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## LONDON LETTER

(By TEMPLE CHAMBERS (British United Press.)

LONDON, Oct. 14.—(By Mail.) Rumours are growing of an intensive onslaught on the Government, when Parliament reassembles, from Conservative supporters of the League of Nations, who think the British attitude towards that institution has been unduly lukewarm.

This may be regarded as a distant echo of Viscount Cecil's resignation, and it would be foolish to underestimate either the strength of the forces behind it, although it should be added that most of the support comes from outside the Conservative party, or from members who may be said to be in the party without ever being really of it.

The weakness of the movement appears to be in the fact that it draws its weapons from such different sources. There seems to be too much anxiety to show that the Government has been wrong all along the line.

The Irish elections which have just ended are typical of what is happening in other States, which in the first flush of democratic enthusiasm adopted their beloved formula—"Proportional Representation"—as an electoral system and a universal panacea for political troubles.

In Austria the system has produced a deadlock which has made effective government impossible, while in Jugo-Slavia, where fifty parties with nearly five thousand candidates presented themselves for election for 315 seats, it has reached the point of absurdity.

It is true that the political situation in Ireland, Jugo-Slavia and Austria is not entirely due to the electoral system, but "P. R." has undoubtedly aggravated the deadlock and made confusion more confounding.

The Ministry of Labour has just published a dictionary of occupations, from which it would appear that there are in these islands over 16,000 different ways of earning a living.

As there are at the moment about a million unemployed, it would seem to be a fair deduction that there is an enormous number of people who are unable—for whatever reason—to obtain a living in any one of them.

Some of the occupations mentioned in the dictionary are of the quaintest titles imaginable. For instance, you may be a "Mrs. shifter," or a "higgler," or an "eye-filer" or a "habbitter." The latter is not, as one might assume, a disciple of Mr. Sinclair Lewis, but a worker in a specialised form of metal.

The new dictionary of occupations is the outcome of a resolution passed at a conference of statistical experts from all parts of the Empire in London in 1920, and it has taken five years to compile.

When the next General Election comes to pass, there seems to be no reasonable doubt but that the register will contain the names of about 5,250,000 women in addition to those who voted in 1924. The effect of this will be that the Bri-

### Accidents Increase Since Advent of Prohibition

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 14.—The New York World quotes J. M. Gibbons, general attorney, for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, as saying that railroad executives have in many instances reversed their attitude on prohibition and now are opposed to it because of its actual effects on railroad employees.

Increase of railroad accidents by approximately 40 per cent since the advent of the eighteenth amendment contributed to this change. Mr. Gibbons is quoted as saying in an address before fifty lawyers at a luncheon in the Bankers' Club.

Emphasizing that he spoke as an individual and not for the railroad, he declared the increase, while not attributable to a greater use of alcohol, nevertheless tended to prove that liquor had never played an important part in the cause of accidents.

tish electors will in round figures comprise about 11,000,000 males and 13,000,000 females.

The new women voters being added will have the effect of giving women the majority of votes in every constituency in the country with the exception of a few mining and industrial divisions.

A shrewd political agent who almost exactly foretold the size of the Conservative majority at the last two General Elections, and predicted the Liberal victories in recent by-elections, says the chief result will be that constituencies now Conservative, Liberal or Labour will continue, but they will be more so, and that it will be a harder task for any party to capture a seat from its opponents.

Some of those foreign critics who, for want of a better reason, were inclined to attribute Sir Austen Chamberlain's recent speech at Geneva to the impetuosity of youth, would be astonished to hear that the birthday which the Foreign Secretary is to celebrate very shortly will be his sixty-fourth.

Not only foreigners but our own people might be pardoned for regarding Sir Austen as being youthful as statesmen go, for there probably never was a man of 64 who carried his age so well. A stranger seeing him striding through St. James' Park on his way to the House might well set him down as a soldier, so erect in his carriage and bearing. In the House, however, in certain aspects, he looks older, particularly when he dons his horn-tipped spectacles.

The impression of youthfulness which the public has of Sir Austen is aided also by the fact that until some thirteen years ago his father was still a giant figure in politics, and the son was regarded as "young Austen."

The futurity of Mr. A. J. Cook, the Secretary of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, has been rendered much more problematical, in the view of many people, by the rebuffs he has received from his one-time associates at the Trade Union Congress meetings last week.

For some time the remnants of the Miners' Federation—the membership of which at the moment is probably nearer 500,000 than the 800,000 who figured in card votes at Congress—have been falling into the hands of the Communists, a trade union friend tells me, practically all the secessions having occurred among the moderates. A Communist-controlled M. F. G. B. is quite capable of succeeding from the T. U. C. and attempting to carry out the plan secretly cherished by many Minority leaders for a "Red T. C. N." organised on a new basis.

Perhaps Mr. Cook, who is still ambitious, sees more scope for himself in such a development.

