

ATTACK ON LORDS WILL BE PUSHED

Asquith Will Propose License and Land Tax for Enactment.

IRISH LAND BILLS KILLED

Only Half Work Planned for Closing Session Finished—Taxation Bills Expected to Win Favor With the Masses.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The first session of Parliament under the leadership of Herbert H. Asquith, will end on Monday with the breach between the Liberal party and the House of Lords wider than ever. Mr. Asquith is expected to endeavor to prolong his tenure of office through another session, despite talk of an early dissolution of Parliament and an appeal to the country against the action of the Lords with regard to the principal measures of this session.

May Propose Land Tax. It is expected that the main feature of the next session will be radical changes in taxation. The changes include the reform of the income tax, a high license for saloons and taxation on land values, which would chiefly affect brewers, landowners and the wealthy classes and which the Liberal leaders believe would prove popular with the masses.

Mr. Asquith and Lord Lansdowne, the chief government organ, "appear to have registered a vow that the Liberals should make no further progress with reforms in churches, schools, land and licensing. Hence the House of Lords question is for the Liberal party a question of its own existence and the obstacle the House of Lords put in the way of Liberal legislation must be removed."

Action of Closing Session. Of the ten important measures forecasted in the King's speech only five had a place in the statute books. These are the old age pension bill, the Irish university bill to which assent was given before the summer vacation, and measures during eight hours as the time minor shall work underground; providing for the purchase for \$15,000,000 of the London docks and placing them under a central authority, and the bill for the removal of children. The last named establishes police court trial for children, prohibits juvenile smoking and aims at preventing minors from visiting saloons. The promised measure for Irish land valuation never saw light and the Irish land purchase bill was dropped.

Bill to Check Suffragettes. The government passed an act empowering judges to give habitual criminals indeterminate sentences and a bill imposing penalties for attempts to break up public meetings. The latter is the result of the suffrage agitation. So active have the women been that the members of the cabinet were unable to secure a hearing at public meetings.

PULITZER TO SEE CANAL

Will Investigate, Arriving About Same Time as Taft. NEWPORT NEWS, Dec. 20.—Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, accompanied by a party of friends and several staff writers, arrived off Old Point Comfort today in Mr. Pulitzer's yacht, Liberty. It is said that he is on his way to Panama to investigate conditions prevailing in the canal zone and probably to secure evidence in connection with the purchase of the canal property by the government. According to information obtained at Old Point, the yacht will make the trip by easy stages, the publisher desiring to reach Panama about the time set for the arrival there of President-elect Taft. Mr. Pulitzer's trip is of special interest on account of the attitude of President Roosevelt in demanding that Congress have Mr. Pulitzer and other publishers prosecuted for attacking the Administration in connection with the canal purchase.

BILLIARD MATCH PLANNED

Sutton vs. Slosson, Hoppe vs. Sutton and Tournament. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—George Sutton has accepted a challenge from George Slosson for a match involving the championship of the world at 15-ball billiards. The choice devolving upon him, Sutton has selected New York for the match, and the game will be played Tuesday, January 26, in Madison-Square Garden concert hall. While Hoppe posted a 1000 forfeit accepting his challenge of George Sutton for a match at either 15.1 or 15.2 billiards, and announcement was made of a tournament at the 15-ball billiards game, with not more than six entrants to be held in this city on March 22 next.

SOUTH BEND TAKES PART

Agrees to Stand With Grays Harbor in Freight-Rate Fight. ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A committee of prominent business men of Raymond and South Bend, arrived in Aberdeen this afternoon and met with the terminal rates committee of Aberdeen and Hoquiam. The committee consists of A. C. Little, founder of Raymond; Winfield Scott, owner of the South Mill Company; H. W. Phall, cashier of the Willapa Harbor State Bank; Martin C. Welch, of the law firm of Welch, Welch & Ophelen; and S. B. Bannister, T. E. Pearson, of the South Bend Mills & Timber Company. It was decided to act with Grays Harbor hereafter in all matters relating to freight rates.

