

ELECTION WELL TIMED.

Unfair Party Advantage Taken by the English Unionists.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Mr. James Bryce says that the dissolution of the British parliament was quite without precedent and quite opposed to the spirit and usage of the British constitution.

The law fixes the duration of parliament and established usage has settled that parliament ought not to be dissolved prematurely save to take the opinion of the country on some definite issue, usually when a bill has been rejected or the ministry censured. To reject dissolution, especially upon a state register, for the sake of party advantage is a new departure and a very bad one here.

There has been really no issue before the country because the war is over and annexation is fait accompli. Consequently this general election settles nothing and outlines no future policy, foreign or domestic. No one has the least idea what the ministry will now do. Perhaps they don't know themselves.

Mr. Bryce is not disheartened by the result of the elections. He maintains that too much discouragement is expressed regarding the position of the Liberal party. He says:

"Considering the difficulties under which it has been to fight this election, it has given proofs of strength which make it probable that before long the current may be setting in its favor. The disparity represented by the number of members of each party returned is very much greater than the disparity represented by the votes cast."

Mr. Bryce's personal triumph in securing his re-election has been rendered significant by the unexpected success of the Unionists in upsetting a strong Liberal majority in Aberdeen-shire and winning their sixth seat in Scotland. This gain gave them a lead of a single seat over the majority in the parliament, with only one out of seven seats to defend in the remaining contests.

Mr. Chamberlain, having finished the work of the canvass, has returned to the colonial office, where business is in arrears. The only hint which has been thrown out respecting the new territories is that they will be governed as crown colonies after they have passed out of the condition of military rule.

Objection is offered by some critics that this will mean government by Downing street with all the wires in the hands of Mr. Chamberlain. His enemies are hardly consistent when they insist that he must mop up the mess which he has made and at the same time object to his governing the tentative administration of the new colonies under his own direction. His detractors are forced to concede that he was a shrewd politician in bringing on dissolution when he did.

The Unionists have barely kept their majority under most favorable conditions. They would certainly have reduced it by waiting until January or March.

The cost of living has run up by leaps and bounds and the various industries are hampered by high prices of coal and raw material. The cotton supply for Lancashire is a serious problem which menaces the working class with loss of employment, and the full burden of increased income taxation will be felt during the spring. The khaki election was admittedly timed for the government, but it was premature so far as Lord Curzon was concerned, since his return is not expected until January.

GALVESTON RECOVERING.

Is Being Rapidly Rebuilt and People Have No Fear of Another Similar Calamity.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Governor Joseph D. Sayers, of Texas, who is here attending the bazaar for the benefit of the Galveston sufferers, last night said: "The horror of Galveston has been in no way overestimated. The most conservative now issue the loss of life at 600 and the estimates run all the way from this minimum to a maximum of 12,000. The truth will never be known for, beyond question, hundreds were swept away and the bodies sunk at sea."

The property loss is in the millions—in the tens of millions indeed. A great part of the city was destroyed and it was all damaged. The business section suffered the least, but here also large sums must be expended to restore the buildings and streets.

"Thanks to the generosity of the people of all sections of the Union, the people of Galveston are no longer in want. They have recovered from the first shock of the disaster and are all at work to restore the city to its original condition. Their bravery and pluck in the face of the calamity merit the highest praise. It is really wonderful the courage they are showing. I shall be here a few days and shall return to Texas as soon as my duties in connection with the bazaar are ended."

In response to an inquiry as to whether in his opinion the new Galveston could be safe from the danger of a future storm, Governor Sayers said:

"I think that much can be done looking to the safety of the new city, but I do not believe that there will be a repetition of the frightful hurricane that visited us. If a storm of such awful proportions should strike this city it would utterly wreck it. You do not appreciate the tremendous strength of the elements as it was shown at Galveston. No safeguard of human construction could have withstood it. But such a storm is not likely to come again; we have little fear of that."

FILE IN COSTA RICA.

Entire Business Section of Port Limon Destroyed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The fire which started in Port Limon, Costa Rica, Saturday, according to late dispatches received here, destroyed the entire business section of the city and caused a property loss of \$2,000,000 or over.

Among the heaviest sufferers from the fire were the Port Limon Bank, Lander Bros., the United Fruit Company and several hotels. Chinese merchants were also heavily losers.

