

WOMAN'S PART IN POLITICS

Winston Churchill's Campaign Recalls What They Do.

LADY RANDY DID VALIANT WORK

King Edward is Spending Money Recklessly to Improve Sandringham Palace, Already a Show Place.

LONDON, May 2.—(Special).—The production of Winston Churchill to cabinet rank and the consequent bye-election in Northwest Manchester recalls to mind the fact that this precocious son of a famous American woman ascribes his political success to the genius of his mother.

"Lady Randy," as her friends will like to call Mrs. George Cornwallis West, is the best political canvasser of her age. Some women in English public life have wielded far more influence, but when it comes to getting down to the plain people and winning their support she is without an equal.

"Lady Randy" has what the Irish would call "a wonderful way with her." When she gets at an elector he has simply no escape. Before he realizes she has got him by the collar she has already said "no" to the elector's vote and she is gone.

"Dammed Pleasing Smile." Mrs. Lulu Harcourt, another American woman, is a clever canvasser and she has what Burne Jones used to call "the damned pleasing smile" which is so useful to a woman working in the political arena.

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among others Lady Lilla Egerton, daughter of Lord and Lady Blismere of Bridgewater house, which is one of our London show places; Lady Evelyn Ward, Lord Dudley's sister-in-law; Lady Norton Bass, Lady Paget, wife of Sir Arthur Paget, etc.

On two occasions Lady Paget came off second best, guessing correctly fifty-three names out of the total fifty-six. When she received her prize, I am told, she danced more sprightly than she had ever done in her life before and was far more pleased than when King Edward himself told her that he had made a knight of her husband.

The competition, which is called "Who's Who in Society," will be continued for several months, and I am told, several duchesses are now engaged in trying to "name" the greatest number of the photographs appearing in the series.

Sir Bache Guindar has ordered for his wife a magnificent set of Russian sables, comprising a large cape stole and a huge granny muff. I hear these furs will be great completely the beautiful set presented by Walter Burnes (Pierpont Morgan's nephew) to his fiancée, Miss Cavendish-Bentinck, before her marriage.

These latter were said to be as fine as those of the czarina. Lady Cunard's furs are being made by a great firm of furriers in St. Petersburg, who are just now enjoying a great deal of titled and royal patronage.

LADY MARY. At the time of the revolution, to say no further, this beautiful chateau, situated on the Latin side of the river in the angle formed by the Boulevard des Invalides and the Rue de Sevres, was the residence of the Marquis du Lau d'Allemans.

Even then it was known as the chateau or Hotel des Oiseaux, for the marquis, who was a lover of birds, had caused an immense aviary to be set up in the parklike garden and stocked with rare and gay-plumaged species.

These beautiful birds were the admiration of the quarter, but when the red wave of revolt swept over the city, the good people of Paris, intoxicated with their new-born ideas of liberty, equality and fraternity, scaled the walls of the garden and set the winged captives free.

They might celebrate the dawn of the new era with their joyous song. Alas! for the poor birds, unfitted for the struggle of life. They soon fell victims to their traditional enemies or died miserably of hunger.

A few indeed were recaptured to adorn the attic of some Mimi Finson of the quarter, but in their narrow cages they must bitterly have regretted their life of comparative freedom in the Jardin des Oiseaux.

A novel use was soon found for the deserted chateau of the Marquis du Lau by turning it into a prison. The Carmes, Sainte-Pelagie and the Bourbe were full to overflowing, despite the ceaseless influx of Saint-Germain, and the new prison, Princess Joseph of Monaco, Viscountess de Maille, the duchess of Choiseul, the Marquis de Crequi, was 85 years of age, and scores of other great names soon lay awaiting their doom.

So terrible was the regime that they dared not pray, and the queen's chaplain, ministered to the prisoners at the risk of his life and once, to avoid the vigilant eye of the inspectors, the holy oil for extreme unction had to be poured into a common bottle, while the sacred silver vessels were flung down a well.

