

ENGLISH LORDS BAR WOMAN FROM SEAT

Lady Rhondra's Claim Turned Down 20 to 4.

20 PEERESSES AFFECTED

Daughter of Coal King Loses Plea for Right to Take Place in Parliament.

LONDON, May 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—By a vote of 20 to 4, the committee on privileges of the house of lords decided today that Lady Rhondra's claim and petition to sit in the house of lords had "not been made out."

Lady Rhondra's petition to sit in the house of lords was granted by the committee on privileges March 2, but when the decision was reported to the house late in March it was referred back to the committee.

The sentiment of the debate in the house of lords over the reference back to the committee was apparently against the admission of women.

Lady Rhondra's daughter, the late Viscountess Rhondra, is one of the leading figures in the business world of Great Britain, having succeeded her father, long known as the "coal king," in the direction of numerous of his large business enterprises.

Committee Is Enlarged. The committee had been specially enlarged to consider Lady Rhondra's petition. It consisted of Lord Chancellor Birkenhead and 20 other peers. The earl of Donoughmore presided and 11 law lords were present.

G. J. Talbot, K. C., who appeared for Lady Rhondra, said the petition was based on the sex disqualification removal act, which he argued removed the disqualification at common law for women to sit in the house of lords.

Although the crown previously had not opposed the petition, the attorney-general, Sir Pollock, today strenuously combated it. The issue turned upon solution of the question propounded by the attorney-general: "Is a peerage a public function?"

To this question he emphatically declared: "I say no."

Sex Disqualification Up.

The sex disqualification removal act provides that persons shall not be disqualified by sex or marriage from the exercise of any public function.

"It is a confusion of thought and language," declared the attorney-general. "I say that the holding of dignity of a peerage is a personal grant and dignity is a public function."

The committee, after voting, intimated that it would give reasons later for refusing the petition. Twenty English peeresses, excluding holders of Scottish dignities, are involved in today's decision.

SEMENOFF IS RELEASED

COURT FINDS EVIDENCE OF JURISDICTION LACKING.

Proof of Intent to Remove Property and Defraud Creditors Not Shown, Says Decision.

NEW YORK, May 19.—General Grigoriy Semenov, ex-attorney of the Cossacks, was ordered released from arrest today by the appellate division of the supreme court, which reversed the decision of supreme court justice Delehanty.

Semenov was arrested on a civil warrant obtained by the Youskevitch Home and Foreign Trade company, a New York bankrupt concern, which charged him with seizing supplies owned by the company in Siberia. The higher court directed that \$10 cost be awarded. He is now out on \$25,000 bail.

The appellate judges unanimously held that there was no competent evidence that the court in China, which granted a judgment against Semenov, had jurisdiction over the subject matter involved or had acquired jurisdiction over the defendant.

The court held that even if the judgment of the Chinese court were enforceable here, there was no ground for holding Semenov, as the plaintiff had failed to show by affidavit that Semenov was "about to remove or dispose of his property with intent to defraud his creditors."

U. S. WORKERS IN DANGER

Reports About Turks Said to Have Made Position Precarious.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Publication of reports by American relief workers in the interior of Asia Minor concerning the systematic persecution of Christians by the Turkish nationalists has jeopardized the position of the workers, it was declared in American missionary circles here.

Many of these reports had been submitted confidentially to the league of nations and it was believed that prompt and energetic action by the powers is necessary to assure the safety of the agents, now that publicity has been given to their evidence.

All the workers corroborated the stories of atrocities, especially the progress of the so-called white massacres, which consist of driving parties of Christians from place to place until they die from sickness, famine or exhaustion.

SLAYER SAVED FOR CHAIR

Operation on Murderer Taken From Sing Sing Is Successful.

OSSENING, N. Y., May 19.—Rutger Warden, convicted of slaying Henry Werner at Ilion, New York, was taken from the Sing Sing death house yesterday and operated on for acute appendicitis.

Prison physicians announced that the operation had been a success and that Warden will probably have fully recovered by the time he is scheduled to pay the death penalty.

SPRING LAMBS ARE SHORT

Resultant Smaller Supply of Wool Indicated in Reports.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19.—A potential shortage in spring lambs and a resultant smaller supply of wool was indicated today by the department of agriculture as a result

PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES FIVE-YEAR-OLD GOLF WIZARD.



MR. HARDING SHAKING HANDS WITH JIM FRAZIER.

The president shook hands with little Jimmy Frazier, son of Jim Frazier, golf professional, after the youngster gave an exhibition before Harding and his party on the links at Seaview, N. J., where the president was the week-end guest of Senator Walter E. Edge.

At five years Jimmy Frazier Jr. is a wizard with the golf clubs. He entertained the president with his accomplishing many difficult shots on the green where the executive enjoyed his favorite pastime.

of reports just received from the western sheep country.

The total lamb production in Montana, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Nevada, the reports indicate, would total only about 70 percent of normal.

The shortage situation is attributed to a dearth of ewes. Some reports indicate, the department said, that large western speculators and feeders have already contracted for approximately half the lamb crop in Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

TOURISTS ARE EXPECTED

South Bend and Pacific County Are Making Big Preparations.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—South Bend and Pacific county are making big preparations for the auto tourist travel which is expected to come down the Ocean Beach highway this summer bound for Pacific county's famous ocean resort. The highway through South Bend will be strung with colored lights all summer and plans are underway to place a large welcome sign at each end of the town. A remarkably pretty auto camping ground is being prepared just outside town. Running water, stoves, free wood and sanitary provisions will be furnished free.

The Ocean Beach highway already is in good condition and getting better. Some visitors are already arriving at the ocean beach and there is every indication that record crowds will be present this summer.