Port Limon was in a flourishing condition and the commercial interests of the city have been very large.

NEW FREIGHT RATES.

Representatives of the Trunk Lines Are Holding a Conference in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Representatives of the trunk lines constituting what is known as the official classification committee will meet today at the headquarters of the Trunk Line Association in this city for the purpose of

determining what changes will be made in the present official classification to take effect on January 1.

This committee has practically the rate making power over all the territory east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio river. While shippers do not anticipate an increase, not a few are quite confident that reductions will be made on a number of important articles.

None of the trunk line officials, when approached yesterday, cared to predict what action might be taken at this time. It was learned, however, from an unofficial but reliable source, that a very large part of the business that for some time past has been before the trunk lines has been in the form of requests from shippers for changes in classifications which would amount to lower rates.

The official classification committee put into effect a new classification last January. The changes in that classification were all increases in rates. The committee changed their methods by advancing commodities from lower to higher classes, thereby carrying with such commodities thus advanced an increased rate of freight.

Shippers of all kinds of commodities throughout the trunk line territory protested against the changes in classification. The trunk lines finally granted concessions to the shippers by making a long list of articles to be rated at second and third class, but on which a 15 per cent and 20 per cent reduction was allowed from the regulation second and third class rate. Many railroads, notably those in the south, following the lead of the official classification committee made changes which were even more violent in their effects. Efforts have been made to bring about a reduction in southern territory, but thus far without effect.

Whatever changes are decided upon at the conference today will not become operative until next January. There is an advance in rates, however, to take effect on November 1, but which applies to east bound traffic on the lines of the Central Freight Association, which covers the territory between the Mississippi river and Pittsburgh and Buffalo. The rate on domestic grain between the Mississippi and New York will be advanced from 17½ cents to 20½ cents per 100 pounds and the export tariff will go up from 15½ cents to 18½ cents. Between Chicago and New York the domestic rate will be increased from 15 to 17½ cents and the export rate from 13½ to 16 cents.

GERMANY GETS AN ISLAND.

Annexation of Urup in the Red Sea in Line With Her Aggressive Policy.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The Herald says: The acquisition by Germany of the island of Urup in the Red Sea, for a coaling station, is in harmony with the deliberate policy of Germany.

Count von Bulow, the German minister of foreign affairs, in his budget speech indicated Germany's need of a number of points at D'Arrel and coaling stations for the German navy. During the next few years the intention is expressed of directing Germany's aims to the acquisition of a number of such points where, in time of actual hostility, German war vessels would need them most.

The friendship between Germany and Turkey has resulted in the spread of Germany in Asia Minor and other countries under the sultan's suzerainty. A Red Sea coaling station is further an indication of the Kaiser's purpose of forming a chain of links between Europe and German possessions in the far East.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Charred Bones of a Man and a Boy Found in Sacramento Mountains.

ALAMO GORDO, N. M., Oct. 16.—The charred bones of a man and a boy, supposed to be the remains of Colonel A. J. Fountain and his son Henry, have been found in the Sacramento mountains by Alonzo Greenwood and William Smith. Colonel Fountain and his son left Lincoln for Las Cruces latter part of January, 1896, in a buckboard and stopped on the night of January 31 at the home of D. M. Sutherland, a prominent La Luz stockman. They intended going to Las Cruces by way of the white sands desert but after leaving La Luz they disappeared.

About a week later their buckboard was found near the chalk bluffs and a few bloodstained coins indicating the scene of the tragedy. Fountain was a prominent lawyer and in the valley he carried were indictments of the arrest of a number of persons charged with cattle stealing. Several persons suspected of the murder were arrested after a fight with the officers in which a deputy sheriff was killed but all were acquitted for lack of evidence.

BEST MINES ARE AMERICAN.

Fears Concerning Disputed Boundary Line in Mount Baker District Are Groundless.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 16.—The survey of the boundary line at Mount Baker has been completed by Provincial Surveyor Deane. The line places all the mines of importance in the district on the American side, although a small strip of extra territory is given to British Columbia. The chief importance of the survey is that the Canadian government commissioner, by locating the boundary line north of the mining camps, compels the camps to pay duty and this practically diverts the large trade to the mines from Chilliwack, B. C., to Sumas, Wash.

