

BALFOUR REACHES EXPLAINING POINT

Sidetracking of Tariff Reform Splits British Tories Asunder.

REFERENDUM UNDER FIRE

Asquith Says It Fails as Means of Learning Public Opinion in Other Countries—Nine Elections Not Contested.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—There is a possibility of an unexpected result from the attempt of A. J. Balfour, the opposition leader, to remove tariff reform from the immediate field of politics. The question looms larger than ever in the campaign tonight, so that Mr. Balfour himself, in a speech at Reading, was fain to explain that his party had not altered its views on this subject and that tariff reform was still a chief plank in the party's constructive policy; but he explained, the Unionists needed to obtain the formal and explicit consent of the people thereto. The policy of referendum, he said, was consistent with the true idea of popular government.

Tories Split Asunder.

Mr. Balfour's announcement on November 29 that he was willing to submit tariff reform to a referendum has rather surprised than knit his party and has supplied the Liberals with another effective argument against tariff reform, namely that Mr. Balfour has been compelled to sidetrack it. Interest in the speeches tonight centered in Premier Asquith's reply to the opposition leader at Reading, Wood-averhampton. The Premier said: "We are living in times of rapid movement, when it is a relief to wake any morning and not find some fresh part of the constitution reconstructed." He described Mr. Balfour's "about face" on the questions of reform of the House of Lords as a unique, almost unprecedented. He said that he could not imagine a greater caricature of the referendum than putting a few abstract questions to the people without concrete embodiment in their proposals. If any one but a responsible statesman had contemplated such a scheme, he would be called a mad man.

Referendum Found Failure.

After a study of the working of the referendum in foreign countries, the Premier continued, he had arrived at the conclusion that it had proved a most unsatisfactory and disappointing method of ascertaining public opinion. Winston Spencer Churchill, Home Secretary, addressed several meetings at Dundee tonight. The Home Secretary had a special guard of detectives against suffragist attentions. In many constituencies nominations will be made tomorrow and in at least nine instances there will be no contest. These include the City of London seats and those held by Joseph Chamberlain and Jesse Collins of Birmingham and George Wryndham of Dover. The weather for the campaign scarcely could be worse. Outdoor meetings planned at many places have been abandoned. The house-to-house canvassing, however, continues and there is no let-up in the usual indoor demonstrations. The leaders are keeping hard at it.

WRONG MAN IS ARRESTED

Lents Liverrman Suffers Annoyance Because of Mistake.

Rex McCarter, the Lents Liverrman, who was arrested at Salem last Friday on a charge of horse-stealing, proved to be the wrong man and he was released without a trial after having been taken to The Dalles by Sheriff Christman. The warrant for his arrest was sworn out by a man at The Dalles. McCarter was visiting his father and brother at Salem over Thanksgiving when he was arrested. He alleged that Sheriff Minto locked him up all day and would not allow him to communicate with his father, who is a printer in the state printing office. In his explanation, he has occasion to buy and sell horses. A stockman in Eastern Oregon said some horses bearing the brand "DB" were stolen and one of the horses which McCarter sold here the brand "TB" and it was mistaken for the Eastern Oregon horse. Sheriff Christman entirely exonerated him.

SIFTON CALLED AUTOCRAT

Builder of Railway in Alberta Appeals to United States for Aid.

EDMONTON, Alberta, Dec. 1.—L. W. R. Clarke, president of the Alberta & Great Waterways Railroad Company, has appealed to the United States Government authorities for protection from a law he says he will suffer as a result of what he declares is the autocratic action of the Government of another country in cancelling a contract with him for a railway to be built to the north. Clarke, who is a resident of Kansas City, says there is no hope of obtaining a hearing before Premier Sifton and his cabinet.

OREGON CITY MAN GUILTY

Philip Altizer Convicted of Selling Liquor on Sunday.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Philip Altizer was convicted on three counts today of selling liquor on Sundays, and a fine of \$25 for each count was imposed by Justice of the Peace W. W. H. Hanson, before whom the case was heard. Altizer appealed to the Circuit Court. William Perry, another victim of the Thanksgiving raid at Estacada, was brought into the Justice Court to face a charge of gambling, waived examination, and furnished bonds for his appearance before the grand jury.

