

# New Cabinet To be Formed

In the British Kingdom After the Coming General Election There.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—At the autumn conference of the National Unionist Association, when the platform of the Unionist party was confirmed, it was made very clear that should there be a change of government in the United Kingdom, the task of forming the cabinet would fall upon the shoulders of Lord Lansdowne and not upon Bonar Law.

During the last few months, as all the fighting has been in the House of Commons, and attention has been attracted to that house more than to the House of Lords, Unionists as well as Liberals have come to regard Bonar Law as actually, if not technically, leader of his party, as well as of that part of it which sits in the House of Lords. At the conference, however, it was Lord Lansdowne, not Mr. Law, who was chosen to make the important announcement in regard to the policy of the party, a duty which invariably falls to the leader of the party. Mr. Law, it will be remembered, was chosen leader of the Unionist in the Commons when Mr. Balfour retired, but, unlike his predecessor, Mr. Law, it will be remembered, he is simply floor leader in the Lower House, and he obtained that position because the Conservative and Liberal-Unionist elements of what is now known officially as the Unionist party could not compose their differences and elect either of their leaders, Austen Chamberlain or Walter Long, to the place. Bonar Law has not been a great success as a leader and therefore the action of the national convention in making clear that he was not the leader of the party in the country. Mr. Law's direct manner pleases and arouses the younger element in his party. The great bulk of the old-line Conservatives, however, prefer the old quiet style, of which Mr. Balfour was the exemplar, and while they do not openly oppose, they privately object to the somewhat exaggerated views expressed by Mr. Law on what will happen in Ulster if home rule is passed, for example, or his support of the noisy interrupters in parliament, who the other evening pelted the prime minister with paper and in other ways acted in a manner unbecoming members of parliament.

The assumption by Lord Lansdowne of the leadership of the party also indicates that his health, which last summer it feared had broken down, has since greatly improved.

It was also rather marked that at the convention no mention was made of the referendum that was to precede the introduction of tariff reform, or tariff for revenue only, should the Unionists be returned. During the last election Mr. Balfour who is not a very ardent tariff reformer, was induced by what is known as the advisory committee of the party, consisting of three London editors, to say that should the Unionists succeed in the election the question of tariff reform would be referred to a vote of the people. Bonar Law, who at the time was yipping for a Manchester constituency, where tariff reform is not popular, and generally all the leaders and active members of the party took up the idea and in this way brought many Unionist free traders back into the fold. Joseph Chamberlain, the chief apostle of tariff reform, and his son, Austen Chamberlain, were the only prominent Unionists who repudiated the idea of a referendum, and declared, so far as their influence went, the return of the Unionists would mean the immediate introduction of a measure embodying the policy for which they had fought. Now the party in convention has adopted their view of the matter.

The other planks of the party platform was thus outlined by Lord Lansdowne:

"Restoration of the British Constitution, by which is meant the repeal of the Parliament Act, which deprived the Lords of their power of veto and the substitution of a measure reforming the Upper House.

"The maintenance of the Union with Ireland, coupled with the continuation of generous policy to Ireland so long as it remains part and parcel of us.

"The efficiency of national finance.

"A land policy not based on class hatred. We desire the cultivation of the land to better the lot of those who cultivate it, notably by increasing the number of those interested in it as owners of the soil."

Mrs. Ellen Sauborne, proprietress of the White House hotel, is able to be out again after a long illness.

## SHINNSTON

SHINNSTON, Dec. 7.—Miss Clara Richardson and Miss Augustine McDermott entertained the Progress Club at the former's home Tuesday evening. All the members of the club were present and the evening was spent in sewing. At an appropriate hour refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Mrs. J. Blaine Smith will return home Saturday after two weeks' visit to relatives in Suffolk, Va., and Charleston, S. C.

The well being drilled on the farm of the Lowes here a short distance from here is expected in at any time. Several good wells have been struck near here and the result will cause much interest by local people.

R. C. Lynch has opened a storage room in the building on Water street formerly occupied by the Shinnston Construction Company.

Mrs. L. B. Douglass left Wednesday for several days' visit to her husband, the Rev. L. B. Douglass, who is conducting a series of meetings at Pennsboro.

Miss Nannie Lowe's class in elocution will give an entertainment in the local theater Saturday evening, which promises to be well worth patronizing.

The small son of D. J. Cuninghame received a very severe injury when he fell against door last week. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haught, of Mannington, visited the former's mother, Mrs. Martha Haught, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chalfant and children, of Clarksburg, visited friends here recently. They made the trip in their touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Walker, of Fairmont, were recent guests of relatives here.

The Shakespeare Club held a special business session at the home of Mrs. Chester Cunningham Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Fred Nay and daughter, Martha, were Fairmont visitors recently.

Cecil and Willie Knapp have returned to Fairmont after several days' visit to their grandmother, Mrs. Ella Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira I. Weaver have gone to housekeeping in the Hursey residence on Station street.

George Riblett, Sr., who accidentally shot himself several days ago, is now convalescing.

Henson Woolter is able to be out again after a week's illness of tonsillitis.

John B. Lynch is able to resume his work after a very severe illness of grippe.

The Shinnston Light and Water Company's station was out of repair the first of the week, which greatly inconvenienced the many patrons.

Paul Harmer, of the Harmer Plumbing Company, is now able to resume his work after two weeks' illness.