TWO KILLED IN RIOT

Fight in Minsk Synagogue Caused by Soviet Seizing Valuables.

RIGA, May 18.—(Jewish Telegraph Agency.)—Two persons were killed and four wounded in a riot in a Minsk synagogue, following an attempt by soviet officials to requisition the valuables, said dispatches from Minsk.

The commissars were reported to have entered the synagogue during prayers, provoking the worshippers who tried to prevent them from carrying out the confiscation. Two of the worshippers were instantly killed and four communists seriously injured in the fight.

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5. "Wabash Blues" Ringle and Meinken

6. "Dreaming" waltz

7. "After Vespers" Neil Moret

8. "Cossack's Revels" I. Tschakoff

Mexican Prelate Dead.

MEXICO CITY, May 19.—Monsignor Eulogio Guillow y Zavala, archbishop of Tlaxcala, died yesterday at Tlaxcala, state of Oaxaca, while making a tour of his diocese.

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SOUTH AMERICANS ARE STILL ARGUING

Tacna-Arica Conference So Far Serene Affair.

BOTH PARTIES CONFIDENT

Little Yet Accomplished in Chilean-Peruvian Controversy, but Prospect Is Encouraging.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Chilean and Peruvian delegations to the Washington conference again exchanged opinions at a joint meeting today but adjourned until Monday without having fully joined an issue on any of the major problems confronting them.

As in the case of previous sessions of the conference, the discussion is understood to have fallen short of a direct issue because of the different viewpoints on which the two groups predicated their arguments.

On the part of Chile the tendency is said to have been from the start to direct the conversation along the line of fulfillment of article 3 of the treaty of Ancon, which provided for a plebiscite to decide whether Tacna-Arica is to remain permanently under Chilean or Peruvian sovereignty.

Without replying categorically to this suggestion, the Peruvians are said to have placed considerable stress on their government's charges that Chile has violated the treaty in various ways and that "Chileanizing" processes have been in operation for many years in the disputed territory.

Developments Expected Soon.

How much longer the direct meeting of views will be delayed remained a puzzle tonight, but one delegate predicted that the issue would be "decided" definitely early next week. When the delegations meet again Monday they are expected to be in possession of fresh information and advice from their governments and it would not surprise diplomatic observers if concrete developments followed quickly.

Today's session is understood to

have been devoted largely to statements by Carlos Aldunate for Chile and Meliton Porras for Peru, each following the general policy already laid down by his delegation. Afterwards a one-sentence communiqué was issued announcing that the discussions were proceeding in a "serene spirit" but giving no clue to the subject matter under consideration.

Despite the delegates' expressions of confidence that they will be able to compose their differences without outside help, the Associated Press was informed in an authoritative quarter that arbitration already has entered into the discussions as a possible means of final settlement.

One delegate was said to have suggested to his colleagues that there be an immediate discussion of arbitration in principle, the exchanges of opinion on that subject to proceed simultaneously with the effort for a direct and unaided agreement.

The proposal for simultaneous consideration of the two possible methods of solution is said to have been offered as a means of precaution against a possible deadlock almost at the beginning of the negotiations. Such a deadlock, it has been suggested, in conference circles, might result in an arbitration plan are said to have argued that it would be advisable to have the ground prepared for arbitration in advance of any definite breach.

Outwardly at least, the delegates on

both sides maintained tonight their attitude of optimism despite the turn taken by the discussions inside the conference. They refused to concede that a deadlock was feared or in any way to express an opinion on the subject of possible arbitration. A spokesman for the Chilean delegation received newspaper correspondents at the first "press conference" of the negotiations today but flatly declined to answer any questions that were asked with the object of ascertaining the trend of discussions during the first two "informal meetings."

TWO UNIONS MAY MERGE

Firemen and Enginemen Consider Joining With Engineers.

HOUSTON, Tex., May 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The convention of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen took definite action toward amalgamation with the brotherhood of locomotive engineers with the adoption of a motion late today authorizing a special commission to meet with a similar body from the engineers' brotherhood to work out a complete plan for the consolidation of the two brotherhoods.

The plan when completed will be submitted to a referendum vote of the membership of both organizations.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 19.—The plot to free three prisoners in the King county jail, including James E. Mahoney, convicted wife murderer, was frustrated with the finding of a key fashioned out of the end of a toothbrush, Sheriff Matt Starwich announced today.

The key was found in the cell of James E. Redmond, convicted of a \$25,000 bank messenger robbery in Seattle last year. Sheriff Starwich declared Redmond planned to escape at the first favorable opportunity, taking with him Mahoney and William Holtz, also convicted of participating in the bank messenger robbery.

A piece of heavy lead pipe was found in a washroom adjoining Redmond's cell. Sheriff Starwich said the Redmond admitted he had left his cell

JAIL BREAK PLOT FOILED

KEY MADE OUT OF TOOTHBRUSH IS FOUND.

GRAVES TO BE DECKED

Paris Post of U. S. Legion to Visit Battlefield Homes of Dead.

PARIS, May 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The graves of 40,000 American soldiers will be decorated by the Paris post of the American Legion on Memorial day.

This is 24,000 fewer than the number decorated last year, the reduction being due to the return of bodies to the United States. All the bodies remaining in France have been concentrated in six permanent American national cemeteries, except where relatives have asked that the bodies be undisturbed.

Ambassador Herrick is honorary president of the American Memorial Day committee. The ceremony will begin in the forenoon with services at the Holy Trinity church and a memorial mass at St. Joseph's Catholic church. The ambassador, escorted by all the American ex-service men in Paris, will lay a wreath on the tomb of the unknown French soldier after the church services.

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