WOMAN'S DEATH MYSTERY

Worth Nearly Million She Is Found With Two Wills. PARIS, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Bristling with mysteries is the story of a Toulon woman, unmarried, 50 years of age, wealthy, but living as if on the verge of starvation, owning a beautiful chateau and at the same time a small stand in the public market, where she sold veg-

stables and who was found one evening drowned in the fountain of her own garden. She had been for years one of the most original characters in Toulon. Until only a few months ago she could be seen leaving her splendid chateau, which she had inherited from her brother, at 5 o'clock every morning, dressed in shabby old clothes, going to the market with a basketful of fruit and vegetables under her arm. At her stand she bargained as keenly over her wares with her customers as the other marketwomen, though it was known she was worth some \$800,000. Things continued in this way until a few months ago when a most extraordinary change came over the old market-woman. She gave up selling vegetables, purchased handsome toilettes, and suddenly became so fond of finery and good appearance that she had a hairdresser come to her house every morning. She had been spending the afternoon with her sister, but about 6 o'clock the woman was found dead in the basin. The idea of suicide or an accident, which was at first current, has been given up, and it is stated that all the evidence points to the woman having been thrown into the water. She had in her possession at the time two drafts of two separate wills, which are in her handwriting. The authorities have no clue as to the probable murderers.

DEATH REVEALS ROMANCE

BODY OF MONTESANO GIRL CLAIMED IN LOS ANGELES. Mother of Lad Who Went Insane When Refused Right to Marry Girl, Makes Claim. ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Steps in what may be an impending contest for the estate left by Miss Hazel Douglas, who was burned to death by the explosion of a lamp at the home of Edredge Wiesler, in Montesano last week, have been taken by Mrs. Carrie McSaul. Behind this lies a boy and girl romance. Miss Douglas was reared in the home of Mrs. McSaul and there she fell in love with the son of Mrs. McSaul. But the mother and guardian did not approve. While Miss Douglas never told the whole story, yet enough of it is known to surmise that she either was sent away from the McSaul home, or left after a term of illness which confined the boy to a hospital for a long time and from which he has never recovered. He is said now to be insane.

Since she left Los Angeles, Miss Douglas appears to have refrained from corresponding with Mrs. McSaul. After the accident last week and when she realized that her wounds would probably result in death, the girl asked that a letter be sent to Mrs. McSaul detailing the matter of the accident. This was done.

Miss Douglas died last Monday morning, Wednesday, two days after her death, and a day after the funeral. The coroner and the Montesano National Bank received the following telegram in duplicate: "Hold body of Hazel B. Douglas until further advised by Mrs. Carrie McSaul, care Security Savings Bank, Los Angeles." This was followed yesterday by a second telegram to the coroner and the bank, demanding that the body be embalmed and shipped to Los Angeles. This will not be done. Whether Mrs. McSaul is now repentant for her treatment of Miss Douglas, or whether she has learned that the girl died possessed of some money, is a question.

TO TALK ACROSS ATLANTIC

Italian Scientist Has Method for Telephoning Along Cable. ROME, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Captain Anzalone, whose discovery of a method of transatlantic telephony along submarine cables was recently reported, has returned to Italy for Marsellia, Havre and other French ports, where, at the invitation of the government, he is to conduct a series of experiments across the Atlantic. While acknowledging the remarkable results achieved by Professor Majorana in wireless telegraphy, Captain Anzalone continues to profess complete skepticism as to the solution of the problem of transatlantic telephony on the same principle as radiotelegraphy. "The transmission of the human voice involves a series of oscillations so exceedingly frequent and so exceedingly minute," he said, "that my scientific studies convince me we shall never be able to talk across the Atlantic or the Pacific for practical industrial everyday purposes by electric waves without wires."

GLANDERS PROVES FATAL

Five Persons Reported Dead With Chance of Others Unrecognized. LONDON, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—That terrible and mysterious disease glanders has caused the death of at least five human beings in London in the past 10 weeks. There are probably other cases which have not been recognized. A veterinary surgeon said that many cases at London hospitals had been treated as another disease, and that there was a possibility of 18 out of 20 victims of glanders being buried without discovery of the actual cause.

PLAN VERDI CELEBRATION

Milan to Have Theatrical Exposition to Honor Composer. MILAN, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—An international theatrical exposition is to be held in this city in 1913, in commemoration of the first centenary of the birth of Giuseppe Verdi. This exhibition will be divided into three main sections: (a) The theater, which will include reproductions of ancient, medieval and modern buildings, scenery, fashions, representations of mysteries, tournaments, etc.; (b) music, embracing all manner of instruments; (c) artists and theatrical literature, which will be included everything appertaining to actors and their work.

