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SON OF HIS FATHER HAS LESS STEAM

Austen Chamberlain Has Rare Chance to Cut Capers But Fails to Measure up to High Standard.

Comes to Defense of the Old Man When the Latter is Bitterly Attacked.

A DRAMA IN PARLIAMENT

Remarkable Personal Situation Which is Marked By Weak Defense of the Government's Policy.

London, Feb. 2.—My right honorable friend, the member from West Birmingham, as Austen Chamberlain described his father, was the central figure in a drama that marked the opening of parliament today.

No playwright could have devised a more curious situation. For the first time in years Joseph Chamberlain took his seat as a private citizen.

Premier Balfour was laid up with influenza and therefore was unable to be present. When Austen Chamberlain arose to reply in behalf of the party of which his own father is believed to be the most powerful member, the house was spellbound.

Interest in the proceedings were heightened by the fact that Sir Campbell Bannerman, the liberal leader, had just concluded a merciless satire on Austen Chamberlain's father, Joseph Chamberlain, who had sat unmoved under the ridicule of the liberal leader turned nervously toward his son, who now takes precedence over him and is the most prominent figure in the British empire—sat and listened to his own defense from the lips of his son. Austen Chamberlain spoke haltingly and under an evident strain. Now and again jeers greeted the youngest member of the cabinet, whereupon with unmistakable anger his father turned his glance in the direction of the offender and occasionally cheered his son on with emphatic "Hear, hear." As Austen Chamberlain neared the conclusion of the address, interruptions grew more frequent and he addressed his remarks almost solely in the direction of his

father. Deftly he accused Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman of attacking the premier in his absence and with a touch of pride he said:

"The member from West Birmingham is here; he can speak for and look after himself."

The house finally expressed its relief when the speech was over, and generally termed the proceedings as one of the most extraordinary personal situations that had ever occurred, and the speech as one of the weakest in defense of the government's policy, ever made.

Lucky Senator Clark.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 2.—The great Verd copper mines at Butte, owned by United States Senator W. A. Clark, and worth all the way from \$90,000,000 to \$100,000,000, were originally bought by the senator for \$150,000.

This is the declaration that W. M. Bickford, of Butte, made in this city yesterday.

"It was a lucky day for the senator," continued Mr. Bickford.

Mr. Bickford came to Seattle as the personal representative of Senator Clark, to look after some of the senator's financial interests in this city. He is now on the eve of incorporating a company under the laws of the state of Washington, with headquarters at Spokane Falls. Clark has bought many acres of land in that section and proposes to go into extensive silver and gold mining in the state.

Paper is Published.

London, Feb. 2.—A white paper, giving the correspondence respecting the Alaska boundary, beginning with the late Lord Salisbury's proposal, July 1, 1899, to submit the question to arbitration, with the award of the tribunal and the reasons for the judgment of the commissioners, was published today. The contents are already history. The paper closes with a letter from Clifford Sifton, Canadian minister of the interior, who was agent of Great Britain in the Alaska boundary question, to Lord Lansdowne, dated October 22, 1903, expressing appreciation of the work of all those who were associated with him in presenting the British case, to which Lord Lansdowne replied October 30, expressing the king's approval of the ability and zeal with which the British interests had been advocated.

Orders For Mobilization.

Paris, Feb. 2.—The correspondent of the Journal at Port Arthur cables that orders have been received for a mobilization of the Russian squadrons there and at Vladivostok, and both are now ready to take to sea at moment's notice.

WILLIAM COLLINS WHITNEY PASSES AWAY AFTER AN ILLNESS OF THREE DAYS

Second Operation Was Deemed Essential to Save Life of Former Secretary of Navy, and He Dies Suddenly.

Was Taken Ill at Metropolitan Opera House Last Friday Night—Son and Daughter are at Bedside When the End Comes—Noted New Yorker Dies in His Sixty-fourth Year—To Be Interred at Woodlawn.

New York, Feb. 2.—William Collins Whitney, formerly secretary of the navy, died a few minutes after 4 o'clock this afternoon at his home on Fifth avenue, in his 64th year. He died while under the influence of either administered preparatory to a second operation for appendicitis. By his bedside were his son, Harry Payne Whitney, and his daughter, Dorothy Whitney, as well as Dr. Bull, chief surgeon in attendance.

Mr. Whitney was taken ill Friday night at the Metropolitan opera house. Dr. Walker P. James was at once called and found that the condition of the patient was such that after consultation an operation was decided upon and was performed by Dr. Bull. The patient rallied so well that it was fully believed he would recover. Mr. Whitney's condition was very grave,

however, on Sunday and Monday, and at a consultation held this afternoon the conclusion was reached that the only hope for the patient lay in a second operation.

