

GOVERNMENT BY CABINET

Modern System Largely a Matter of Circumstances.

BRITISH PROCEDURE PAVED THE WAY

Little by Little Advisers of the King Became Real Representatives of the People Displacing Autocracy by Democracy.

Geography necessarily deals with kings and presidents and emperors, who change the face of political maps and influence economic conditions; not so frequently does it reckon with cabinets which are a growing factor in world affairs.

"Before the World War broke up the autocracies of Europe, France was the only Republic on the continent employing the British form of cabinet government. Now the list includes, besides France; Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Austria," states a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

Our Cabinet Different.
Recent agitation to permit members of the United States cabinet to be present on the floor of the senate and house and to take part in debate on matters concerning their departments serves to bring out the differences between the privileges and duties of the cabinet members of various countries.

"To begin with, the 'cabinet' of the United States is a cabinet in name only, for the government of the United States is in no sense a 'cabinet' government as are the governments of Great Britain and France, and those of a large number of the other leading countries of the world. There is not even formal sanction for the existence of our cabinet as an advisory council to the president. The members have an undoubted legal status as heads of the various administrative departments, but the president need never call them together. President Washington held no cabinet meetings at first, and President Wilson did not call his department heads together for a period of many months. When the president does receive the advice of his cabinet, he is under no obligation to follow it.

Britain "Mother of Cabinets."

"Great Britain is the mother of cabinets' as well as the mother of parliaments.' Her cabinet is not of a fixed size, and while most members are the heads of departments, there may be members 'without portfolio' who have no special duties. In direct contrast to the situation in the United States, every member must be a member of either the upper or lower house of parliament. All have seats in both houses and therefore not only have the privilege of debating but also of voting. Of greatest importance, when an important vote in the house of commons goes against the cabinet, its members must resign, so as to permit a new cabinet, usually of the opposing political party, to be formed.

"The cabinet, under the British system, is really a committee of the house of commons which the party in power permits to manage all executive affairs, and to shape and lead all legislative action. The cabinet in action is the real government; while it functions the prime minister is the real ruler, and parliament is his instrument.

Chile Has a Real Cabinet.

"But there are checks and balances. The house of commons can force the resignation of the cabinet, and the cabinet can force the dissolution of the house. The matter is thus squarely up to the people, who elect another house, from the majority party of which a new cabinet is chosen.

"Practically all of the older part of the western world is under cabinet government. This includes all of Europe except Russia and Switzerland, South Africa and the French portions of North Africa. Canada brings a large part of North America into the cabinet column. In the East, Australia and New Zealand have true cabinet government, Japan has a slightly modified form and China a nominal one.

"The constitutions of most of the countries of the Western Hemisphere have been modeled after that of the United States with an absence of responsible cabinets. Chile is the only republic of the new world with a cabinet whose members both sit in congress and must resign when there is a formal vote of 'lack of confidence.'

Born of Happy Accidents.

"The British cabinet form of government came into existence by a series of happy accidents. Because the old privy council became such a large, unwieldy body, the king fell into the habit of consulting with only the few leaders, holding a small council in his cabinet or private apartment. Shortly afterward England had two German kings who could not understand English, and the 'Cabinet Council' was permitted to meet without the sovereign. By the time an English-speaking king came to the throne the custom of excluding the king from cabinet meetings had been firmly fixed.

"By degrees the king practically lost his power to dismiss the cabinet, and it became responsible first to parliament, and then solely to the house of commons."

DID YOU GET YOURS?

Postoffice Figures Show Each Person Should Have Received 112 Letters. Each citizen of the United States should have received 112 letters last year. About 11,335,000,000 go through the mails annually—about 112 per capita. "Upon these figures," the postoffice

department asserts, "the United States leads the world in the interchange of letters between its people. It is estimated that the per capita number of letters exchanged in Great Britain a year is 84; in Germany, 25; in Italy, 24. These figures are based on first-class matter alone."

Data collected shows a large increase in the number of letters received by the average person.

PALMETTO GLEANINGS

News Happenings Over the State of South Carolina.

—Jack Schumacher, the Elloree county man who was paroled and then who refused to return to the penitentiary on August 1, when the parole period expired, was brought to the office of Gov. Harvey Friday morning by Sheriff Dukes, of Orangeburg county, and the young man confessed to the governor that he had been trying to make his escape, but that, when he saw how determined the governor was to have him rearrested, he decided to surrender and he came to apologize for his conduct. Schumacher was taken to the state penitentiary and there he will spend the next two years, because of an attack he made upon his mother, when she refused to give him food which he demanded, for which crime he was convicted by an Orangeburg county jury.

