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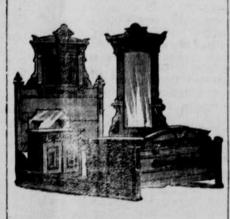


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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER.

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Nowhere else in the world is there any position at once so powerful and so anomalous. So long as he remain prime minister the premier of the United Kingdom is possessed of more real power than any single individual, unless it be the czar or the president of the United States.

Yet, great as is the power of prime minister, the office has no foundation on law. The prime minister is quite as unknown to the law as is the cabinet. If a legal pedant, blind to all facts not in the statutes or the textbooks of the common law, were asked to define the office of prime minister and to describe the cabinet, he would be utterly at a

loss.

In theory the prime minister is only a privy councilor at the head of a department of state who is specially in the sovereign's confidence and who usually presides at an informal gathering of certain of the privy councilors who happen to hold offices of state—a gathering which is called the cabinet. That is the furthest which the legal pedant of our thought would dare to go. Yet, of course, the prime minister is, in fact, far more than the mere chairman of the cabinet.

The cabinet, no doubt, has a great deal of power, but even if it were true once it is certainly not true now that England is governed by a committee of

15 or 16 persons.

The prime minister, as a rule, makes his cabinet. He is commissioned by the queen to form a cabinet, because he is the man whom she considers to possess the confidence of a majority of the house of commons. He forms his cabinet by asking certain members of the two houses to hold the great offices of state. He might do this in one day and with-

out consulting any one.

As a matter of fact, what usually happens is this: As soon as the commission to form a government has been received, the prime minister takes into his confidence the two or three who will hold the chief offices, and they talk together over the other names. When a man is decided upon, he, as a rule, joins the conclave and helps to consult as to men and places, and so the cabinet gradually evolves itself. No doubt, as generally happens in this world, the prime minister's choice is never really

Certain men must be in the cabinet, whatever happens, and hence they may be said not to be chosen by the premier, but to be ministers in their own right. In spite, however, of this, the fact that they are asked to serve by the premier makes them feel his superiority. When the cabinet is made, the theory of the unwritten constitution is that the cabinet governs. In reality it seldom does anything of the kind.

Each cabinet minister has very gre power in his own department, but the cabinet as a cabinet can do little. Since, however, it knows everything that is going on it can exercise a great deal of indirect power. The previous knowl-THE SUNDAY JOURNAL
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Then he can and does confer with his colleagues in regard to the business of their departments, and so has a hold upon the whole machine of government. Sir Robert Peel saw every member of his cabinet separately every day. Again, if there be a difference between two other members of the government, the premier decides. If there be an irreconollable difference between himself and a minister, it is the minister and not the premier who resigns.

Lastly, the prime minister signing himself, dissolvistry. These things selves, taken toger minister's po makes and presides c to advise i. though this exercised, and beforehand the file or of any ca struggle between because the rank the premier is beate power to upset the government.

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