DYING, HE KILLS ROBBER

Deadly Duel Between Police Chief and Criminals on Street. ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 20.—In a pistol duel on the main street of Wytheville, Va., today, Chief of Police Walter McCintock and E. A. Cregger were killed. McCintock shot Cregger to death after he himself had been mortally wounded. The two bodies fell near each other in the thoroughfare.

DOG ENTERTAINS ENGLISH

Brindle and Count Receive Titled Visitors at Carlton Hotel. LONDON, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—What

CASTRO WILL ADD TO ARMY AND NAVY

Wants German Officers for Instructors in Caracas Military Academy.

CANNOT CONTINUE FAVOR

Tagblatt Says That Government Must Enforce Obligations or Withhold Friendliness—Semi-Official Organ Ignores Him.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The Berlin Neueste Nachrichten today prints an article "from a well-informed source" warning the German press against adopting an unfriendly attitude toward President Castro of Venezuela. The writer says that Germany's business interests should cause the newspapers to refrain from offensive allusions such as "ex-cowboy" and "President of a robber state."

Considering Addition to Equipment. Castro, the article continues, is considering a large addition to the equipment of both army and navy and is thinking of placing the orders in Germany. The Venezuelan President is also seeking instructors for his military academy, recently established in Caracas, and is likely to give preference to officers from the German army. All this leads the Neueste Nachrichten writer to hope that Germany will strive to obtain a permanent influence politically and economically in Venezuela.

Many of the newspapers in their weekly political reviews deal with Senator Castro's visit in connection with the Venezuelan situation. The Tagblatt says: "Cannot Show Favor. The German government cannot much longer show favor toward the President unless he gives assurances that Venezuela will fulfill the obligations."

A notable fact is that the semi-official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung utterly ignores the presence of Senator Castro. Such a course has never before been adopted when the chief of a foreign state was visiting Germany, although in a private capacity.

MILLERS' SESSION SECRET

Head Men of Northwest Association Meet in Spokane. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Representing more than \$5,000,000 invested in the flour manufacturing industry in Washington and Oregon, and four mills giving employment to thousands of people, the Northwest Millers' Association of the Pacific Northwest met in session at the Spokane Hotel, Mr. Thompson, of Seattle, president of the association, declined to discuss the matter, but said that the millers are extremely optimistic concerning the outlook for the flour industry during the coming year. Prospects for the Oriental trade are exceptionally bright, while the demand for flour for domestic consumption is increasing rapidly.

50 BARRELS OF WHISKY

Federal Court Orders Spirits Destroyed for Violating Food Law. BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 20.—The first case of seizure of whisky under the pure food act which has been put on trial here last night was today finally disposed of in the United States District Court when it was decreed that the whisky, valued at 50 barrels, be destroyed and that the makers, the Louisiana Distillery Company, of New Orleans, be required to give bond that they will not continue the sale of the liquor under "bourbon" whisky brands. During the test the Government declared that the whisky was a product of molasses, and therefore was not bourbon whisky. The Government won the case and counsel for defense today gave notice that motion heretofore made to have the case taken to the United States Court of Appeals was withdrawn.

FRENCH WATCH JAPANESE

Soldiers Will Visit Mikado's Land to Get Military Ideas. PARIS, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The French Minister of War, General Piquart, announces his intention of sending a few French officers each year to study the organization of the Japanese army in Japan. General Piquart has realized that much progress of Japan is due to the Japanese assimilation of Western methods, and he believes that French soldiers may, in their turn, learn much from the East. He will select every year, therefore, a few French officers who know English well and send them for two years to Japan. He has also started special classes this month for the teaching of Japanese to officers who wish to do so.

WOMEN STAND OFF POSSE

Two Mortally Wounded in Pistol Duel in Texas. LUFKIN, Texas, Dec. 20.—Refusing to surrender to a posse of young men, a man and a woman were endeavoring to arrest on a minor charge, Mrs. Joseph Ferguson and her daughter, Bertha, engaged in a pistol duel with members of a posse of citizens who came to the aid of the officers, during which the two women were mortally wounded at their home near here today. When Sheriff Watt and his deputies went to the hotel of Mrs. Ferguson, they were denied admittance and held at bay by the women for four hours.

LUNATIC SWALLOWS KNIFE

Then Adds Fork, Rags and Woolen Muffler to Collection. LONDON, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The chief medical superintendent of the Richmond (Dublin) Lunatic Asylum has reported that a male patient complained of continual pains, and stated that he had swallowed a knife and fork. On opening the man's stomach, the medical staff found in it a large knife, a fork, a quantity of rags, and a woolen muffler. The doctor declared that the patient was now making a good recovery.

