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LIBERALS HOLDING GROUND IN BRITAIN

More Seats Won Than They Had Hoped.

UNIONISTS GROW DESPONDENT

Reduction of Liberal Majority Less Than Expected.

JOHN BURNS WINS AGAIN

Former Dock Laborer Overcomes Violent Opposition of Men Who Cry "Traitor"—Disturbances Occur in Several Cities.

SYNOPSIS OF RESULTS MADE.
Returns from the British elections up to date show that the Liberal government has suffered smaller losses than its own supporters anticipated. The Liberals so far have lost 29 seats net in election of 108 members. The total membership is 670, two seats having been vacant.
The membership of the recent House of Commons was: Liberals, 363; Nationalists, 81; Socialists, 1; total government coalition, 600.
Unionsists, 168.
Liberal coalition majority over Unionsists, 332.
Liberal majority over all other parties, 62.
If the Liberals should continue to lose seats at the same rate as at present, they will lose approximately 102, which would wipe out their majority over all other parties combined and make possible their defeat by a coalition of Unionsists, Nationalists and Laborites, which, however, seems beyond possibility. But their strength has yet to elect, and it is not the amount of seats lost which will be maintained.
It is extremely probable, however, from the way the election is going, that the Liberals will be dependent on either the Labor or Nationalist party for its existence, for the loss of 32 seats means the wiping out of its majority over all. In that case, it must yield to home-rule demands for Ireland or radical labor demands, or both.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—At the conclusion of today's polling in the general election the parties stand as follows:
Unionsists 52, Liberals 77, Laborites 14, Nationalists 12. Net gain for the Unionsists 22.
The government fared much better today than its most ardent supporters expected. The Unionsists gained 19 seats, the Liberals 4, and the Laborites 1, making a net gain for the Unionsists for the day of 14, one less than they gained in the former elections on Saturday.
This practically assures the return of the Liberals to power with a fair majority, for among the places still to poll are those in Scotland and Wales, which always are solidly Liberal.
Liberal Majority Reduced.
There were few surprises today. Some expected that John Burns, president of the local government board, would be defeated in Battersea, but won out. Other state officials who had to fight for their seats and were successful were Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, and C. E. Hobhouse, financial secretary to the treasury in Bristol, and Dr. T. MacNamara, secretary to the admiralty, in Camberwell. Their majorities were greatly reduced.
This happened all through the country, the huge majorities secured in 1906 showing big reductions in almost all cases. Many Liberals, who became members of the House of Commons by the grace of the landlords that year, have been sent back to private life. Among them is Hamar Greenwood, a Canadian, who represented York and was considered a prominent candidate for high office. Another Canadian, Joseph Martin, ex-premier of British Columbia, was more successful, winning the seat for St. Pancras, East.
Prominent Members Beaten.
Other prominent members defeated include L. G. Chiozza, money, apostle of free trade, who lost his seat for North Paddington, and Will Crooks, labor leader, for Woolwich. Sir H. Robson, Liberal candidate for North Kensington, failed to get a majority, as did also Sir John Gort, an ex-minister and at one time a member of the fourth party, whose leading spirits were A. J. Balfour and Lord Randolph Churchill.
On the other side Lord R. Cecil and George Stewart Boles, who ran as free trade Unionsists, failed to overthrow Philip Snowden, labor leader, and Sir Thomas Barclay Blackburn.
Doctors had much to do with the defeat of Claud Hay, Unionsist, in the Oxford division of Shoreditch. His opponent was Dr. C. Addison, a famous consulting surgeon. Hay on the platform made disparaging remarks about the profession and, as a result, the whole fraternity turned out to assist Dr. Addison.
Unionsist leaders who ran today, including A. J. Balfour, A. Bonar Law,

SEATTLE WOMAN CAPTURES THIEF

BURGLAR IS HELD IN KITCHEN UNTIL POLICE ARRIVE.

Finding Man Has Donned Suit of Husband's Clothes, She Compels Him to Take It Off!

