

for years, so as to be able to go to school in the day time. Treasurer of the King's Household, Thos. Griffith (Pontypool), a former half timer at the tin plate works, earning four pence a day. He entered Rusking College when 33 and maintained himself at Oxford with his wife and family on fifty shillings a week. Comptroller of the Royal Household, John Parkinson, (Wigan), who began work in the coal pits as a half timer at ten years of age and became a full timer at 12. Vice Chamberlain of the Household, John Davidson (Semthwick) who began work in a boot shop. All are labour members of the House of Commons. Their court duties will be largely nominal.

London, Feb. 5th.—The Earl of Cromer has been invited by the Government to retain the position of Lord Chamberlain.

Washington, Feb. 5th.—The Weather Bureau today issued the following: Advisory ten a m Northeast storm warning extended ten a m North of Boston to Eastport, Maine, storm of marked intensity and wide extent central of Indiana and moving slowly Northeastward. Small craft warnings displayed south of Delaware breakwater to Cape Hatteras.

Ottawa, Feb. 5th.—Their Excellencies the Governor General and Lady Byng of Vimy will represent their Majesties the King and Queen at the marriage on Monday next of His Royal Highness Prince Erik of Denmark to Miss Lois Booth.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 5th.—Stalled trains, broken wires and high drifted roads today told mutely the tale of the violent wind and snow storm that raged throughout the middle and northwest yesterday and all night. In six Wisconsin towns, travellers from seven passenger trains today await the coming of the coming of the snow ploughs that will permit them to proceed to their destination, their trains having been held up by drifts that in some places were reported ten feet deep. At Waukesha, Wisconsin, a Chicago Great Western train was reported "in distress" and needing aid, but all other trains in the Eastern part of the State pulled into stations, giving up the hopeless task of bucking snow drifts. A tangled maze of telegraph and telephone wires near Toman, Wisconsin, resulted in cutting off many Chicago circuits and throughout the entire storm zone, which extended as far south as Texas, wires had snapped under heavy loads of ice or been dragged down when over-burdened poles broke. Davenport, Iowa, according to radio messages, was cut off from communication to the North and East, while the severest storm of the Winter, with a fifty mile gale blowing prevailed at Zion, Illinois.

Luxor, Feb. 5th.—For the first time in 3200 years the great stone coffin of Tutankhamen stood forth today and shorn of its protective nest of golden shrines. The task proved less formidable than was first surmised and a few hours work,

yesterday sufficed to disengage the sarcophagus. Then it was seen that the enthusiasm evoked by the glimpse obtained four weeks ago of one lid of the sarcophagus, through the open doors of the enclosing shrines, was justified. As massive in construction, as it chastely simple in design and as untouched by the tooth of time, as it is inviolate from the hands of tomb robbers, this grandiose stone chest, gleaming pink beneath the glare of the electric lamps; must be acclaimed a unique specimen of the funerary of the eighteenth dynasty. The four crowned goddesses of death, who in traditional posture, stand at the four corners of the coffin with wings outspread to shield the dead monarch from the forces of evil are boldly and deeply incised, full bodied, with slender arms and powerfully winged, each with one hand grasping the "ankh" or key of life, which figures in the dead Pharaoh's name, the lid is massively solid and inscribed in bands with lines of hieroglyphics.

New York, Feb. 3rd.—The Lawn Tennis Association at their last annual meeting on Saturday, decided by an overwhelming vote to declare tennis player writers ineligible for amateur competition after January 1st 1925. The vote was 47,196 to 6,250.

Christiania, Feb. 5th.—It is feared here that the Amundsen exploration ship Maud, which is drifting with the ice in the Arctic Ocean, is in danger of grounding on the new Siberian Islands. A radio message from the vessel gave her position on Saturday as latitude 75.13 North, longitude 156.45 East.

London, Feb. 5th.—The scheduled 20 round heavy bout last night here, between George Cook, the Australian and Venderveer, the Dutch heavyweight champion from whom Erminio Spaha won the heavyweight championship of Europe, went the full route and was called a draw. The general impression was that Cook should have got the decision and therefore the referee's verdict met with a mixed reception.

New York, Feb. 5th.—The raw sugar market was quieter today, with no change in prices. Cuba's were offered at 7.28, duty paid, but no sales were reported.

London, Feb. 5th.—It is believed in many quarters that the fate of the Council of Ambassadors is trembling in the balance. Lord Crewe, the Ambassador to Paris, has returned to London to confer with the Premier. Mr. MacDonald's past utterances indicate that he regards the Council of Ambassadors as having outlived its usefulness as a means of solving European disputes, believing it to be lacking in both vision and courage. Unless Lord Crewe is able to convert him, it is believed that the Premier will drop the council and seek a more radical method of pooling European intelligence and feeling upon such problems as the Ruhr and reparations.

HAUGHTY SERVANTS AGAIN REASONABLE.

One effect of the widespread unemployment in England is the solution of the servant problem—at least temporarily. During the war when women took jobs in factories servants became very scarce and independent. Now there are long lines of housemaids and cooks waiting at all employment bureaux ready to take work on reasonable terms. The wife of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author, spiritualist and lecturer, started a new style by engaging men as house servants. She has a "parlor man," a "houseman" and a "between man," and declares the new system and not only aids the unemployed but is very satisfactory to the employer.—*The Pathfinder*.

THE EDITOR AND THE EGG.

The editor of the Berliner Tageblatt was hauled into court and fined for quoting eggs in his paper at 150 billion marks each, thus "attempting to raise prices artificially." He was told that the government had fixed the price at 130 billion marks each, and when he testified that his representatives had tried to get them at the government price but that the dealers refused to part with them for less than 150 billion marks he was informed that that made no difference.—*Ibid*.

STATESMEN FINALLY PARDONED.

King Boris with the consent of Parliament granted an amnesty to the 24 former cabinet members who had been held in prison for years as responsible for Bulgaria's entry into the second Balkan war, and into the World war on the side of the central powers. The men were charged with responsibility by a popular referendum and during agrarian rule headed by Premier Stanbulivski they were frequently threatened with execution. Permission was also granted to former King Ferdinand to return to Bulgaria, from which he fled after his abdication in 1918. He declared he wished to end his days in the country as a private citizen.—*Ibid*.

NEW PAPER MONEY ISSUED

The banks throughout the country have just received their first consignment of new paper money. According to the new plan all bills of the same denomination will look alike, whether they are gold certificates, silver certificates, federal reserve notes or national bank notes. The object is to make it as difficult as possible to counterfeit bills by raising the denomination. All \$1 bills will have the picture of Washington on them, while the fives will have a portrait of Lincoln.—*Ibid*.