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must be written of as the quaintest "at home" of the season took place at the Carlton Hotel the other day. The reception was given jointly by Count de Beaufort and his friend "Bob," a fine, heavy, brindle bulldog, valued at \$2500.

The Count, who is a young bachelor of 27, issued regular invitation cards, with a portrait of "Bob" printed on them, and with the message underneath: "I hope you will come." In July last, when his master was living in New York, Bob captured a burglar who paid the Count's quarters a visit. Since then Bob has been a hero. The dog got quite used to holding receptions on the other side of the "pond," and now that his master has come to this side Bob is able to greet his English friends. Among those who attended the reception were Sir Bindon Blood, the Hon. Rudolph Le-mieux (Postmaster-General of Canada), Lady Weldon, General Sir Harry and Lady Prendergast, Miss Hart (daughter of Sir Robert), Lady Mary Cunningham, Sir Lawrence and Lady Jenkins.

INVADES ELITE SECTION

BRANCH STANDARD OIL AMONG BRITISH BLUEBLOODS. Two Big Business Blocks Erected in Most Exclusive Residence District of London.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Great interest is being experienced in London at the enterprise of the Anglo-American Oil Company, which is the name of the principal branch of the Standard, in invading one of the most exclusive and aristocratic sections of the West End. The company is erecting two large buildings fronting on the south side of St. James Park, at the entrance known as Queen Anne's Gate. The park is faced on the west by Buckingham Palace, while the foreign offices, the admiralty buildings and a group of residences of high officials overlook the opposite end. The Standard House, the residence of the Duke of Connaught's home, and Carlton House Terrace, where the German embassy, the residences of Clarence Mackay, Mrs. Potter Palmer and other notables are situated, range along the north side of the park. The Standard buildings are on the south side, opposite the German embassy, and command a fine view of the ponds and walks. Just back of these are Queen Anne's mansions, apartment-houses which were built in London and regarded as skyscrapers.

ing a floating dock in the lower reaches of the River Medway, capable of accommodating a vessel of 30,000 tons displacement. The floating dock will be moored just above Queenborough, and will be worked from Sherness dockyard. A second set of moorings will be laid further up the river, so that in the event of war it could be removed to a spot out of reach of hostile gun-fire from the sea.

FINDS FAMOUS PAINTING

English Rector Presented With Dirty Covered Spanish Masterpiece. LONDON, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A few weeks ago the rector of St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham street, was presented with an old painting covered with dirt. A careful removal of the dirt revealed an exceptionally fine and dramatic masterpiece representing the dead Saviour supported by a draped angel, with two child angels at his feet and the Virgin Mary in the background, by the Spanish master, Juan Bautista Maso. Juan Bautista Maso ranks in importance next only to Velasquez, his master and father-in-law. Indeed, Maso's best pictures in public and in galleries generally pass under Velasquez's name.

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DISINHERITED FORM CLUB

Sons Left Without Shilling Propose to Have Law Changed. LONDON, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Sons whom irate parents have threatened to cut off with the proverbial shilling will probably support a proposed new society the object of which will be to secure by law that no child shall be wholly disinherited except for an adequate reason. G. W. Bower, a city solicitor, is moving in the upper chamber of the House of Commons yesterday, said: "As the law stands at present rank injustice to a child or children is not sufficient reason for cutting off a child or children. It will be unjust and yet unless undue influence or insanity can be shown, both of which are hard to prove, that will not be upset. Now the proposal is to give the English jury a new power, namely, that of equitable grounds. Once formed, the society would use every effort by canvassing members of Parliament to obtain an alteration in the existing law. It would be a jury to decide what would be an adequate reason for disinheriting a son or daughter."

BUYS BRIDE BY POUND

Mayor Fixes Price at 37 Cents and Groom Pays \$60. VIENNA, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—In one district of the Tyrol, a custom prevails by which a bridegroom pays the parents of the bride a sum of money before the marriage ceremony takes place. Recently a peasant in the village of Kolked could not come to terms with the parents of his sweetheart, so they called upon the Mayor of the village to decide on the purchase price. The Mayor, who is a cattle dealer, valued the young woman at 37 cents per pound. Her weight was found to be 160 pounds, apparently much pleased with his bargain.

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