By E. Phillips Oppenheim

Looks to me like another year of office, thanks to you," the Prime Minister observed. "Lenton tells me that we shall have a majority of forty on Thursday week. It is Thursday week you're going for us again, isn't it?"

"Many things may happen before then." Tallente replied, with a little Mrmative nod. "Dartrey may decide that I am too expensive a luxury and make friends with Miller."

"I don't think that's likely." Horlock pronounced. "Dartrey is a fine fellew, although he is not a great politician. He is out to make r radical and solid change in the govern-ment of this country and he knows very well that Miller's gang will only be a dead weight around his neck. He'd eather wait until he has weaned away

a few more votes—even get rid of Miller if he can—and stick to you."
"I think you are right," Tallente said. "I am keeping the Democrats from a present triumph, but if through me they shake themselves free from what I call the little Laborites, I think thing will pan out better for them

"Unfortunately they couldn't," Tal-lente sighed, "and it's so hard to capture the attention, to reach the in-ner understanding, of a great mixed

They traveled on in silence for a short time. Tailente looked idly through the rain-streaming window at the block of traffic, the hurrying passers-by, the cheerful warmth of the shops and

restaurants.
"You take life too seriously, Tal-lente." his companion said, a little abruptly. "Do I?" Tallente answered, with a

thin smile. "You do indeed. Look at me. 1 "You do indeed. Look at me. I haven't a line on my face as compared with yours and I've held together a patchwork Government for five years. I don't know when I may be kicked out and I know perfectly well that the Government which succeeds mine is going to undo all I have done and is going to establish a state of things in going to undo all I have done and is going to establish a state of things in this country which I consider nothing short of revolutionary. I am not worrying about it, Tallente. The fog of Downing Street stinks sometimes in my nostrils, but I have a little country have you must come and see me there. nome—you must come and see me there ome day—down in Buckinghamshire.

some day—down in Buckinghamshire, one of these long bungalow types, you know, with big gardens, two tennis courts, and a golf course just across the river. My wife spends most of het time there now and every week-rad, when I go down, I think what a fool I am to waste my time trying to hold a reluctant nation to principles they are thoroughly sick of. Tallente, you can turn me out whenever you like. The day I settle down for two or three months' rest is going to be one of the happiest of my life."

perament be damned!" was the something up your sleeve for yourself. Tallente. Mark you, that's the sound-

CHAPTER XX There was a tense air of expectation among the little company of men that field into one of the smaller lecture rooms attached to Devon House a few after-noons later. Two long tables were arranged with sixty or seventy chairs and great ballot-box was placed in front the chairman.

"Mr. Chairman," he said, "I call attention to the fact that two honorary stiention to the fact that two honorary members of this company are present. I submit that as these honorary members have no vote and the present meeting is called with the sole object of

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voting a chairman for the year, honorary members be not admitted."

Mr. Weavel shook his head. "Honorary members have the right to attend all meetings of our society." he pronounced. "They can even speak.

from a present triumph, but if through from a present triumph, but if through me they shake themselves free from what I call the little Laborites, I think in the long run."

"And in the meantime," Horlock went on, lighting a cigar and passing his case to Tallente, "I must give you his case to Tallente, "I must give you his case to Tallente, "I must give you have to to playing a magnificent lone hand. I expected to see Miller fall down in a fit when you went for him in the House. If only his army of in the House. If only his army of adherents could have heard that little duel, I think you'd have won straight through!"

"Unfortunately they couldn't," Tallente sighed, "and it's so hard to capture the attention, to reach the internation of a great mixed community."

Miller again rose to his feet.

"They can even speak, if invited to do so by the chairman for the day. I sm sure we are all of us very pleased indeed to welcome Mr. Dartrey and Mr. Tallente."

There was a murmur of approval, in one or two cases a little dublous. Dartrey smiled a greeting at Weavel. "I have asked Mr. Tallente to accompany me," he explained, "because, in face of the great issue by which the party to which we all belong is conformed, some question might arise on today's proceedings which would render his presence advisable. He does not wish to address you. I, however, with the chairman, permission, before you go to vote would like to say a few words."

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"I submit, Mr. Chairman," he said arrogantly," that when I had the privilege of being elected last April, no honorary member was present or allowed to speak."

