

DECISIVE BATTLE BETWEEN HOUSES

British Liberals Prepare to Test Question of Lords' Veto.

HAVE ELECTION NEXT YEAR

Premier's Manifesto Summons Commons to Rally Against Insolent Pretensions of House of Hereditary Landlords.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—(Special).—The fight against the House of Lords is becoming more bitter every day, and most astounding charges are made. For 100 years the radical democracy of the United Kingdom

with a new meaning and a new force. The amenities of life would disappear and the direction of the whirlwind and the storm would come rather from Tower Hill than from Westminster Palace. Preparing for Struggle. Meanwhile, the captains of Radicalism have received their marching orders. During the recess they are to prepare the minds of the constituencies for the fight with the Lords and for the approaching general election. It is held to suppose that the Lords will relinquish their vast powers without an appeal to the people. And as that long-delayed judgment has to come, it may as well come as quickly as possible after the end of next session. Education, licensing, land, their own veto—the Lords will not swallow these distasteful dishes, which have been prepared for their consumption next session. Whatever can be done by money and misrepresentation, the other side will not fail to do. Their political insurance fund is unlimited; their press is numerous and unscrupulous; their village tyrannies well-organized and irresistible. The subtlety and bribery of the classes must be met by the unity and determination of the masses. So, then, there is hope that the end of this long and weary fight is in sight. It will be the most important constitutional contest for half a century. The privileged House will still, indeed, be left with many weapons of proscription, but its chief powers for evil will be destroyed. Lords Shall Not Dictate. In opening his campaign in Scotland Alexander Trevelyan, M. P., Solicitor-General, said that the claim of the peers was to force on them a general election at their own sweet will. The claim of the peers was to dictate to them when they

SWETLAND IN HOTEL LEASE

ACQUIRES A JOINT INTEREST WITH ADAM MUELLER.

Alterations of Perkins to Begin This Month Will Cost Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

A half interest in the lease of the Hotel Perkins, recently secured by Adam Mueller, has been transferred by him to L. Q. Swetland, and the two will take charge jointly of the property and the improvements that are to be made. Mr. Swetland was instrumental in negotiating the lease, but has just now become interested in it with Mr. Mueller. It was announced by Mr. Swetland and Mr. Mueller yesterday that they will spend between \$75,000 and \$100,000 on alterations of the property, thus making much more extensive improvements than were at first announced. When the work as outlined is completed, practically the entire interior of the hotel will be changed in appearance. The present lobby will be enlarged to at least 30 by 80 feet and the dining-room will be changed into a modern grill. A high-speed elevator will be installed in place of the present one. All the upper floors will be remodeled, the partitions being moved so as

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F. M. YOUNG'S NEW RESIDENCE, FOURTEENTH AND WEIDLER STREETS.

has waged unceasing war against the hereditary and privileged House of Lords. By experience as well as political instinct, it recognized in that feudal institution the enemy to all its political aspirations. Mr. Gladstone's last words in the House of Commons were a passionate appeal to the Liberals to deal with this obstruction to the popular will. Today the country is at last face to face with the enemy and the fight must go on.

The Prime Minister's manifesto to his party brings a general election within measurable distance. The measures so ruthlessly massacred by the peers in their own interests last session are to be sent up to them again, together with a measure embodying the resolution passed by the Commons declaring that bills adopted by that chamber must become law within the limits of a single Parliament, whatever may be the views of the Lords. Failing acceptance, the nation will be asked to say whether it shall be ruled by the irresponsible clique of men who have appropriated and by the operation of ancient landlord-made laws monopolized the soil of the kingdom or by their own chosen representatives.

No Limit to Lords' Insolence.

The insolence of the Lords goes so far as to interfere with the constitution of the House of Commons, as has been seen by their arrogant rejection of the plural voting bill, which was solely concerned with the method of electing members of the popular assembly. Not satisfied with having one branch of the legislature composed almost entirely of Tories, they insist that property, as compared with Englishmen, shall be endowed with a special plural vote. And the electors who choose the existing House of Commons have had the mortification of seeing their representatives browbeaten and insulted, scorned and humiliated, without power to help themselves in any way. The life of the present Parliament has been but two sessions. Of that time the landlords have killed a proportion of parliamentary energy equal to one session. Thus, they slaughtered the measure which would have adjusted certain rivalries among various religious sects and consequently of little interest to the democracy, who desire that state money shall only be paid for secular education and not for the endorsement of conflicting views on simple Bible teaching, complicated Bible teaching, or metaphysical Bible teaching. They showed their disdain for Scotland by rejecting the small holdings bill and the land values bill. They mutilated the Irish evicted tenants' bill, and slew the plural voting bill. And so they have acted year after year for half a century, unless when the Tories were in power. It is the autocracy of landlords that the Liberals now propose to end, and to the final battle the Prime Minister has summoned his hosts.

Reform or Revolution.

