British believe that they have completed the contradiction, even though it required twenty-eight months by a process of elimination which has finally placed in the hands of the one man who has the confidence of an overwhelming majority, the supreme power to mobilize and direct the entire strength of the British Empire.

DEMOCRACY CHOSE POWER

It is the British idea that democracy has answered autocracy by showing that it does not fear centralized power, but has such a step further by vesting its own administration of that power.

The new order contains no striking characteristics that the old order lacked—initiative, innovation, expedition, national concentration and courage.

Apparently Lloyd George's first determination was that the administration, to be successful, must institute an entirely new system in the conduct of the war and in Cab-

inet procedure—regardless of precedents and traditions.

The rapidly with which he not only corralled the support of the Labor party, and made up the personnel of the Cabinet, but actually got his new war council working before the members were sworn in, demonstrates not only the ginger of the man who is now England's Prime Minister, but his appreciation of the vital urgency of the situation Britain now faces.

MEKE POLITICIANS ELIMINATED

The new Government embodies in an unprecedented degree all England's national elements. It is noteworthy in that business men eliminate as much as possible the purely professional politicians heretofore bulking largely in Cabinets.

A striking illustration of the wide range shown in Lloyd George's selections is in the Laborites, who were called upon among his twenty-eight department heads. One, Arthur Henderson, becomes a member of the War Council. He started life as an iron moulder. John Hodge, Minister of Labor, is the head of the Steel Smelters' Association. The Hon. Ned Primrose, son of Lord Rosebery, is his undersecretary.

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