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The plucky work of Mrs. W. H. Hunter, of 214 Thirtieth avenue, in grabbing a burglar who had entered her house through a bedroom window, taking him to another room and forcing him to take off a suit of her husband's clothes that he had stolen, was the direct cause of the arrest of Harold Hargmon, an Englishman, who answered the description of a man who for the past month has been prowling around the Capitol Hill residence district and has robbed some 25 houses in the daytime.
The man came to the back door of the Hunter residence at 10 o'clock this morning and tried to sell Mrs. Hunter a patent mop. She declined to buy and the fellow walked around the house, finding a bedroom window open, he crawled through it and calmly donned a suit of clothes belonging to Mrs. Hunter's husband.
Hearing a noise in the bedroom, Mrs. Hunter entered just as the intruder was starting to make his escape. She called the man and took him into the kitchen.

EVANSVILLE BANK CLOSED

Citizens National, \$1,400,000 Deposited, Shut by Examiner.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 17.—Announcement today that the Citizens National Bank would suspend temporarily, pending an investigation into its affairs by National Bank Examiner W. C. Johnson, of Indianapolis, astonished thousands who had implicit confidence in the institution. The main statement of the examiner, made in advance of the hour of opening today, served somewhat to allay the alarm, and the demonstration around the bank doors by depositors.
The \$1,400,000 of private money in the bank includes the commercial deposits besides probably as many small accounts as any National bank in the city. Examiner Johnson said he was surprised to give data on the condition of the bank, but he hoped conditions would be such that the depositors could be paid in full. This same hope is offered in the brief notice posted by the directors on the bank's doors.
It is known that out of the \$1,400,000 of deposits, the Citizens National has an considerable proportion in which the credit is weak, but just how much is a question. Individual items in excess of \$50,000 caused the first suspicion of the examiner.
It is said that President S. G. Gillett has borrowed to that extent, but he has made over personal property to indemnify the bank. So far as known, the bank is not in a position to pay its depositors. The cause of the alleged mismanagement of the institution.

NEW TURN IN SWOPE CASE

Autopsy May Be Made on Friend Who Died Two Days Previous.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 17.—If the examination of the stomach of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, now being made by Chicago physicians, reveals poison, an autopsy will be made on the body of James M. Hutton, a close friend of the dead millionaire, who died suddenly in a hotel in New York on October 23, prior to Colonel Swope's death. Apology was given as the cause of death. The Clark County prosecutor, said tonight that he would start criminal action in the case on his own initiative merely upon the receipt of a telegram from the attorney who represents Swope heirs, now in Chicago, saying poison had been found in Colonel Swope's stomach. Before he will issue a warrant for an arrest, he must have sworn statements from the examining doctor.

STRIKERS SEEK MISS TAFT

Aid of President's Daughter Asked by New York Girls.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Helen Taft, daughter of President Taft, who was retained yesterday by the strikers, systematic interest in the Philadelphia shirtwaist strike, has been invited to come to New York to strike a peace situation here. The invitation was sent by Miss Violet Pike, one of the Vassar undergraduates who enlisted in the ranks of the strikers at the time.
"We would be glad to have Miss Taft come here," said Miss Pike, "and study the conditions among the waist girls at first hand. I believe it would be a good thing to have the sympathy and co-operation of a young woman like Miss Helen Taft."

DETECTIVES ARE RELEASED

Men Accused of Hindering Detective Burns Are Let Off.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Harry Nelson, Cliff Middleman, Harry Zoller and John R. Hayes, the detectives held to answer before the Superior Court yesterday for the arrest of the Special Agent William J. Burns while he was investigating the dynamiting of the house of J. L. Gallagher, star witness for the graft prosecution, were released today by Judge Cabanis with the consent of Assistant District Attorney J. F. Brennan.

MONEY OBTAINED FALSELY

Man Who Posed as Press Representative Is Convicted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Julius M. Waterbury, of New York, was convicted today of false pretenses on three counts on an indictment charging that in the Chicago Press in 1908 he obtained money by false pretenses from Representatives Hill of Iowa and Bartholdt of Missouri, and Ormsby Mearns, assistant

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Judge Wolverton Intimates Conspiracy Proof Lacking.

