

Sweetest Applause

TOSCANINI AND
CHALIAPIN

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IF they played poker with Chaliapin with a shilling limit, said Kipnis, smiling, and Chaliapin lost two shillings "he was wild about that." He told jokes like nobody else, he acted them. Each joke he played like an actor on a stage.

Once when they were giving Russian opera at Chicago and Chaliapin was bored, he turned at the end of a song to face his valet in the wings and sang on the same note, in the Russian that only the players could understand, "Go to my hotel and get two bottles of wine there. I want to drink them as soon as this damned opera is over."

DURING his recent tour of Australia, Alexander Kipnis told me, he met another singer with whom he had an unusual association. That was Kirsten Flagstad, now world-famous, the Norwegian singer who is soon to tour New Zealand. For 15 years she had been an obscure singer, known only in Scandinavia. Six years ago Kipnis went to Oslo to take part in opera, and heard her voice. He was astonished at its quality and astonished still more to find that for 15 years she had been singing in comparative obscurity. He arranged for her to have an audition at Berlin. She was immediately engaged there for opera.

When he next went back to Scandinavia, he told me, the newspaper headlines did not say, "Alexander Kipnis is here." They said: "Discoverer of Flagstad Arrives."

Backstairs Politics

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Mr. Baldwin. When Mr. Baldwin resigned and Mr. Chamberlain was coming in, he should have said to Baldwin: 'You have supported my policy and I have worked with you. The policy of the incoming Prime Minister is not mine. I will go out with you.'

SEVERAL influences, however, says Mr. Ratcliffe, may have induced him to take the course of remaining. There was first the possibility of his being able to do some useful work by remaining and, secondly, the fact that Mr. Chamberlain was an elderly man, of no robust health. This fact must have been in the minds of those younger men in the Cabinet like Walter Elliot, Eden and Hore Belisha. Everybody thought that the Chamberlain Government would be short-lived, and someone must succeed him.

"So Eden stayed in," said Mr. Ratcliffe, "and in the end was broken."

"How things change!" said Mr. Ratcliffe. "There is Lloyd George. He can still wipe the floor with anyone in the House, but he is a spent force in politics. There was Ramsay MacDonald, politically dead three years before he died. There is Winston Churchill, still on the sidelines, waiting for his chance, but he is 64 now; he is getting old, his time of usefulness is going."

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