Ella Cook, of Clarksburg, was a recent guest of Miss Bonnie Swiger. Jay Riggs, of the Rexall store, was a business visitor at Morgantown this week.

Harlan H. Pigott was a business visitor at Weston Wednesday and Thursday.

The new modern cottage which Miss Lizzie Monroe is having erected in the Monroe addition, will soon be completed. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Anderson will occupy the same.

Peter Henderson, of the Philadelphia Gas Company, was a business visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley returned Tuesday from a week's visit to relatives at Morgantown.

N. E. Goudy, of Fairmont, was a business visitor here this week.

Miss Mary Tetric will entertain the Senior Girls' Sewing Club at her home on the East Side this week.

R. S. Johnson was a business visitor at Fairmont Wednesday.

## WESTON

WESTON, Dec. 7.—The funeral of George Keller, an aged and well known citizen of the county, was held Thursday morning at his home on Limestone run near this city with burial in the Limestone cemetery. Mr. Keller was a highly respected citizen and many friends deplore his death.

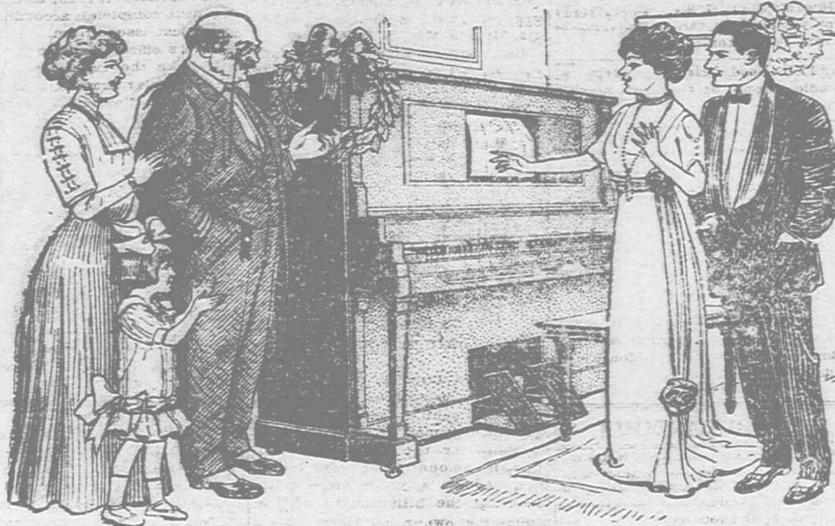
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Michael King, attorney, of Elkins, was in the city Thursday looking after legal business.

A class of ten new members was initiated into the Protected Home Circle Friday night. The floor work was given by S. S. Adams, of Wheeling, state deputy.

Miss Ethel Levier, of Clarksburg, is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Levier.

Mrs. Walter Tate very pleasantly entertained the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church Thursday night at her home on West Second street.

Mrs. J. A. Chittum, wife of the sheriff-elect, who was brought home Wednesday from St. Mary's hospital at Clarksburg where she had been for two weeks, is doing very nicely and her many friends will be glad to know she will soon be able to be out again.

Miss Vesta Nick was called to Clarksburg Friday to attend the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Roscoe Nick, at the Kessler hospital, where she recently underwent an operation.

The body of Mrs. Mary Pickeral, was taken to Burnsville Friday

morning and the funeral services and burial took place there.

Mrs. C. F. Davis is a guest of friends at Bridgeport.

Miss Gertrude McGann, trained nurse, was called to Philippi Friday to attend a case of pneumonia fever for Dr. Meyers.

Mrs. N. C. Cole was a guest of friends in Clarksburg Friday.

Miss Leona Dunham, stenographer for the Hope Lumber Company, is off duty on account of illness. Miss Grace Houghton is assisting with the work during her illness.

Roy Ramsburg has his new home on Broad street nearing completion. He will occupy it the first of the year.

J. R. Ray, traveling salesman for the Sun Lumber Company, has returned from a business trip north in the interest of the company.

One of the leading attractions booked for the Camden opera house during the coming week is the Traveling Salesman, which will appear next Thursday. Wednesday next "A Thoroughbred Tramp" will be played.

Louis Burrell has returned to the state university after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Burrell.

Mrs. N. C. Strader, of Crawford, is a guest of friend here.

Miss Mabel Hawkins, of Sutton, is a guest of Mrs. Frank Cady.

Miss Nora Flesher, of Edmiston,

has returned home after a visit to friends here.

Miss Edna Arnold very pleasantly entertained the Shakespeare Club Thursday afternoon at her home on Court avenue. Miss Hattie Brannon entertained the Whist Club Thursday evening at her home on Center avenue.

Miss Jess's King is assisting in Miss Dora Brinkley's millinery store during the holiday season.

Louis Bennett has returned from a business trip to Charleston, where he is interested in some oil and gas leases.

P. F. Reardon returned Friday from Chicago, where he was looking after business interests for the lamp black company of which he is manager.

The gas well that is being drilled on the hospital grounds is expected to come in this week. The prospects are good for a good gasket.

A. J. Riley has several carpenters employed on the new cottages he is building in the Shadybrook addition.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fitzgerald, of Pckens, have returned home after a visit here with their daughter, Mrs. W. E. Nordeck, on Broad street.

Mrs. John M. Flanigan and niece, Miss Florence Lambert, went to Salem Saturday morning to be guests of Flanigan's father, Mr. Edward S. Flanigan, over Sunday. Mr. Flanigan will join them Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

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