EX-SOLON MAIN WITNESS

George H. Cattanch, Former Representative From Grant County, Recounts '01 Senatorial Election—Protests Are Cited.

Oregon politics, figuring in the Senatorial election of 1901, when John H. Mitchell defeated George W. McBride for United States Senator, were introduced yesterday in the trial of Elmer Hermann for alleged complicity in the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve conspiracy. This testimony was introduced by the Government through George H. Cattanch, Republican Representative from Grant County at that session, over the objections of Mr. Worthington for the defense.
In overruling the objection of defense, Judge Wolverton held it was competent for the Government to introduce testimony covering a wide range if it should be proved material as establishing the relationship that existed between parties to the conspiracy and served to connect the defendant with that conspiracy.
In answer to preliminary questions by Attorney Heney, Mr. Cattanch had recalled that Mays was a member of the State Senate and that he, Cattanch, and H. A. Smith, now deceased, were members of the House of Representatives at the 1901 session. The witness, who marked that session, Senator Mitchell was a candidate for re-election but was opposed by the late H. W. Corbett. Mr. Cattanch was about to go into the details of that contest, when Attorney Worthington objected.
"I object seriously to this form of examination of the witness since the testimony apparently in no manner concerns the defendant," insisted counsel for the defendant. "I fail to see the competency of such testimony. It involves an unnecessary consumption of time and serves only to open the way for an inquiry into a thousand different situations. If we keep bringing these trifles into the case the court and jury will be kept here for two years."
Heney After Details.
"The relationship between the parties implicated in this controversy is always proper to be inquired into," answered Attorney Heney, "and we have the right to conduct such an inquiry even if it covers a period of several years. The purpose of this examination is to show the political relations existing between Mitchell, Mays, Jones and Smith and we have the right to establish those relations for the reason that all of these are defendants in the indictment which is being tried. This testimony will be

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NEW BONDS ARE PROPOSED

Chairman Mondell, of Lands Committee, Introduces Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The issuance of \$30,000,000 Government ten-year 3 per cent bonds for reclamation projects desired by the Administration is provided for in a bill introduced today by Chairman Mondell of the House committee on public lands. Mr. Mondell also offered the only other of the eight bills sent him by President Taft and Secretary Ballinger, which he approves, to allow more liberal assignments of homestead entries of reclamation lands.
Mr. Mondell saw the President today and later declared his position in the matter had not been correctly stated. He said he was not opposed to conservation. He objected, however, to the form and purpose of four of the most important of the eight bills prepared by Secretary Ballinger to carry out the President's wishes.
Warship Wrecked, 3 Die
French Sloop Martial in Balearic Islands Disaster—Four Hurt.
MINORCA, Balearic Islands, in the Mediterranean, Jan. 17.—The French War Sloop Martial was wrecked today on the coast of Minorca Island. Three of the crew were drowned and four others were injured.

WALSH HAS ONLY GLIMMER OF HOPE

Supreme Court Denies Hearing to Banker.

HE RECEIVES NEWS LIKE STOIC

Unmoved, "Iron Man" Telephone Decision to Wife.

NEW TRIAL AGAIN SOUGHT

Attorneys No Sooner Learn of Reverse Than They Renew Fight on Ground One Juror Was Coerced by Others.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Fate struck John R. Walsh her final crushing blow today when the Supreme Court of the United States declined to entertain his plea for a writ of certiorari, and by that act doomed him to serve five years in the Government Prison at Fort Leavenworth for misapplying the funds of the Chicago National Bank.
Standing amid the ruins of what he had planned to be a great career, stripped of his once great fortune, this gray old man of 72, this financial master-builder, who had molded a penniless boy into one of the great money kings of his age, turned to receive the blow a face that was impassive and unflinching as that of fate herself.
Walsh Takes Blow Like Stoic.
Word that the petition had been denied came by telephone to the Grand Central Station, where Mr. Walsh was at work. In the room with him were his son, John W., and two United States Deputy Marshals detailed to guard the former banker. The son received the message. He broke the news to his father in a faltering voice. Mr. Walsh received it without the quiver of a muscle.
"The petition denied, you say?" he asked. "Well, well, is that the end? I hope not. I guess not. We shall see what we shall see."
For a moment he stood silent in the middle of the room. Then he turned back to the desk, took up the receiver of the telephone and asked for the number of his house. The Deputy Marshals, who saw what was coming, stepped into the adjoining apartment.
"Is that you, Mary?" he asked.
"The news is not good. The petition has been denied, but there's a good fighting chance left."
Then he turned back to his desk and went on with his work as though nothing had happened.
Beaten, He Is Undaunted.
Throughout the remainder of the trying day Mr. Walsh manifested the same composure which characterized him during the whole four years of the desperate legal battling that reached its finish with the Supreme Court's decision of today. Ruined as completely as it is possible for a man to be ruined, fallen from the very pinnacle of success.

