

DREGS OF DEFEAT BITTER TO TORIES

Victorious Liberals Are Threatened.

VETO BILL VIRTUALLY SURE

Balfour's Pledge of Referendum Is Repudiated.

HOME RULE GAINS GROUND

Victors in English Election Declare King Will Force House of Lords to Pass Veto Bill—Ireland Appears Reunited.

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LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Tories are taking their tremendous beating in the election body. They make three impossible claims: first, that the election was unnecessary; second, that it was futile; and third, that a majority of over 100 must not be counted a majority at all.

On top of this they resort to all kinds of impudent and audacious threats. They threaten a civil war in Ireland and reckless filibustering in Parliament.

An even more eloquent sign of the Tories' rout is the growth in the vehemence of the mutual recriminations in the campaign. The Morning Post, on behalf of the genuine protectionists, as against A. J. Balfour's surrendering to a referendum behind him induce Balfour to repeat his pledge, but Austen Chamberlain repudiates it and declares it is binding for this election only. This repudiates the pledge to a disreputable electioneering trick.

Fred E. Smith, most brilliant of the younger generation of Tories, repeats Chamberlain's repudiation.

Balfour's Leadership Attacked. All this means a soreness over the defeat, but also a more bitter and more concerted movement against Balfour's leadership than at any moment since Joe Chamberlain first forced protection as the policy of the Tory party.

Undoubtedly if Chamberlain were in good health he would be lifted to Balfour's place immediately, but most of the outsiders persist in thinking that, unless his health improves, they will, without mentioning the King's name, plainly proclaim that they had their guarantees before entering the fight and that if the House of Lords throws out the veto bill new peers will be created by the King.

Fred Smith declares he would force the ministers to that extreme step, but the general opinion is that the House of Lords will be frightened and will, at the last moment, yield and accept the veto bill.

Passage of Veto Bill Foretold. Nothing can exceed the definiteness and the optimism of the ministerial pronouncements. Lloyd-George declares the veto bill will be passed without another election; Churchill says that it will pass before the coronation in June, and Herbert Samuel says it will win in six months.

At the same time there is an equal advance in definiteness in the pronouncements on home rule. Mentioned but little in the early days of the election, home rule has advanced to the front every hour afterwards, until now every minister has definitely committed himself to the pledge that home rule will be among the first measures of the ministry and will be passed without another election.

Balfour's attempt to embroil the Liberals and Tories, by demanding a pledge that home rule should be postponed till after a referendum, is rejected by Asquith, Lloyd-George, Churchill and every other minister who speaks.

It is difficult, then, to foresee any other result.

WIRELESS STOPS SPEEDING TRAIN

ENGINE AND 12 CARS HALTED IN 45-MILE RUSH.

Control System Invented by Toronto Man Puts Invisible Brakes on Wide-Open Throttle.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Drawing a train of 12 cars and rushing over the rails at a speed of 45 miles an hour on a stretch of track near the city of Toronto, a powerful engine on the Canadian Pacific Railway service was brought to a quick standstill, with the throttle wide open, and the engineer standing in his cab a mere spectator, like those present with him, to view the wonder.

The brakes had been applied on the big locomotive and train of cars by a wireless wave of electricity. It seemed as if a giant had seized the equipment and held it with ease.

Experiments with a wireless train-control system have been quietly conducted by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company since May last, and this demonstration was the culmination of a long series of successful tests. The automatic train-control system is the invention of a Toronto man, Frank W. Prentice. Thirteen years ago on August 13 there was a head-on collision between a stock train and a passenger train on the line in which a friend of Prentice was involved. He worried about it a good deal, and that night he dreamed of placing a wireless generator on trains to prevent such accidents. Awakening with the idea still in his mind, he commenced work on it and has been at it ever since. The Baltimore & Ohio Company paid \$40,000 for his experiments, but they failed because Prentice was using the wrong system.

A few years later, in Cincinnati, while passing a soda water fountain, he noticed a little rubber ball kept bounding in the air by the force of the water. This little incident supplied him with the missing idea, and the late demonstration was the final result.

QUEEN "LIL" SHIFTS PLEA

Territorial Legislature Will Be Asked for \$200,000.