NATIVES DYING OFF.

U. S. S. Pathfinder Has Returned From Surveying Work in Alaska.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—The U. S. S. Pathfinder has arrived here from Alaska. For several months the vessel has been engaged in surveying at Norton bay, Fish river and other far northern points. The men on the Pathfinder say that the natives of Alaska are rapidly dying off.

HUNTINGTON'S SUCCESSOR.

Now Rumored That It Will Be Present General Manager of the Southern Pacific.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—The Call says: There is a strong possibility that Julius Kruttschnitt, at present general manager of the Southern Pacific Company, will be appointed president of the late C. P. Huntington.

CELEBRATED COMPOSER DEAD.

PRAGUE, Oct. 16.—The death is announced of Zdenko Fibich, the celebrated Bohemian composer.

RUSSIA NEEDS MONEY.

Considered the Explanation of Desire to Retire From Pekin.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—A special to the World from Washington says:

The fact that Russia is endeavoring to raise a \$100,000,000 loan in New York and Paris may explain why Russia has been so anxious to induce the powers to retire from Pekin.

She is so desperately hard up that she cannot stand the financial strain of a prolonged campaign in China and the fact that she is trying to borrow money is perhaps one of the surest guarantees of international peace.

In Paris Russia is trying to induce the Rothschilds to lend her \$50,000,000 francs (\$100,000,000). In New York one of the great international houses is trying to form a syndicate to lend Russia fifty million American dollars.

As the details have not been settled and there are still differences of opinion between the American financiers and the Russian government as to the issue price of the loan and the rate of interest, the firm name is withheld for the present.

As America is a heavier creditor nation and has more money seeking investment than can be profitably employed, it is not unlikely that a Russian loan can be negotiated in New York provided the security and interest offered are satisfactory.

NEW WORLD'S RECORDS.

Number of Bicycle Records Smashed at the Chicago Coliseum.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—At the Coliseum last night, Johnnie Nelson, of this city, defeated Eddie McDuffie, of Boston, in a 15-mile motor-paced bicycle race. The time, 27:26, breaks the world's record for that distance, which formerly stood at 28:34.

Nelson won through sheer pluck. In the sixth mile the motor broke down, thus allowing McDuffie to gain a couple of laps. Nelson, not daunted, stuck until his second pace machine had been brought out and set a pace too hot for McDuffie, and the Chicago boy won by a lap and three-quarters.

Johnnie Lake, the speedy amateur who represented the National Cycling Association in the Paris races, set a new record for the mile indoors in competition, making it 2:06 1-5 from the scratch. Jimmy Michael gave a clever exhibition of motor pace following and set a new record for the mile at 1:40, beating the previous record, 1:47 1-5.

Beating by Arthur Ross in Madison Square Garden last winter, George Leander, the Chicago amateur, in his five-mile paced race against Orlando Weber, of Milwaukee, set a new record for two miles, making the distance 3:49 4-5 against Ross' mark of 3:52.

NEW FREIGHT SERVICE.

Eastern Railroads Will Have a Steamship Service to European Ports.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—It is understood that the Atlantic freight service arranged by the Norfolk and Western, the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Southern Railway will soon be put in operation. A number of steamers will be employed, most of them leaving Norfolk and the others Newport News. There will be direct sailings for Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Glasgow, London, Liverpool and other points in Europe.

Each of the three railroad companies named will have allotted to it a fixed percentage of the freight space of each steamer. The cargoes will consist chiefly of grain, cotton, cotton seed, packing house products, tobacco, timber, flour, phosphate and pig iron. On the westward voyages it is expected the steamers will, as a rule, come in ballast.

MORE AMERICANS CAPTURED.

Filipinos Set Upon Detachment of Soldiers Repairing Telegraph Lines.

MANILA, Oct. 16, via Hong Kong.—A detachment of twenty men of the Twenty-fourth regiment, while engaged in repairing telegraph wires October 10, at a point near San Jose, Nueva Ecija province, near Luzon, were set upon by 200 rebellious natives, overpowered and scattered. Seven of the Americans reached San Jose, but it is probable that the remainder were captured.