Mr. Weavel rose to his feet.
"Gentlemen," he said, "you know what this meeting is. It is a meeting of fifty-seven representatives of the various trades unions of the country, to elect a single representative to take the chair whenever meetings of this company shall be necessary. This gathering does not exist as a bociety in gathering does not exist as a society in any shape or form and we have there fore neither rules nor usages. Mr. Dartrey and Mr. Tallente, although Dartrey and Mr. Tallente, although they are honorary members, are, I aim sure, welcome guests, and whatever either of them wishes to say to us will. I am sure, be listened to. There is no business. All that we have to do is to vote, to choose our leader for the next twelve months. There are two names put forward — Saunderson and Miller. It is my business only to count the votes you may record. Presuming that no one else wishes to speak. I that no one else wishes to speak, I shall ask Mr. Dartrey to say those

few words."

Miller sat frowning and biting his nails. Dartrey moved to the farther end of the room and looked down the long line of attentive faces.

"Weavel," he said, 'and you, my friends, I am not here to say a word in favor of either of the two candidates between whom you have to choose to. between whom you have to choose to-

months' rest is going to be one of the lappiest of my life."

"You have a wonderful temperament." Tallente remarked, a little sadly.

"Temperament be dammed!" was the "Temperament be dammed!" was the shoulders the burden of this coun-"Temperament be damned!" was the foreible reply. "I have done my best. When you've said those five words. Tallente, any man ought to have philosophy enough to add, 'Whatever the result may be, it isn't going to be my funeral. Look at you—haggard, losing weight every day, poring over naners, scheming manning weight. It isn't going to be my funeral. The same is a scheming to be manners, scheming manning weight. The same is scheming manning weight of the same is scheming manning weight. The same is shoulders the burden of this country's government, to tell you of one measure which some of you know of already, which may help you to realize how important your today's choice will be. You know quite as much about politics as I do. You know very well that the present government is doomed. papers, scheming, planning, writing articles, pouring out the great gift of your life twice as fast as you need. No one will thank you for it. It's quite enough to give half your soul and the joy of living to work for others. Keep the supervision of the superv remained your chief, I should be asked Tallente. Mark you, that's the soundest thing in twentieth century philosophy you'll ever hear of—Corner of Clarges street right for you, eh?" coophy you'll ever hear of—Corner of Clarges street right for you, eh?"

Tallente held out his hand.
"Horlock," he said, "thank you. I knew you're right, but unfortunately I am not like you. I haven't an idyllic retreat, a charming companion waiting for me there, a life outside that's so wonderful. I am driven on because there's nothing else."

Tallente held out his hand.

Want to explain to you that we consider the representative you elect today to be one of the most important personages in that government. We have do, we are going to make the country a wonderful promise. We are going to promise that there shall be no more strikes. That sounds a large order, perhaps, but we shall keen our word. there's nothing else."

Horlock laid his hand upon his companion's shoulder. His tone was suddenly grave—amply sympathetic.

"My friend—and enemy." he said.
"If that is so—I'm sorry for you."

a wonderful promise. We are going to promise that there shall be no more strikes. That sounds a large order, perhaps, but we shall keep our word and we are going to end forever this bitter struggle between capital and labor by welding the two into one and into the struggle between capital and labor by welding the two into one and the struggle between capital and labor by welding the two into one and the struggle between capital and labor by welding the two into one and the struggle between capital and labor by welding the struggle between capital bor by welding the two into one and by making the interests of one the inter-ests of the other. Our scheme is that the person whom you elect today will be chairman of an inner conference of twelve. We shall ask you to elect a which will give the trades unions four

representatives upon this inner counchairman. A little round of cheers greeted the latter as he subdued cheers greeted the latter as he entered the room and took his place—the Right Honorable John Weavel, a Privy Councilor, Member for Sheffield and chairman of the Ironmasters Union. Dartrey and Tallente appeared together at the tail end of the procession. Miller sprang at once to his feet and addressed the chairman.

"Mr. Chairman," he said, "I call attention to the fact that two honorary are body of men competent to deal to their number. Four employers of labor, elected by the employers' association, will also join the council and the whole will be presided over by the person whom you elect today. There will be a select committee, or, rather, fifty-seven select committees, of each industry always at hand, and we consider that we shall frame in that manaer a body of men competent to deal

of the country. They will settle every clispute and their decision will be final. The funds held by the various trades unions will form charitable funds or be returned as bonuses to the contributors. I have given you the barest outline of the scheme which has been drawn up to form a part of our program when the time comes for us to present one. Today you are only concerned to elect the one representative. I am here to beg, gentlemen, that you elect one whose

to capital. In other words, they will theories, whose principles, whose ante-fix or approve of or revise the wages cedents and whose general attitude to-people for the last fifteen years, and

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