Those among the radical democracy who have tolled for four years, after under great discouragement from Liberals themselves, will give a willing response to the trumpet call of the commander-in-chief. For, as he says, this question "overshadows everything else." Little good is there in any man's wasting his time upon progressive politics. If all his efforts are to be frustrated by the titled spiders who are weaving their entrapping webs in the feudal chamber. If reform by constitutional ways proved to be impossible, better than stagnation would be the letting loose of the soldiers of Socialism upon the revolutionary chamber, thus defying the emphatic will of the people. Were the Liberals forced to give up in despair the struggle with landlordism, it would be the blackest day in the history of Toryism. There would no longer be any buffer between them and "red ruin and the breaking up of laws." Unlimited autocracy would be met by revolutionary teachings and doings. The principle of the boycott, now a favorite instrument of intimidation by the Tories in the villages, would be applied

should appeal, and on what they should appeal to the country. That was a claim which they would not for one moment listen to. Here, then, was their fighting ground. It was a struggle for mastery between the two houses. The Liberals demanded that when an appeal to the country is to be taken, they would dictate the time and the issues, and from that demand they would never, under any conceivable circumstances, recede. When they would appeal again to the country he could not tell. He knew it would not be next session, for they had much useful work yet to do, and they were determined to do it. But he did know this: that when they made an appeal to the country, the first and foremost—perhaps, indeed, the only question would be—shall the Lords or the Commons be masters? and he very much misjudged his fellow-countrymen if he hesitated for a moment what their answer to that question would be. The constitution of the House of Lords may remain as it is at present, consisting of the hereditary peers, the 100 Irish representative peers, the handful of life peers, and six and twenty bishops—some 600 souls all told. It may remain exactly as it is now, without in the slightest degree interfering with the House of Commons' resolution. All the government says is this—within the limits of a single Parliament the will of the Commons must prevail over the Lords. And it does not signify two straws whether the House of Lords is reformed or remains unreformed. The Liberals declare that they will meet the contest with unaffected satisfaction, for the events of the last two years have not increased the hold of the Liberal party on the nation.

Tribute to the Late J. T. McDonnell.

PORTLAND, Nov. 2.—(To the Editor). I shall thank you to afford me, as a humble friend of the late J. T. McDonnell, of the firm of McAllen & McDonnell of this city, a small space in your widely read and influential paper, to add my tribute of respect to the memory of an upright citizen, a faithful friend and a sterling Irishman. J. T. McDonnell was a native of the west of Ireland and was descended from the ancient stock of "The McDonnells" of the West, whose forefathers Whitstod for centuries the lordships of English misrule in the Province of Connaught. J. T. McDonnell has been a successful business man in this city for more than a quarter of a century, and although a comparatively young man at his untimely death he may well be considered one of the pioneers of the city of Portland.

His retiring and unassuming manner, and withal his genial and kindly nature endeared him to all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. J. T. McDonnell may be described as a man of action rather than of words. His word was his bond. There are hundreds in the city of Portland who can attest to his kind and charitable heart and private benefactions. The public esteem in which he has been held in the city of Portland was well attested on the day of his burial. Men and women of all creeds and of the highest type of citizenship followed the cortege to the cemetery. The soughing breeze, true to their ancient faith and holy calling nobly did their part, and the good Sisters, like ministers of angels, in company with his faithful wife and four devoted children, who for weeks, both day and night, kept unceasing vigils at his bedside in St. Vincent's hospital, were at once a credit and an edification to the church to which they belong. Requiescat in pace.

"How, blow, thou Winter's wind, Thou art not so unkind, As man's ingratitude; Thy tooth is not so keen, Although thou art not seen, As friend remembered not." LAMBERT M. MORRIS.

Eyes fitted to glasses, R. at Metzger's.

HIGHER AND WIDER BRIDGE

Push Clubs Desire Better Structure at Madison Street.

On the East Side it is the opinion of practically all members of the improvement clubs that when Madison bridge is replaced with a new structure it should be higher and wider. Whitney L. Boise, president of the Eastern Push Club, has been commissioned to consult bridge experts on the feasibility of a higher bridge, and has secured a promise from President E. S. Josselyn that he will have his engineers prepare plans for a higher structure than the present one. The object of a higher bridge is to enable steamers to pass under without the draw being opened.

Want Better Fire Protection.

The three new engine companies which are to be installed on the East Side the present week at Midnomah street and Grand avenue, Highland and Mississippi avenue, complete the additional facilities for the fire department projected more than a year ago. But the question of fire protection is not settled, as the city has even pushed beyond the limits of these new companies. People at Piedmont want fire protection, and will organize a volunteer company until the city can provide an engine there. Demand will come next year for a fire company on West avenue, at Mount Tabor. Also at University Park Montavilla also will ask for fire protection next year, and Sellwood wants a fire engine in place of the present hose company.

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Work for New High School

Residents North of Holladay Also Desire Better Bridge.

Two things in which the people north of Holladay avenue are interested are the rebuilding of the railroad bridge and the erection of a High School building. For several years the travel over the railroad bridge has overtaken the upper deck, which is very narrow. As the population north of Holladay avenue has increased the delays on this narrow bridge have become greater than ever. This is true of streetcars and vehicles of every sort. The streetcars can move no faster than the slowest vehicle, for vehicles cannot turn out to allow the cars to pass. Announcement was made at a recent meeting of the Northeast Side Improvement Association that the county only held a monthly lease on this bridge, that could be terminated at any time, so that work of rebuilding it could be undertaken. What is to be done with this bridge will decide what action the people of this portion of the city will take to secure better means of transportation across the Willamette river.

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Murderer Forgives Prosecutors.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—Judge Brennan received a remarkable letter yesterday from Richard Walton, the negro slayer of Mrs. Lillian White Grant, who is under sentence to be hanged on December 12. Walton, who had been sentenced four times to the penitentiary, expressed his forgiveness of the court, as well as Assistant States Attorney Benjamin J. Short, who demanded the death penalty in his trial. He expressed thanks to Attorney Patrick Carey, who was appointed by the court to defend him.

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In his letter, Walton declared that he would rather go to his death speaking the truth by pleading guilty than to go to prison by telling a lie, because he knew he caused the woman's death.

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