—The great grand daddy of all the moonshine stills of South Carolina, and one of the patriarchs of the South in that line, was captured Friday morning in Pee Dee swamp by State Constable Eichelberger and Federal Officer Youmans. It measured 640 gallons capacity, being about seven feet long, four feet wide and waist high—and, approximately, coffin shaped in its general proportions. Marion county now gets the cake for the biggest still. Sumter had it before, said Mr. Eichelberger, reporting the find on returning to the city, this morning. More than two hours' arduous labor by the two officers was necessary to destroy the mass of copper, sheet iron and brick. George Best, prominent farmer near Marion, is in the Marion county jail charged with owning and operating this giant still.

—A Jeff Gregory, prominent farmer and formerly cotton weigher at Kershaw was shot and killed by his son, Paul Gregory, at his home a few miles from Kershaw at about 8:30 o'clock Friday morning. Young Gregory used a .38 calibre rifle, four bullets taking effect to cause almost instantaneous death. Young Gregory, himself, gave the alarm, telephoning to friends in Kershaw that he had killed his father. He was taken into custody by Sheriff Welch within a few hours after the killing and is now in the Camden jail facing trial on a charge of murder, the coroner's jury investigating the homicide having held him responsible for the death of his father. Young Gregory is about 18 years old, but is small for his age, having been crippled by an attack of infantile paralysis. The only eye witness of the patricide, if any, are members of the immediate family and these with Paul Gregory have declined to make any statement with reference to the shooting. Paul Gregory's younger brother and a sister, officers have been informed witnessed the tragedy. Neither, however, testified at the coroner's inquest, the jury's verdict being based upon admissions of young Gregory. The boy, after having confessed firing the four shots to persons first reaching the house, has refused to make any further statements, officers say, except to claim that he acted in defense of his mother and sisters. The first persons reaching the house after the killing found a loaded pistol grasped in Mr. Gregory's hand. The revolver had not been fired. Mr. Gregory was about 50 years old and is prominently connected and well known in both Kershaw and Lancaster counties. He is survived by his widow, five daughters and two sons.

JAPAN ADOPTS SPORTS.

Baseball and Tennis Said to Be Very Popular.

Baseball and lawn tennis have been adopted as national sports by new Japan, says a Tokyo dispatch. The former has long been popular at the university, and American colleges sending teams over have now to choose of their best to stand any chance of winning against the stars of Waseda, Keio and other universities, as was proved by the failure of Indiana university to win more than one match on its recent tour. Other schools are taking up the game, while every vacant lot and wide street has its quota of coming stars of the diamond.