VANCOUVER ENGINEER DIES

James C. Cunningham, 46 Years Old, Tuberculosis Victim.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—James C. Cunningham, 46 years old, a prominent engineer of this city, died this morning of tuberculosis at

the residence of Clement Scott, with whom he has been residing since last Spring. The funeral will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning at 319 Woodlark. Interment will be made in Masonic Cemetery. Mr. Cunningham was born and educated in Edinburgh, Scotland, and later was an actuary for an insurance company. Eleven years ago he came to the United States and was civil engineer for the Northern Pacific in Montana. Later he was engineer of the construction of the immense concrete bridge over the Klackit River, at Lyle, the largest of its kind in the West. He was assistant to B. L. Crosby during the construction of the big steel draw bridge over the Columbia River here, and later made the surveys for the present streetcar system in Vancouver. His health beginning to fail, he went to Arizona last Fall, but he returned, unimproved. Mr. Cunningham was a member of Vancouver Lodge, No. 823, Elks, of



James C. Cunningham, Who Died at Vancouver.

Lebanon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Tacoma; of St. Andrew's Society of Portland, and of the United Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland. He is survived by his mother, four sisters and an aunt in Berwick-on-Tweed, Scotland, who were unaware of his illness. "Jack" Cunningham, as he was better known, was one of the best known engineers in this section of the Northwest.

RIVER IS AT FLOOD STAGE

Storm Expected to Spend Itself Before Danger Mark is Reached.

The storm which has been sweeping Portland continually all day yesterday and the heavy rains had the effect of increasing the volume of water in the Willamette River until it is now approaching the danger point. The river registered a rise of more than one foot yesterday and at the latest test stood at a trifle above 10 feet. Forecaster Beals says that the river will probably reach a height of 12 feet when the crest of the present flood will be reached. This height is below the danger line by a small margin. The river rose yesterday at all stations along the Valley. The rainfall yesterday amounted to .34 of an inch and it was still falling last night. The forecast for today is for more rain. The present storm has not been accompanied by cold weather, the maximum temperature yesterday being 45 degrees. The thermometer did not fall far below that point at any time. Storm signals were sent out at 7 o'clock last night to seaports on Bellingham Bay, Strait of Fuca, Grays Harbor and the mouth of the Columbia River. Strong southeasterly winds have been blowing and the forecast is that these will increase in velocity.

CASTRILLO NEW MINISTER

Nicaraguan Exiles Urged to Return Home to Start Revolution.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 1.—Dr. Salvador Castriello, who formerly looked after the interests of the Estrada insurgents in America, will return there as Nicaraguan Minister at Washington. David Arellano, who contracts in the American capital on a special mission, will return home.

BRIDEGROOM IS RETURNED

Kidnaped Hugh E. Smith and Wife Now Enjoying Honeymoon.

Hugh E. Smith, the bridegroom who was kidnaped by his friends shortly after he married Miss Nellie Burdick Wednesday night, was returned to the anxious bride in time for the couple to catch the early morning train for Puget Sound, where they are to spend their honeymoon.

CONSERVATION DELEGATES NAMED

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 1.—Governor Gillett today appointed State Forester Homans and Deputy Forester Hodge delegates to represent California at the meeting of the Western Federation and Conservation Association which meets in Spokane on December 5 and 6. The association comprises in its membership practical lumbermen from Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana.

From 1910 to 1960, inclusive, Easter will fall times within March and times in April.

DELEGATES TO OREGON DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE CONVENTION ENTERTAINED ON AUTOMOBILE TRIP TO POINTS OF INTEREST IN SALEM.



SALEM, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—On the final day of the Oregon Development League the visitors were entertained during the morning by automobile trips about the city. Automobiles gathered in front of the New Hotel Marion, headquarters of the delegates, and above is represented one body of the delegates just leaving in care for a visit to points of interest in the Capital.

HUGE DREADNOUGHT TO COST \$5,760,000

Government Opens Bids for 27,000-Ton Battleship With 21-Knot Speed.