Shortly before 3 o'clock, preparations were made for the operation. Mr. Whitney was placed under the influence of ether, but whether the operation was proceeded with or not is not known. Oxygen was used and all the skill of the physicians and surgeons was brought into play to save the life of the distinguished patient, but to no avail.

This evening the following statement was issued:

"Mr. Whitney died of peritonitis and blood poisoning, following an operation for appendicitis."

The interment will be at Woodlawn at a date to be hereafter fixed.

MURDERER DECLINES TO BE OPERATED UPON

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Frank Woods, who is sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Policeman Eugene C. Robinson, refused to allow Dr. Rottanzzi to operate on him, though Woods lies on a cot in the county jail suffering from the effects of the wound made by a shot fired by Policeman Robinson on the morning of January 21, 1902, when the street battle between the policeman and the desperate robber took place.

Last Sunday Dr. Rottanzzi visited Woods at the county jail, and after an examination of the prisoner he stated that he was in a serious condition and that an operation was necessary. Woods refused to be operated on in the county jail, as there are no facilities there for surgical treatment. Dr. Rottanzzi called at the jail again yesterday, and again asked Woods to submit to an operation, but the man refused. The doctor suggested that Woods consent to be removed to San Quentin, where there are better facilities, but the prisoner refused.

Steps may be taken to compel the man to submit to the operation.

School in Good Condition.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 2.—The board of trustees of the state reform school held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon, at which time Superintendent N. H. Looney filed his first report since his incumbency, and covering the first month of the year. Mr. Looney says:

"I found things in fairly good condition here at the beginning of the year. There have been a few cases of scarlet fever in the institution, but the disease has been in a slight form, and only two patients are now in the hospital. They have recovered, but are kept there until the danger of the spread of the contagion is past. Everything has been thoroughly disinfected."

"The boys seem well contented. Harry Steele was committed from Polk county, January 5; Charles Danies escaped April 12, 1903, and was returned January 31, 1904; Ralph Guthrie was paroled December 1, 1903, and was returned January 27, 1904; John Goodell escaped August 27, 1903, and was returned January 27, 1904. The number of boys now in the school is 93."

Dies During House Party.

St. Louis, Feb. 2.—While his daughter's guests were being introduced at a dancing party at his home, Henry Hagemeyer committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. It is believed the death of his son who was accidentally shot two years ago and business troubles preying upon his mind led to the deed.

STEPS PROPOSED TO SAVE DYING CATTLE

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Leading cattlemen in this city say that unless the government can be induced temporarily to relax its quarantine regulations against the transportation of cattle out of the southern counties of the state where prolonged drouth has made feed very scarce, the loss by death of cattle will run into millions of dollars.

There is grass for the cattle to eat if they can be moved to it. Fortunes depend on one or two contingencies—that rain shall speedily fall in the south and that it be a warm rain, that will not chill and kill thousands of cattle, that are debilitated and unable longer to endure extremes, or that the national government and the county governments of California that have quarantine ordinances shall yield to the present pressing emergency.

At one time the quarantine lines of the national government took in all California. Gradually, as the Texas fever has been stamped out the limit of quarantine has been moved southward, and now the northern counties generally are exempt from quarantine. In the north the greater share of the rain of this exceptionally dry winter has fallen. In the south, where the quarantine is still effective, there is great need of some remedial measure.

The quarantine is rigorous in the Barbara, Ventura, San Bernardino counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Orange, Riverside and San Diego. In the counties of Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare and Monterey cattle are freely moved after special inspection, which is a relaxation of the former regulations. Like indulgence in the face of imminent heavy losses is sought for the other counties mentioned.

Governor Pardee and the state veterinarian are trying to have some means of relief adopted. The situation is critical. Millions of San Francisco capital depend on the outcome of the next fortnight.

Archduke is Ill.

Vienna, Feb. 2.—The Die Zlot says that reports are in circulation of the unsatisfactory body and mental condition of Archduke Louis Victor, brother of Emperor Francis Joseph and that his physicians have ordered him to take a prolonged rest. The archduke consequently has gone to Meran, in the Tyrol.

Funds to be Recalled.

Washington, Feb. 2.—It is the general expectation in administration circles that the Panama treaty will be ratified about the middle of the present month and in anticipation of the event Secretary Shaw will soon take steps looking to a recall of a portion of the public funds now in the hands of national banks' depositories. Just what

percentage these public deposits will be called for has not yet been definitely determined, but there is reason to believe it will approximate 20 per cent, or \$30,000,000.

No Need of Martial Law.