WIFE DRANK WINE, CHRISTY CHARGES

ATTORNEY GOT HER PROMISE TO "CUT OUT BOOZE."

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT ARTIST ALSO QUOTES IMPROPER LANGUAGE USED BY FAIR PLAINTIFF.

ZANESVILLE, O., Jan. 17.—An attack upon Mrs. Maybelle Thompson Christy was begun by her husband, Howard Chandler Christy, the artist, in the Probate Court here today, when the defense introduced testimony in the suit brought by Mrs. Christy to obtain possession of 12-year-old Natalie Christy. Attorney C. C. Lemert, for Mrs. Christy, announced that they would present no more evidence.
The deposition of Attorney Frank F. Vandover, of New York, was read in behalf of Mr. Christy. The attorney said he had had several conferences with Mrs. Christy and that she had told him that she had "cut out booze," and had nothing more to do with Purdy, the former Christy chauffeur, who was frequently mentioned in last week's testimony. Vandover also quoted profane language which he alleged Mrs. Christy used in conversation with him.

SILETZ RELIEF BILL UP

Measure Drafted by Interior Department Is Submitted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Senator Chamberlain and Representative Hawley today introduced a bill, drawn by the Interior Department, granting relief to bona fide settlers on the Siletz Reservation. The bill is even broader in its provisions than the Hawley bill previously introduced. It provides: "No homestead entry made of lands within the former Siletz Indian Reservation upon which proof was submitted without protest or objection prior to December 31, 1906, shall be canceled and the land returned to the public domain with the law in the matter of residence and cultivation, where it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that the entry was made for the exclusive use and benefit of the entryman, and that he built a habitable house upon the land and actually entered into occupation thereof and cultivated a portion of the tract entered; and where any such entry has heretofore been canceled, same may be reinstated upon application filed within six months from the passage of this act, where, at the date of the filing of such application, no other entry is of record covering such land. Provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent or forestall investigation by the land department of any such entry upon any pending charge of fraud in connection with the making or perfection of the same."
DANCER, TOO SLOW, IS SHOT
Man From "Wild West" Plays Cruel Joke in Gotham.
NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—"I'm from the wild and woolly West," yelled a stranger in an uptown hotel today, as he drew a six-shooter and pointed it at the new party leathers of a mid-mannered young man.
"Dance, you tenderfoot, dance."
The terrified young man did his best, but the stranger demanded:
"Faster, you dude, faster."
The young man could not get faster and the man with the gun sent a bullet through his ankle and quickly escaped into the street. The victim is in a hospital with a permanently crippled foot and the police are seeking for the man with the revolver.

NAPLES WORKMEN RIOT

Fully 20,000 Laborers Up in Arms Over House-Rent Increase.

NAPLES, Jan. 17.—Twenty thousand persons took part in rioting here yesterday, in which a police captain's head was broken and several policemen and many rioters were injured. The arrival of troops prevented the mob from triumphing. The Mayor's proposal to build houses does not meet the demands of the mob, and agitation continues.

IRRIGATION DAM IS DONE

Highest Structure in World to Feed 159,000 Wyoming Acres.