PROPOSALS SHOW APATHY

Newport News Company Offers Only Figures—Lack of Competition Due to 8-Hour Law—Second Ship to Be Same Type.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Absence of competition marked the opening of bids at the Navy Department today for the construction of one of the greatest dreadnoughts of the United States Navy, a first-class battleship of 27,000 tons displacement, of two fleet collars and of machinery for a second new battleship which will be built at a Government navy-yard. The apathy of the shipbuilding interests is attributed by the department to the action of Congress at its last session in stipulating that the work must be done under the eight-hour law. The department furthermore was unwilling to interpret definitely the extent to which within the meaning of the naval bill, the eight-hour law would apply to work, believing that many of its phases were subjects for the determination of the courts. This, it is believed, also had a deterrent effect on prospective bidders.

Warship Largest Ever Built.

The great battleship, which will be more powerful than any other thing afloat under the American flag, probably will be built by the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company of Newport News, Va. That company was the only bidder for the vessel, presenting four proposals, differing because of the machinery to be installed. These ran from \$5,760,000 to \$5,520,000. The maximum amount authorized by Congress for this battleship was \$5,000,000. There probably was no successful bidder for the two steel fleet collars, with a carrying capacity of 12,500 tons. The maximum statutory amount authorized for their construction was \$1,000,000. The United Electric Company, San Francisco submitted a proposal of \$1,596,500 for one vessel, but the bid cannot be considered because it exceeds the authorized amount. The bid, constructed by the Government at the New York Navy-yard, but the machinery will be furnished by a private contractor. The General Electric Company, of Schenectady, N. Y., which was the only bidder for this work, proposed to deliver the machinery of the turbo-electric type and to have a speed of not less than 21 knots an hour for \$322,500. Bids also were opened for armor for the two new battleships. The eight-hour law does not apply to this equipment. Proposals were received from three Pennsylvania companies and were almost identical in amount, the figures named for armor plate being \$420 a ton, while the proposal for turret armor was \$180 a ton.

Second Dreadnought of Same Type.

The second battleship authorized at the last session of Congress, a sister ship of the first mentioned, will be constructed by the Government at the New York Navy-yard, but the machinery will be furnished by a private contractor. The General Electric Company, of Schenectady, N. Y., which was the only bidder for this work, proposed to deliver the machinery of the turbo-electric type and to have a speed of not less than 21 knots an hour for \$322,500. Bids also were opened for armor for the two new battleships. The eight-hour law does not apply to this equipment. Proposals were received from three Pennsylvania companies and were almost identical in amount, the figures named for armor plate being \$420 a ton, while the proposal for turret armor was \$180 a ton.

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TAFT MESSAGE FINISHED

DOCUMENT, READY FOR PRINT—IS UNUSUALLY LONG.

Recommendations Concerning Irrigation in West to Be Made in Special Communication. WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—President Taft today completed his message and sent it to the Government printing office in its final form. The document was laid before the Cabinet at a special session which began at 10 o'clock this morning and lasted until nearly 3 in the afternoon. The message is said to be unusually long, the estimates running from 30,000 to 40,000 words. The President went over every feature of the document with the Cabinet and it is said that some changes were made at the members' suggestion, principally in matters affecting their own departments. The President will send a special message to Congress next week, embodying the report of the Board of Engineers appointed to examine irrigation and reclamation projects in the West. At the last session of Congress \$20,000,000 was appropriated to complete the various worthy projects and Mr. Taft appointed a board to decide just what projects should be continued and what, if any, should be abandoned.

STORAGE LIMIT PROPOSED

Senator Heyburn Gathers Information in Support of Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Facts from Chicago packing companies as to the effect of the cold storage on foods will form the basis for a report to be made by Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, on the proposed cold storage bill. Mr. Heyburn is preparing to recommend the early passage of the bill to regulate and limit the cold storage of foods. His bill will follow the form of the pure food law in many particulars. It would limit the time foods may be kept in storage; would require that the time of extending storage be plainly marked on the goods and would set up standards of excellence.

NAVAL CARPENTER SUICIDE

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 1.—Joseph Fletcher, chief carpenter of the Portsmouth Navy-Yard, who was a member of the disastrous Greely Arctic expedition, was found dying in a bathtub at his home here today with a razor wound in his throat. He died a short time after. He was 64 years old.

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