The English legal world suffered a considerable loss when Lord Coleridge died recently. He was the third member of his family in succession who had been a judge and was descended from the famous poet.

The late Lord Coleridge was a raconteur, whose stories were always welcome in the robing circuit mess.

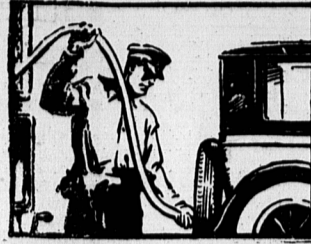
I like his definition of a certain hanging as "the man who fell off a scaffold outside Newgate while talking to a clergyman."

He knew a fund of good stories about Gladstone. He frequently related how Gladstone always said that after receiving a physical shock one should rest for at least ten minutes.

On one occasion Gladstone slipped and fell on the pavement. Although not in the least hurt or shaken, he remained sitting on the pavement while he watched the minute hand of his watch tick away ten minutes!

# The Trend for 1928

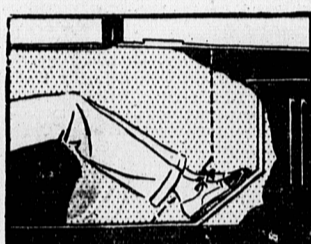
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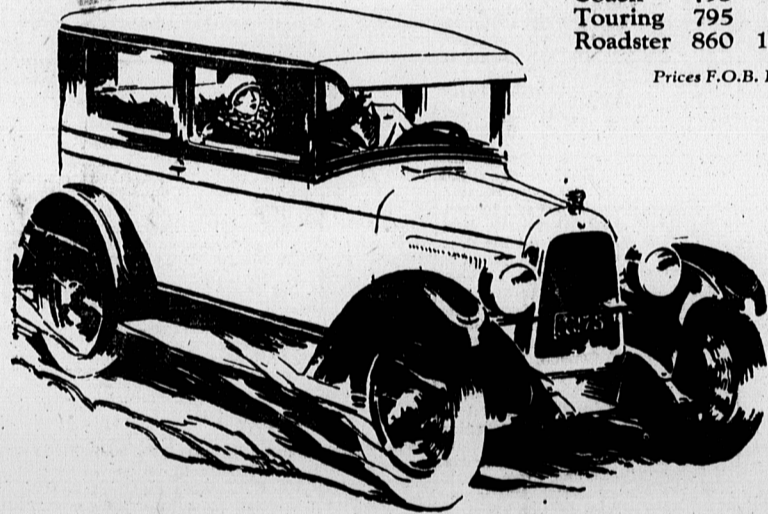
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### ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS

From wilderness of sin they went, On Mount Sinai they are bent, And quickly now they move away, In no place permanently stay.

And unto Rephedim they came, Where they find troubles are the same, For no water there can they find, And now they grieved are in mind.

Moses and Aaron they disdain, Better in Egypt to be slain, Than perish in the wilderness, They and their children in distress.

Moses appealed then to the Lord, For all his hope was in his God; Their anger in their face is shown, And they are ready him to stone.

The Lord said unto Moses, Go Thyself before the people show;

Go with the rod in thy right hand, And on Mount Horeb I will stand.

The rock before them thou shalt smite, And water will flow in their sight; The rock was struck, the water came, A glorious stream of lasting fame.

The stream that flowed out that day Followed Israel all the way; While they journeyed in desert dry, Of cool, fresh water had supply.

The smitten rock is Jesus Christ, Who said upon the cross I thirst, Smitten by the Almighty's rod, To satisfy the law of God.

Jesus then took the sinner's place, Which brought upon Him all disgrace; The Father's wrath upon Him fell, And there He suffered pains of hell.

Divine Justice He satisfied, When in the sinner's room He died, And life's river now from Him flows, Through all the sinful world it goes.

Through all the sinful world it goes, The love of God unchanging is; In earth and Heaven is greatest bliss;

It is an everlasting love, The same in earth and Heaven above, Some manifested unbelief, Which to God's servants brought much grief,

These hungered after Egypt's meat, And manna was not to them sweet, Unless people are changed in heart, They will seek from God to depart, By nature they're inclined to sin, Unless the heart is changed within,

God's beloved none can destroy; Heavenly things are now their joy, And they are kept by power of God, The noblest which the earth has trod.

He keeps them for His own name's sake, And of His own He care will take, They are His own precious elect, And in them He sees no defect.

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Around us is much sin and woe, In this world are dangers many, 'Tis not getting better any.

This world is but an arid sand, But we seek Emmanuel's land, No resting place can we find here, For comfort must to Christ draw near.

As Christians we must persevere, With loving hearts to God adhere, Setting our hearts on things above, Where all is peace and joy and love.

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"You complain that your husband recited poetry to you in season and out of season." "Yes, your honor; he evidently thought I took him for better or worse."

—By George McManus

### Bringing Up Father