The enemy surprised a party of scouts of the Philippine army, captured a point three miles from Takioban, Leyte island, killing three of the Americans in the first volley. Two escaped and gave the alarm, but the enemy succeeded in evading their pursuers.

The native police of Takioban had conspired to surprise the Americans. The bodies of the dead soldiers were badly mutilated.

SHIP LANSING MISSING.

Rumor That the Crew Has Mutinied and Killed Captain Chapman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—The British ship Lansing, which left Port Blakey on June 1, bound for Port Hope, Australia, is now out 126 days, and 20 per cent re-insurance has been offered on her. She has a cargo of nearly 2,000,000 feet of lumber.

A story is current in shipping circles that the crew has mutinied, killed Captain Chapman and located on Bonham Island, in the South seas, but this report lacks confirmation.

CABLE HAS ARRIVED.

Number of Telegraph Lines Can Be Completed in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—General Order has received a report from Manila saying that sixty miles of cable for use in the Philippines has arrived and will enable the signal corps to complete a number of telegraph lines in the islands.

Lieutenant Clifton B. Perry, of the signal corps, has been discharged on account of disability. He was serving in the Philippines. This is the first officer of the signal corps who has had to retire on account of his health.

WOODWORKER SHOT.

Formerly Secretary of the Union but Had Become a Scab.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Adam Maesch, a woodworker and until a few weeks ago secretary of the Woodworkers' Union, was shot and probably fatally wounded last night near his home by two men supposed to be striking woodworkers or their sympathizers. The attack is

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sent to have been due to the fact that he had returned to work with non-union men after a strike had been declared.

A general strike of union woodworkers was declared five weeks ago in forty miles engaged in the manufacture of wood material. About 400 men were involved at first, but the unions soon won in some of the thirty-five of the tied-up plants. It was in the factories of the south and west sides that the union victories were achieved.

For the last few weeks the contest has been waged bitterly at the plants of the north and northwest sections of the city where the strike is still in force.

KENTUCKY LEAVES FOR ASIA.

Will Take Three Hundred Extra Marines to Fill Vacancies.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The battleship Kentucky, which has been ordered to the Asiatic squadron, will leave the Brooklyn navy yard tomorrow. She will take 300 marines from the Vermont to the Asiatic squadron to fill out the complements of the various vessels in Admiral Remy's squadron.

It has been rumored that Rear-Admiral Barker, the commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard, may be assigned to duty at the Asiatic station, but the latter has received no such orders.

REED AGAIN IN HOSPITAL.

Famous Actor Must Undergo Another Operation.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Roland Reed, the actor who underwent two operations in St. Luke's hospital for stomach trouble last winter, returned to the hospital last night and will be operated upon again today. He was obliged to close his season in the west on account of a recurrence of his trouble and is in a critical condition.

PAUNCEFOTE FOR THE CABINET.

It Is Suggested That His Appointment Would Strengthen the Ministry.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The latest name that is suggested to strengthen the ministry is that of Lord Pauncefote, the London correspondent of the Tribune. As a matter of fact, however, nothing is known in official circles of any intention to recall Lord Pauncefote from his post at Washington.

SPLIT PEA PRODUCERS.

Are Holding a Conference at Port Huron, Michigan.

PORT HURON, Mich., Oct. 16.—A meeting of different firms producing split peas in the United States is in session here to talk over the price list and the prospects of the split pea market. There are seven split pea producing concerns in the United States and the meeting is between eastern and western producers.

WINERY BURNED.

Loss at Fresno, California, of Over \$100,000.

FRESNO, Cal., Oct. 16.—The Kohler and Frothing Winery, belonging to the California Wine Association, has been entirely destroyed by fire. The building machinery and tanks were valued at \$50,000. Over 250,000 gallons of port wine were stored in the structure. The total loss is between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

END OF BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

Coast Championship Won by Taylor After a Lengthy Contest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—The billiard tournament at the Olympic club for the championship of the coast in class B was completed last night. Taylor won out, but it was only after another tie had resulted. It was the fourth tie of the tournament and in despair the players decided to change the system and play a three-handed game, in which Taylor won with Burns second.

OXFORD LIBRARIAN DEAD.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Sir Henry Wentworth Dyke Acland Radcliff, librarian today, aged 85.

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