

SASSOON BECOMES GREAT POWER IN BRITISH POLITICS

London, June 24.—(I. N. S.)—When Lloyd George appointed Sir Philip Sassoon, M. P., his chief private secretary some time ago, political and club circles wondered why the prime minister chose this little-known youth as one of the most important members of his political household.

Today Sir Philip stands as one of the most prominent officials of the coalition government. By virtue of his great wealth, his extraordinary aptitude for statesmanship and his great diplomatic ability, he is an embryonic premier of the British empire. He sprang suddenly into empire prominence—international prominence as well—as host to the Hythe conference, where Lloyd George and Millerand met to arrange the amount of indemnity that Germany must pay the allies.

SON OF EDWARD'S FRIEND

Sassoon is a Jew. His father, Sir Edward Sassoon, was known universally as "the friend of King Edward." His grandfather, a noted Bombay merchant prince, bequeathed him great wealth and many friends. His only sister, who was hostess to the premiers, married the Earl of Rockingham. Sassoon is 31 years old, healthy, happy and unmarried. A great sportsman, fond of the good things of life, he is one of the most eligible bachelors in England. Yet he has safely escaped the cleverness of British matrons, who always are on the lookout for suitable matches for their daughters.

Sassoon was the one really interesting figure of the Hythe conference—a silent figure standing out in contrast against the background of British and French politicians and their secretaries. His constituency gossips about a desire on his part to emulate Marcell, Britain's greatest Jew. He has placed his star with that of Lloyd George and is an enthusiastic admirer of the "Little Welshman." Although he has been in Downing street but a few months, he has made his presence felt on more than one occasion. Experienced politicians, wise in the ways of Westminster, predict for him a brilliant future.

At 24 he inherited a seat in parliament. Three years later he became private secretary to Douglas Haig—a very efficient secretary, speaking nine languages. At 31 he is private secretary to the prime minister and in the running for cabinet honors and a probable peerage, which he doesn't want. He wants nothing that will lose him the representation of Hythe, a constituency which he admires and looks upon as his own. The ancient and insubstantial East speaks in the dark, aquiline features of this wealthy young aspirant to political honors, but his manner is that of the average good-natured university-bred Englishman, fond of sport, master of more than sufficient means to keep him from care.

Sport does play a great part in his

TANGIER TEMPLE OF OMAHA PULLS JAZZ STUNT



Merrymakers from bank of Missouri river entertain boisterously in hotel lobbies for benefit of fellow nobles and home folk with song and jest and nimble-footed tricks reflecting some of the color of the famous Ak-Sar-Ben annual festival. (Sandy Photo.)

daily life. He loves exercise and has all the desire to excel in many games. In the morning he appears in shorts and sprints around his estate. In the afternoon he plays tennis with a professional coach from a famous London club. In the evening he plays billiards. Swimming with him is a passion rather than a pastime.

FOND OF SWIMMING

He has constructed delightful open-air swimming baths on his estate and swims for pleasure as well as exercise. Indoors he has music-lined bathrooms with a great variety of shower baths, a great improvement on the ordinary English country home.

A pumping station gives abundance of fresh water for the baths and the use of the house, and an ice-making plant insures the coolest drinks in the hottest weather, and the electric light plant makes the house glitter like a liner at sea. The casual American visitor to Belcaire would come away convinced that the owner had visited America for the improvements he has made in the home.

He is busy building polo grounds and private golf links. He is buying all available land surrounding his estate and has an army of laborers working continuously. He is very popular in his district and takes a keen interest in the welfare of his constituents.

Planes Arrive for Patrol of Forests In Western Oregon

Eugene, June 24.—Two of the De Havilland airplanes to be used in the air patrol of the Western Oregon forests this summer have arrived on the field here and a third is expected. The service is scheduled to begin operations Friday, with about a dozen pilots, observers, mechanics and medical men to serve Eugene and Medford bases. Radio equipment for signal service is to be set up on the Federal building.

Volney Hemenway, aged 74 years, died Wednesday. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. T. R. Grove, Mrs. J. T. Brumfield, Mrs. F. B. Hale and Ida Hemenway, all of Portland; and Mrs. W. A. Kuykendall, V. V. Hemenway and C. G. Hemenway, all of Eugene. He was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias lodge in this city.

A thief pried open the rear door of the building occupied by the Eugene Dry works Tuesday night and made away with a half dozen men's suits, women's

suit and several dresses. A stranger, who pretended he had a suit of clothes in the shop which he must have before leaving Portland, is suspected. The loss will probably be between \$200 and \$300.

Farm House Burns; Contents Are Lost

Kalama, Wash., June 24.—A farm house on the Mat Zillig place, about a mile and a half northeast of here, was destroyed by fire, together with contents, Monday. The house was occupied by H. E. Hallowell and family, who lost all household effects. Mrs. Hallowell and the seven children were home at the time.

Sheridan Selects School Officials

Sheridan, June 24.—At the annual school meeting Monday, A. J. Bewley was elected director and H. A. Banister reelected clerk. The budget was increased more than 5 per cent above last year's budget, but a bonus for teachers was turned down.

a police officer. The pump is now at the police headquarters awaiting a claimant, while the police are trying to learn who was in such a hurry that she failed to pick it up.

Bricklayers Demand \$10
Salem, June 24.—A scale of \$10 per day was adopted by Salem Bricklayers' local No. 5 Monday night, in conformity with the scale adopted by the tri-state bricklayers' conference.

Development of Big Project Imminent

Spokane, Wash., June 24.—Development of Z canyon on the Pend Oreille river, one of the biggest hydraulic engineering projects in the United States, is imminent. The approaching visit to Spokane of Hugh L. Cooper, international

engineer, is expected to set in motion the wheels which will lead to the development of this immense water power project, which in 1914 Cooper estimated would cost \$20,000,000 for 400,000 horsepower.

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