CODY, Wyo., Jan. 17.—The last bucketful of concrete for the highest dam ever erected in the world to impound the floodwaters of the Shoshone River, eight miles above Cody, was put in place today and the event is being celebrated in fitting fashion.
The dam is the highest structure of its kind in the world, 325 feet high and 85 feet long at the bottom and 200 feet long at the top.
It is designed to hold back floodwaters of the Shoshone, which will form an artificial lake ten miles square. This is expected to furnish water for the irrigation of 150,000 acres.

MORE TINS OF OPIUM FOUND

Hidden in Ship's Hold Was \$8000 in Contraband Goods.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Further search of the steamship Siberia by the customs officials today revealed 79 additional tins of opium secreted in various parts of the vessel.
Including today's find, nearly \$8000 worth of opium has been found on the Siberia since she came into this port.

INSURGENTS IN WAR WITH SELVES

Insurrection Is Due at Early Date.

DEMOCRATS WANT RIGHTS

Would Name Members on Inquiry Committee.

RAINEY AND JAMES HURT

Fear Expressed by Regular Republicans That Illinois and Kentucky Democrats Might "Muss Up Things"—Row Started.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—An insurrection within the insurgent ranks seems impending.
There are marked differences of opinion among the opponents of Cannonism in the House over the right of the Democrats to select the Democratic members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee.
Yielding to the suggestions of the President, the insurgents experienced no difficulty in agreeing to enter a party caucus to select the Republican members of the House end of the committee, the condition being imposed, it was understood at the time that the Democrats in caucus should be unrestrained in naming members of that party to act for the House.
Regular Republicans Start Things.
When it became known that Representatives Henry Rainey of Illinois, and Ollie James of Kentucky, had been chosen by the Democrats, the regular Republicans commenced to complain. The fact was that Rainey and James would "muss up things."
They both have the reputation of being extreme partisans and, as members of the investigating committee, would unquestionably take prominent parts in its affairs. That they might embarrass some of the witnesses with questions, may have been the thought which caused the Cannon organization in the House to flatly announce opposition.
All of the insurgents are unqualifiedly in favor of a free and full investigation, without regard to who is hurt, but should the plan of the regulars be carried out to oust Rainey and James, several of the insurgents cannot see their way clear to deserting their party.
Political Effect Feared.
While they themselves have no material objection to the members selected by the Democratic caucus, they fear the political effect in their districts should they combine with the Democrats simply for the purpose of permitting the minority to name Democratic members upon a committee.
The position of the insurgents find themselves occupying is embarrassing in the extreme. Developments may not force them out into the open.
Much comment and not a little criticism were heard today in the corridors of the Capitol from members of Congress over the probable personnel of the Ballinger-Pinchot committee.
While open charges are not made by anyone that the committee is to be deliberately packed, the fear is expressed that its personnel will not command as much public confidence as could be desired.
The only objection to Rainey and James among the Republican regulars is that they are "troublemakers." They are both partisans and on the committee would make as much political capital out of it as possible.

FARMER KILLS AGED SIRE

Son, Father's Tenant, Ordered to Vacate Ranch, Shoots.

CAMERON, Mo., Jan. 17.—Joseph Montz, a farmer, shot and killed his father, Alexander Montz, at his home near here today. The son, 31 years old, who was a tenant of his father, 67 years old, had been ordered by the latter to vacate the farm. The elder Montz went to his son's house to insist upon the son's removal and the shooting resulted.
The son and his wife taken surrendered to the sheriff, claiming self-defense. On account of strong feeling and threats against the young man among the neighbors, he was hurried into hiding by the Sheriff.

RAILROAD SEEKS BONUS

Cools Bay and Cash Line Asks \$150,000 Bonus on Completion.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The promoters of the Cools Bay & Bols Railroad, which is being surveyed from this place to Roseburg, are asking for a bonus of \$150,000 at the moment not to be paid until 30 days after the road is in operation.
The people of Cools Bay will be approached with subscription papers and an effort will be made to raise the necessary bonus.

POSTMASTERS ARE NOMINATED

Oregonian News Bureau Washington, Jan. 17.

The President today nominated John H. Williams as postmaster at Hermiston, Or. The following Washington postmasters were nominated: Jacob F. Hill, Davenport; James P. Rosenbaugh, Harrington, and Robert M. Stenhouse, Moscow.

