

BRITISH PARTIES PLAY FOR SAFETY

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COUNTRY GROWING WEARY

Leaders' Hands Forced Both by King and Nation's Desire for Rest, but Followers of Each Party May Revolt.

BY T. P. O'CONNOR, M. P. (Special Cable to Chicago Tribune. Copyright 1910, by Tribune Company.) LONDON, June 11.—The party leaders are like two billiard champions at the turning point of a game with big stakes. They are playing for safety. Each wants to gain the credit of seeking peace and to escape the discredit of plunging the nation into a war.

In reality, both sides dread the negotiations and would avoid them if possible. But the pressure from the King and the pacific mood of the nation forced both their hands. While some independent journalists suggested peace, the majority of the Tory papers cried for war, and Balfour played golf and said nothing.

Liberals Dread to Yield. The Liberal leaders, in the meantime, hesitated before awakening again the suspicion of their courage and unity in the fight against the Lords, which nearly wrecked them at the beginning of the year. It was Lloyd-George's enthusiasm, tenacity and faith in his own power of carrying everything that won the day.

Redmond's Stand Not Known. The views of the Irish leaders are not known, as they are still absent from Ireland, but the indications are that they are watchful and disturbed. Redmond, during his recent visit to London for the Home Rule bill, has declared his readiness to continue the hearty support of the government so long as the ministerial majority makes for the Liberal declaration of his policy in regard to the Lords.

Blow Struck at O'Brien. William Abraham is an Irish Protestant and a Nationalist who, after a quarter of a century, was turned out of Parliament by William O'Brien in the last election. Abraham's selection by Dublin meant a reply to O'Brien and O'Brien's cruel calumny that the alliance of the Irish party with the Hibernal order meant religious intolerance.

It is impossible now to forecast the date of the general election, or indeed, anything else. Events are changing hour to hour with kaleidoscopic rapidity and completeness, but I have a firm faith that things will ultimately take shape favorable to Ireland and the Liberal-Irish alliance.

don Parliamentary practice as soon as he becomes a member of Parliament. The late Sir William Harcourt gave up \$75,000 a year of income as a Parliamentary barrister when he began the Parliamentary career that was to be so illustrious. Similarly, Sir Alfred Cripps had to abandon an even larger income when he was elected to the House of Commons.

He is, it will be seen, then, a man of note, and his words carry some weight. His suggestion is that the deadlock caused by the inequality of parties in the House of Lords should be relieved by conferences between the two houses in which probably the Tories and Liberals in the House of Lords should be represented, not as in the house itself by more than 12 to 1, but by something approaching equality. Such a conference might come to an agreement and Liberal legislation might have some chance, which it hasn't now.

But the objection to this proposal is that it comes after all only from a private and unofficial spokesman, and nobody yet knows how far it represents the views of the men who really count, like Lansdowne and Balfour. For all anybody knows, these gentlemen may still hold in the same irreconcilable split as before the close of the Parliament sittings. Revolution Not Welcome. What, however, rather weakens the position of the Liberals is that everybody rather shrinks from either of two plans: First, from making the House of Lords quite impotent, for Englishmen are too conservative to like one-chamber government, and, secondly, the even stronger objection to the creation of 500 brand new peers. The English are not revolutionary in spirit, and therefore they will be inclined to snare at any compromise which will save them from revolutionary action.

And, of course, the Liberals, too, appreciate the unpopularity of another general election at this particular moment. However, all this is mere speculation. We shall now get into the region of actuality, as Parliament is reassembling and politicians again have to face the realities of the situation. It will be impossible, I believe, for the Liberals to make any serious abandonment of their determination to get rid, in some way or another, of the present paralyzing power of the House of Lords. If the ministers attempted to do so, they would be abandoned by their own followers. The Labor members and Irish would be in open revolt, and any revolt in the ranks of the coalition probably would be the end of the government. It is quite possible that the government will not become interested in fire protection until January, but a September election still must be counted among the possibilities.

TAFT OPENS BIG TRACT

203,635 ACRES ELIMINATED FROM WALLOWA FOREST.

Land Affected Is Either Grass-Covered or Alienated So That It Is Hard to Administer. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 11.—The President has signed a proclamation eliminating 203,635 acres from the Wallowa National forest, Oregon. The elimination is the result of a careful examination made by the United States Department of Agriculture during the past summer, which disclosed the fact that the areas now eliminated were either open grass land with very little timber or timbered areas so largely alienated that further administration by the service was considered impracticable. The lands released are not needed for watershed protection, and are not considered to be chiefly valuable for National forest purposes.

Dennett to Be Vindicated. House Committee Finds Hitchcock's Charges Groundless. WASHINGTON, June 11.—A complete vindication of Commissioner Fred Dennett, of the General Land Office, of the charge of reckless expenditures, brought against him by Representative Hitchcock, of Nebraska, Democrat, will be the report of the majority of the House committee on department expenditures.

\$3000 in Ore Their Loot. Masked Men Hold Up Mine Foreman and Make Getaway. WINNEMUCCA, Nev., June 11.—Two masked men entered a tunnel at the National Mining Company at National, north of this place, late last night, and at the point of revolvers compelled the night watchman to hand over \$3000 of high-grade ore valued at about \$3000.

Bleached-Flour Case Drags. KANSAS CITY, June 11.—It was expected by all concerned in the bleached-flour case, being tried in the United States Circuit Court here, that the Government would have rested its side of the case by the end of this week. However, with several more witnesses to take the stand for the Government, and all the testimony for the defense yet to be offered, the chances favor several days more of trial.

Death Sentence Affirmed. LONDON, June 11.—Official advice from Cairo state that the courts there today confirmed the sentence of death imposed on the student Wardani, who shot and killed Boutros Pacha, Ghalib, Egyptian Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

FORESTS BURNED BY CARELESSNESS

District Forester Tells About Efforts Made to Keep Down Fire Loss.