HONOLULU, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—A bill to appropriate a lump sum of \$200,000 as full payment of all claims of Queen Liliuokalani will probably be introduced at the coming session of the Territorial Legislature.

Queen "Lil" for a number of years has endeavored to get the National Government to reimburse her for the loss of the crown lands, which were taken from her when the monarchy in Hawaii was overthrown. For five years she has made annual pilgrimages to Washington to press her claims. Now the Court of Claims has decided against her, and her friends will urge the passage of the bill.

Many, however, believe her present pension of \$7500 a year should be increased, as they say she would soon lose any lump sum of money that might be awarded.

LOCKJAW CASE PUZZLES

Salem Boy Dies After Three Days. Infection Cause Unknown.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—After baffling physicians for three days with an aggravated case of lockjaw, Ray Bron Dell, 13-year-old boy, died today. Mystery as to where he contracted the disease and how he contracted it has made it difficult for those in attendance to fight against its ravages.

There was not a scratch on the boy's body, and his parents have no satisfactory explanation to give. One of the attending physicians believes that the disease may have entered the boy's system through a decayed tooth, which, if true, is considered a remarkable instance of infection.

AEROPLANE IS ICE COATED

John B. Moissant Flies to Height of 9364 Feet, Nearing Record.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 17.—John B. Moissant went to a height of 9364 feet today in his barograph read true. In the United States, Armstrong Drexel and Ralph Johnston eclipsed this distance and it is within 600 feet of the present world's record.

His machine was ice-coated when he landed. The meet ends tomorrow.

EASY FOR JAPS TO LAND, EXPERT SAYS

Coast Defense Is Weak, Hodges Declares.

FORTIFICATIONS ARE URGED

Americans Would Win After Long, Hard Fight, He Says.

MIKADO'S ARMY STUDIED

Army Officer Believes Japanese Are Not Desirous of Conflict, but Insists They Make No Mistakes in Wartime.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—General Charles L. Hodges, commander of the Department of the Great Lakes, today declared that Japan could land an army on our Pacific Coast with ease at any time because of the weakness of the United States Army at present, as pointed out by J. M. Dickinson, Secretary of War, who recommended immediate steps be taken to correct this weakness.

He also declared we would finally be victorious after a long, hard fight. General Hodges was asked what he thought about the prospects of a war with Japan and what he believed the result would be in case Japan landed a huge army on the shores of the Pacific Coast.

Long Shoreline Exposed. "I don't believe Japan is looking for war," declared General Hodges. The general knows something about the Japanese, as he saw considerable service in the Philippines, and had some opportunity of studying the Japanese Army and Navy.

"Of course an invasion of the Pacific Coast is entirely practicable," he continued. "The Pacific Coast is not adequately defended. There is 2000 miles of shoreline along our western coast and an army would have little trouble landing an army."

"The Pacific Coast would be the first point that the Japanese would attack in case of war. In my mind it would be poor strategy for the Japanese to take the Philippines or Hawaii first, and the Japanese are not making any mistakes in time of war."

Weak Points Poorly Defended. "The Japanese have a great Navy and have a large number of transports with which they could send a big army to our shores under a convoy of battleships, which could protect the transports easily. The landing on the coast could be accomplished almost without opposition."

"Our coast defense has never been anything to boast of and the points which the Japanese would select as available for landing their forces are not fortified strongly enough to put up any defense."

DEFENSE REPORT SUPPRESSED

Dickinson's Correspondence With Congress Is Published.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary of War Dickinson today sent to the House a letter in reply to the McLachlan resolution concerning the adequacy of National defense. The latter discusses the situation briefly, but the secret report recently submitted to the House and withdrawn will not be re-submitted.

Secretary Dickinson's letter, together with the Speaker's letter to Mr. Dickinson returning the secret report, were reported to the House. Mr. Dickinson's letter said it was not compatible with the public interest at this time to report to the House the McLachlan resolution.

This letter was in reply to Speaker Cannon's letter of December 14. The Speaker, after quoting the House rules, said: "In view of the above rules, it is impossible for the Speaker to treat this (Concluded on Page 2.)"

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TAFT TELLS NEED OF PREPARATION

President Would Allay War Scare.

NEEDS OF NATION OUTLINED

Fortification of Panama Canal Held Necessary.