Wafers for the holy communion were concealed in Jean Jacques Rousseau's Social Contract, one of the books which were above suspicion in the eyes of the terrible committee. It was from the Prison des Oiseaux that the poet, Andre Chenier, and the Baroness d'Hinnisdal went forth one gray morning in the fatal tumbril never to return.

At last the Marquis du Lau's business domain passed into the hands of the Augustines nuns, whose mission is the education of youth. Then for nearly a hundred years the Convent des Oiseaux was the most select school in France. Among its pensionnaires was Eugene de Montijo, the future emperor of the French.

Of late years the Convent des Oiseaux had been somewhat offish to the convents of the Assumption and Sacre-Coeur. Perhaps in its new home at Westgate, near Dover, whether the nuns have transferred it, will regain its ancient lustre.

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The young prince, Grand Duke Dimitri, has been brought up by their aunt, Grand Duchess Elizabeth, the czar's sister and widow of the murdered Grand Duke Serge.

Her mother died when the prince's brother was born and his father, Grand Duke Paul, usually lives near Paris.

Some years ago his wife's health improved and she was able to visit the palace of a colonel in the Cavalier Guards, and as the marriage is not recognized by the czar, the woman is not allowed to enter Russia, and, indeed, the grand duke was himself exiled by his nephew for some time.

Before her marriage Mrs. Pankovna was very popular at the Russian court until the fatal day, when she appeared at a court ball wearing the jewels which had formerly belonged to the grand duke's mother and which he had loaned her for the occasion.

The emperor and empress were furious and the woman's name was promptly removed from the list of those allowed to come to the court.

Grand Duchess Elizabeth has given a very careful education to her niece. She speaks French and German perfectly and is making great progress in Swedish, which is only natural, as her teacher is the young Swedish prince. Most of her life has been spent in Moscow and she is Russian to the backbone, a devout member of the orthodox church and an enthusiastic admirer of Russian art and literature.

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ENGLAND WITHOUT A HEAD

For Time Great Country Was Left Without Government.

KING VIOLATOR OF CONSTITUTION

Before Appointment of Asquith as Premier He Was Out of Country Enjoying Himself at Biarritz.

LONDON, May 2.—(Special).—During the five or six days that elapsed between the resignation of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman as prime minister and the appointment of Mr. Asquith as his successor, this great country was practically without a government.

Many experts in that mighty mystery, the British constitution, maintain that the king should have come home at once, and that Mr. Asquith should not have been required to go to him. They contend that he has violated the constitution. The fact that there is no means of determining that question has called attention to the strange lack of any hard and fast agreement between the king and his subjects as to what are his duties.

APPROACHING ROYAL MARRIAGE

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that the permission which is granted him would be denied to the king. His majesty is not allowed, even as a spectator merely to be present at the discussions of the "faithful Commons." Although the law assigns his presence at every session to Parliament except when he comes to state to the House of Lords for the exercise of his prerogative of opening or proroguing Parliament.

King George Called to Mind. Similarly communications on state matters from any of his brother sovereigns—officially all monarchs are brothers—are required to pass through the hands of the sovereign. When the duke of Wellington was prime minister he heard that King George IV had received a letter from the king of Prussia requesting him to vote for Prince Charles of Mecklenburg in the vote of Greece, which had just been wrested from the Turks, and that King George had agreed to do so.

Whatever influence the king exercises in politics must be sub rosa. He must not participate openly in the game. He must not be found out. It is a breach of order in both houses of Parliament to even mention the name of the sovereign with a view to affecting the course of legislation. In 1783 a resolution was adopted by the House of Commons declaring it to be a "high crime and misdemeanor" and various other evil things to report any opinion or pretended opinion of his majesty on any matter before Parliament for the purpose of influencing votes.

Things Averted.

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COST OF SPRING CLEANING

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FINDER ENJOYS LIFE FOR WHILE

Stonemason Standing Below Accepts Gift as Legacy from Sky and Makes the Most of It.

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