Denver, Feb. 2.—Governor Peabody today revoked his order for martial law in Teller county, which went into effect early in December. The Telluride district military will continue to rule, at least for the present, but Governor Peabody expresses the belief that he will be justified in suspending martial law there also in a few days.

Morgue Busy All Day.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Seven sudden deaths kept the morgue wagon on the go all day yesterday. The victims of the grim reaper ranged in ages from a child who had seen the light of but one day, to an old man who had passed through the dangers of life for over 80 years, only to meet his end by being accidentally asphyxiated by gas. Of the five remaining victims, two took their own lives, one was suddenly stricken while on a pleasure trip, a fourth while strolling along the street.

The infant son of Alfred Schurr, which was born Saturday, was suffocated while sleeping with its mother. Michael Langan, 30 years of age, was accidentally asphyxiated. Esther E. Jarrett and Charles Joseph Harrington, both committed suicide by inhaling gas. George Glego, fisherman, dropped dead in front of his residence as he was starting for a stroll. Harry Hitchcock, while driving with a friend, expired in the buggy. The last body brought to the morgue was headless, and was found floating in the bay, having been in the water over a month.

Diplomas Granted.

Salem, Feb. 2.—The state board of education, in session yesterday, afternoon, granted state diplomas and certificates in nine instances, as follows: L. Nina Butler, of Briggs, state certificate upon Washington papers, holding state permit, good for one year; Ethel G. Putnam, of Drain; Therese A. Baumgart, of Heppner, and Nellie F. Cain, of Portland, all of whom passed the regular examination heretofore and have since arrived at the statutory age required by law 21 years; and life diplomas to Walton C. McKee, Lebanon, Santiam academy; Cora E. McCully, Albany, Mineral Springs college; Elinor Moorhouse, Fossil, Weston normal; Ida May Noffsinger, Eugene, Grants Pass, Drain normal.

Changes at Prison.

Salem, Feb. 2.—Two more changes took place at the penitentiary yesterday afternoon, one of which has been scheduled for the past month, while the other was not exactly looked for. John Stapleton, who has been employed as guard in the shops, for several years past, was yesterday relieved, his resignation, which he filed on the first of January, having taken effect yesterday. His place was taken by J. E. Thompson, of this city. Lute Savage, one of the night wall guards, was also discharged yesterday. His place has been filled by Ed. Ginty, of Portland.

Famous Florist Dead.

New York, Feb. 2.—William Burgess, who brought the Marshal Nell rose to this country, is dead from pneumonia. His green houses on Long Island were among the largest in the United States.

Socialists' National Secretary.

Omaha, Feb. 2.—The referendum vote taken by the National committee of the socialist party for a national secretary, resulted in the re-election of William Mailly, of Boston.

HE DEFENDS COURSE OF ROOSEVELT

Administration of Panama Affairs By President Looks Good to Senator Clarke.

New Democratic Member From Arkansas Endorses Chief Executive.

COLLEAGUES WILL VOTE RIGHT

Believes That Treaty Will Not Lack for Necessary Support From the Minority Side in Congress.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Clarke, the new democratic senator from Arkansas, made his first speech in the senate today. He spoke two hours and announced his endorsement of every position taken by the president in connection with the Panama revolt and in the negotiation of the treaty with the new state. He even said in view of the provocation given by Colombia, the president might have been expected to go farther than he did in advancing the cause of Panama. He declared there was more popular support to the course of the president's policy among democrats than among republicans, and said democratic votes necessary to ratify the treaty were assured.

Fairbanks also spoke in support of the treaty, contending for the regularity of all proceedings of the administration on the isthmus of Panama.

Washington, Feb. 2.—By unanimously agreeing to the resolution amending the rules of the house today, the resident commissioner to congress from Porto Rico was given additional authority equal in all essential respects to that of a delegate from a territory, the action not requiring the concurrence of the senate.

The bill which provided for a delegate from Porto Rico passed the house during the last congress, but was amended by the senate to such an extent that it failed. The bill duplicating the action of the house at the last session is now pending, but meanwhile Porto Rico will receive, under the action taken today, practically all the benefits extended in the measure.

Joe is Still Champion.

Detroit, Feb. 2.—Joe Gans, lightweight champion, bested Mike Ward of Sarnia, Ontario, the lightweight champion of Canada. Ward was so badly punished that the police stopped the bout at the expiration of 2 1-2 minutes of the tenth round. It took Ward's seconds an hour to thoroughly revive him.

Sharkey Stands Up.

Boston, Feb. 2.—Tom Sharkey won in a wrestling bout with John Piening tonight. Piening contracted to throw Sharkey three times within an hour. Piening got two falls, but failed to get the third.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Peter Christiansen, mother of the five children who perished in their burned home last night, died today from her burns.

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