ARBITRATION IS DESIRED

At Peace Conference Speakers Tell of Desire for End of Wars, but Need of Armament Under Present Conditions Justified.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Taft, addressing the closing banquet tonight of the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, allayed the so-called "war scare" which has furnished pabulum for newspapers in the last few days. He said: "There is not the slightest reason for such a sensation because we are at peace with all the nations of the world and are quite likely to remain so."

He said his purpose in outlining the preparedness of the United States for war, "at a peace meeting," was to show by contrast the great worthiness of the movement for a permanent court of arbitration and universal peace.

The President summarized the condition of the National defenses and urged that a policy of "wise military preparation" be pursued. He emphasized the fact that the American people never would consent to the maintenance of a standing army sufficient to cope with that of the greater powers.

Preparation Is Urged. He urged the retention of the present Regular Army, the improvement of the National volunteer bill to go into operation should war be declared, and the passage of a law now before Congress providing for a force of additional officers who will be "able in times of peace to render efficient service in drilling the militia of the states," and finally the accumulation of guns and ammunition, "to equip and arm the force we could collect under the colors in an emergency."

President Taft asserted that the best method of ultimately securing disarmament among the nations was the establishment of an international court and the development of a code of international equity. Declaring that the country has not reached a point where war is impossible, he cited the Panama Canal question.

He said: "Canal Not Alone for Commerce. "Take the question of the Panama Canal. We have a property which, when completed, will be worth \$400,000,000 at least—it will have cost us that. It is built not alone to further the cause of the world's commerce, but also to bring our Eastern and Western seaboard closer together and to secure us the military benefit enabling our naval fleet to pass quickly from one ocean to the other. Now, the works of the canal are of such a character that a warship might easily put the canal out of commission. "We are authorized to police the canal and protect it and we have the treaty right to erect fortifications there. "Fortifications are the best and most secure method of protecting the canal against the attack of some irresponsible nation or armed force."

Treaties Not Always Observed. "It is said that we could neutralize the canal and, by inducing all nations to agree not to attack the canal, secure immunity from injury. But the trouble is that nations are quite as likely as men to violate their obligations under great stress, like that of war. "It seems to me that we ought to put ourselves in a position with reference to this very valuable and delicate (Concluded on Page 4.)"

WOMEN'S RIGHT TO SMOKE RECOGNIZED

SAN FRANCISCO HOTELS CONDUCT SERIES OF TESTS.

Fair Sex Allowed to Puff at Cigarettes or Cigars in Any Part of Building Same as Men.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The management of the Palace and Fairmont Hotels for a whole year have made tests of granting to women equal privilege with men, so far as smoking is concerned. These have been so satisfactory to patrons that the management has decided to let women smoke as much as they please.

Women may smoke, if they so desire, in the great court of the palace and in the lobbies, hallways, apartments or anywhere else in the two big hotels. No restriction of the past year, however, with reference to the place of smoking, nor are there restrictions on the kind, brand or shape of the article to be consumed. Cigar or cigarette may be used.

Permission of the management of the Palace and Fairmont to women to smoke was originally granted a year ago, or at the time of the opening of the Palace Hotel. It was forced by action of a group of English women, wives of titled Britishers, who were at the Fairmont. They smoked in the dining room and in the lobbies, apparently oblivious to the surprised glances of attaches.

So the management was called upon for a ruling, and decided that women could smoke. However, according to attaches of the hotel, the habit of smoking has not increased during the past year among the women of San Francisco. Few instances of women smoking, even in the grills, have been observed.

"KID" WEDGE TAKES WIFE

Ex-Pugilist, Now Pastor, Will Do Work in San Francisco.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—In the presence of a few friends, Rev. Frederick R. Wedge, better known as "Kid" Wedge, ex-pugilist, was this evening quietly married to Miss Prudence Tracy, postmistress of Florence. The bride has held the position of postmistress of the little suburban town just north of Omaha for 15 years, having succeeded her father, who prior to his death held the office 30 years.

Rev. and Mrs. Wedge will go to San Francisco to reside, where the former has been engaged in missionary work along the Barbary Coast for the past year.

After leaving the prize ring five years ago, Rev. Mr. Wedge studied for the ministry in Omaha Theological Seminary, earning money to get through school by giving boxing lessons in clubs about the city. Upon graduating, he was given a small Presbyterian Church in Monroe, Neb., where he remained until called to the missionary field.