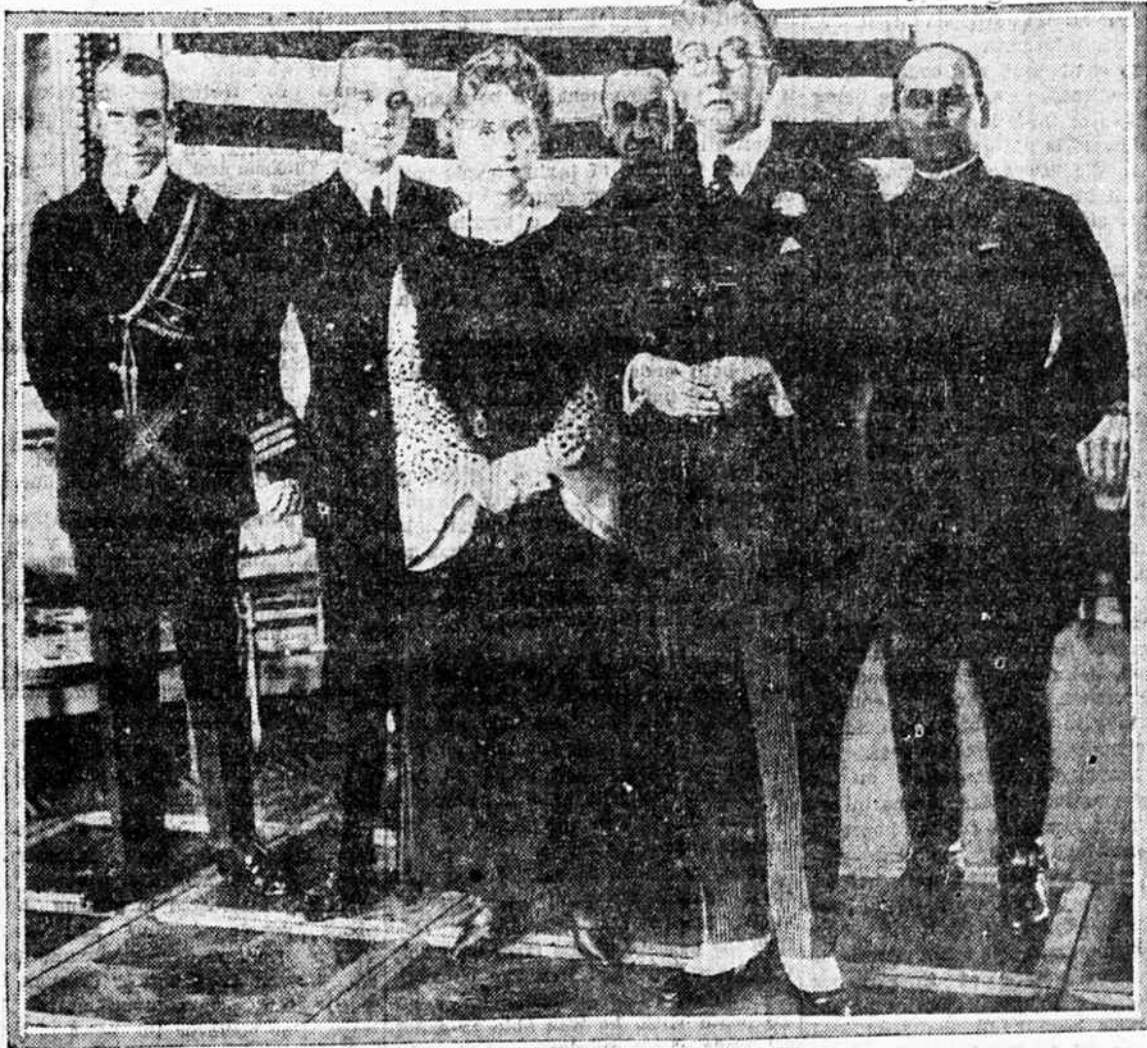
Lawn tennis is becoming equally popular, and whereas, a few years ago the cups and prizes went to foreign players living in Japan, now they are won by Japanese. In this year's tournament of the Tokyo club most of the foreigners and there are many good players among them, were eliminated in the early stages.

The interest taken in the game by women, they forming by far the largest body of spectators at the courts, has induced the Japanese Lawn Tennis association to offer prizes for Japanese women at its second national tournament, to be held in the fall of 1923. A large number of girls' schools are taking up the sport, and since his return Mr. Kumagai, the international player, and Mr. Nomura, the national champion, have played exhibition games at these schools to give the girls an insight into the game.

To a lesser extent Japanese girls have taken up athletic sports, 200 of them competing in a recent meet in Tokyo.

Miss Anna E. Durkee, now head of a million dollar mining corporation, began her career selling life insurance.

AMERICAN STAFF IN GERMANY.



First photograph of Ambassador A. B. Houghton and his staff now handling diplomatic relations for this country with Germany. In the first row are Ambassador and Mrs. Houghton. Second row, Lieutenant-Commander Lansdowne, Assistant Naval Attache; Commander W. P. Roehler, Naval Attache; Major Harold Geiger, Assistant Military Attache, and Major A. L. Lonstolot, Military Attache.

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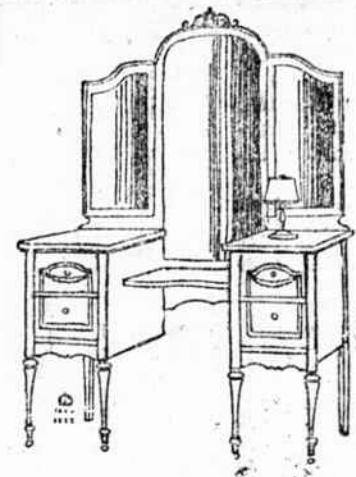
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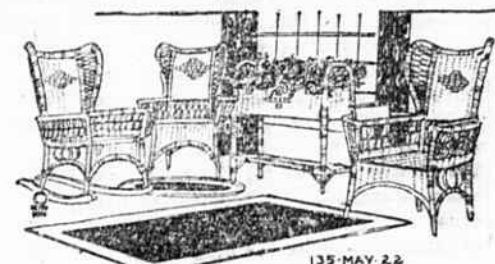
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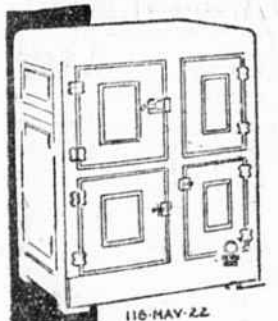


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