NORTHWEST RECORD GOOD

Last Year Damage Is Estimated at \$74,409—Government Selling Much Timber in Oregon Reserves—Fire Is Studied.

"We are making every preparation to keep up the record of the past two years in keeping down the fire loss in the National Forests," said the District Forester, C. S. Chapman, yesterday. "Each mile of trail or telephone line built means that the work of our force is just that much more effective. We shall have but a small increase over last year in the number of men for the work this summer, but they will be able to give better satisfaction than ever before in the history of the service.

Carelessness Causes Fire. "In fire protection, the great danger is that we grow careless. A couple of good years is apt to make people careless just as a year of great loss makes them cautious. The great object sought is to make everyone realize that we have to guard continually against the possibility of disastrous conflagrations. "Our records show that most fires are the result of some man's carelessness. And there is no question that it is carelessness. No good citizen of Washington or Oregon wants to help destroy the greatest resource of the Pacific Northwest. It is not the vicious and willful firebug that we have to fear, but the careless citizen, who doesn't realize what may be the results of his carelessness. "So many people during the past few years, through the agency of the Forest Service, the Western Forest & Conservation Association, the Washington Forest Fire Association, and the Conservation Associations of Oregon and Washington, have become interested in fire protection, that I feel confident for the future. With better laws and more help from the states (for they are interested if anyone is), and with all those who are interested realize the importance of the movement taking it up with their associates in a true, missionary spirit, I believe we are going to have a lean crop of fires in the Northwest from now on."

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you County, was partly destroyed yesterday by a fire originating in the Chinese quarter, which was swept away entirely. Ten business buildings on the south side of Main street also were consumed, the Cudahy Hotel being among the few structures saved. No estimate of the loss has been made. From the town the fire spread to the adjoining forest, where it is being fought by forest rangers.

LOST FISHERMEN NOVICES

Men Drowned Prove to Be New Hands at Work. ASTORIA, Or., June 11.—(Special.)—The two men who were drowned on the Columbia River bar, near the end of the jetty, on Thursday, were Kalle Tara, captain, and Theodore Stromback, boat-puller. They were both natives of Karistad Finland, unmarried and recently arrived in this coun-

ADELINE GENEV MARRIES

Duke of Newcastle Gives Bride Away and Alexandra Sends Gift. LONDON, June 11.—Adeline Genev, the dancer, and Frank S. N. Latt, of London, were married in All-Saints Church, Margaret street, today.

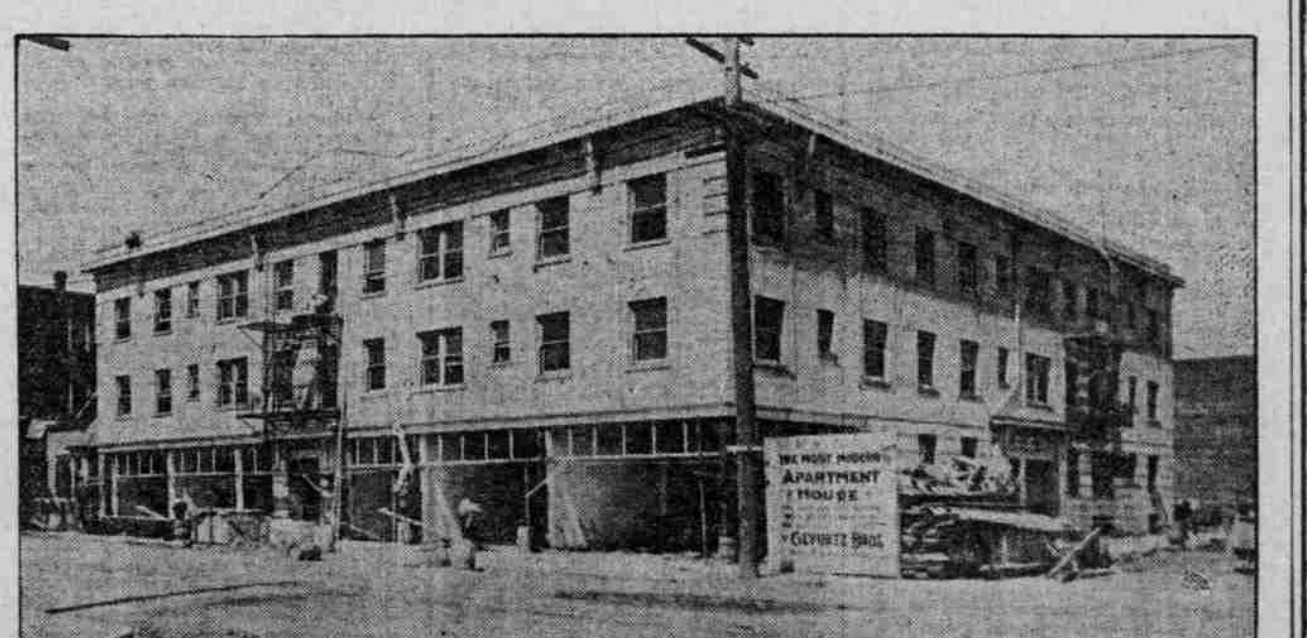
The Duke of Newcastle gave the bride away. The Queen-Mother, Alexandra, sent the bride a diamond brooch.

They were inexperienced in fishing, except that one of them had acted as boat-puller for a few weeks. Two weeks ago they purchased a boat and net from the Columbia River Packers' Association and started fishing, their lack of knowledge of fishing in the Columbia being the direct cause of their drowning. There is very little hope of finding their bodies.

Happy Camp Hit by Fire

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