MRS. SAGE TO PLAY SANTA

Central Park Laborers Will Receive Coin for Xmas Turkeys.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—There will be no lack of Christmas turkeys for Central Park laborers and men-servants next week, for each one receiving \$5 a day or less will get a brand new \$5 gold piece from Mrs. Russell Sage as a gift to use as he will.

Mrs. Sage never misses a day going to the park. She feeds the squirrels and is a great favorite with them. While driving about the park she explained to the Park Commissioner what she planned to do for a list of the men. This was readily given her.

The gift will amount to \$1650, and will be made next Friday, in plenty of time to buy turkeys.

RUSSIAN JOURNALS SEIZED

St. Petersburg Papers Confiscated for Publishing Anti-Police Talk.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—Today's edition of the Rech and four other daily newspapers were confiscated. Their editors will be prosecuted for lese majeste made in the Duma by M. Puri-shkevitch in connection with an interpellation as to the behavior of the police on the occasion of the recent student meetings held in protest against the alleged cruelties inflicted on political prisoners.

The offense of lese majeste is punishable by a term of eight years in the galleys.

SOCIETY "STUNG;" BARON LOSES JOB?

Dean of Diplomatic Corps Soon to Pass.

CASE HAS LONE PARALLEL

Baroness Hengelmüller Used "Blue Pencil" Too Freely.

OPEN DEFY GIVEN TAFTS

Social Regime of Present Administration Suffers Bitterly by Action of Austrian Ambassador's Wife.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The transfer of Baron Hengelmüller, the Austrian Ambassador here, which has been expected for more than two years by his colleagues in Washington, is forecasted by the public announcement of the views entertained by the Baroness, who is considered as a social leader of the first rank in Washington society. It is stated by the capital's "400," who commented on the attitude of the Baroness, that she was moved to speak unreservedly because she expects the transfer of her husband to another post.

Similar Case Before. The case has a parallel in the annals of Washington society, the other being that which eventually caused the transfer of Baron Des Planches, the Italian Ambassador, here six months ago. Baroness Des Planches one afternoon, while an honor guest at a reception given by a Western American woman, remarked that she did not like attentions or to attend society meetings, and the tempest that followed kept her in Italy about four years out of five and always weighed against the Ambassador, whose transfer followed.

"Blue Pencil" Often Used. Baroness Hengelmüller has always been regarded as a leader in Washington society and she has never hesitated to "blue pencil" the lists of guests submitted for her consideration and approval at many diplomatic functions, where she was to take part. She has also been the one woman who has openly defied the Taft social regime. She has favored the open observance of Sundays here along the lines ordained by the European capitals, knowing all the while that Mr. Taft took the opposite view.

What is perhaps even a more potential factor in the views of the wife of the Ambassador is the way she has compared the social status in New York and elsewhere of the Tafts with that of the Roosevelts.

Censure of Taft Meant. In mentioning the names of the Sloanes, the Vanderbilts and others who have not frequented the capital since the advent of the Taft regime, the tenor of Baroness Hengelmüller's views becomes a criticism of and an attack on the Tafts' social supremacy.

Another phase of the Hengelmüller interview, which ostensibly characterizes Washington society as dull, but in reality criticizes its structure as well as its make-up, is its timeliness. Washington at present is in the midst of a ring of social wars, each inside of the other.

The Taft changes of the Winter plans in receptions and dinners, which have already caused no little discontent, are strengthened by the hostility shown to the Baroness Hengelmüller and American leaders allied with New York and Boston society by the residential set.

Baron Dean of Corps. Baron Hengelmüller is at present the dean of the diplomatic corps, so the utterances of the Baroness become a burden borne by the entire diplomatic corps. It is not denied by some of the diplomats themselves that the only way to clear the diplomatic corps at present is by the immediate transfer of the Hengelmüllers.

Advices from Vienna within the last week have stated that the transfer will be announced at an early date. It was with this knowledge that Baroness Hengelmüller spoke.

HARRY MURPHY OFFERS A COMBINATION OF WEEK-END PICTURES, INCLUDING SOME CHRISTMAS OBSERVATIONS.

