

LIBERALS WILL FIGHT LORDS

Party Said to Be Ready to Stake Its Tenure on the Issue.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 London, Dec. 22.—Leaders of the English Liberal party will probably stake their present control of the government early next year on their ability virtually to abolish the house of lords.

The decision to act against the peers has not been quite definitely reached, so far, at least, as anyone outside the cabinet knows, but the matter is under careful consideration, with a majority of the ministers openly in favor of an early start on the campaign.

The difference of opinion is mainly as to the extent to which it will be wise to go. The more radical members of the ministry are for complete extinction of the principle of hereditary legislation, and the creation, in the lords' place, of a house chosen in some such manner as the United States senate.

The more moderate ministers favor making the upper branch a kind of advisory body with practically no legislative powers. The really conservative Liberals believe it will be sufficient to arrange for the passage of the law through the commons over the lords' veto, in cases where two thirds or three fourths majorities can be secured.

Whichever of these plans may be adopted will be submitted in the form of a bill when parliament reassembles after the Christmas recess. It is considered a foregone conclusion that the lords will reject it. Then the Liberal cabinet proposes to resign, and the election of members of parliament will follow, and the issue will be abolition of the upper house.

Premier Asquith is known to have opposed resignation for some time on the ground that it would be a hardship for the Liberal members of parliament to be put to campaign expenses for re-election.

So much Liberal legislation has recently been thrown out in the house of lords after passage by the Liberal commons that he has finally declared the situation intolerable.

The lords are trying to reform themselves by providing against the admission of any members of the upper branch purely as an hereditary legislator.

The idea of a committee of their own members, which has been submitted, is to have a limited number of peers elected from the entire group of nobility and "life peers" chosen in reward for high public services. The Liberals are not paying the least attention to these proposals. They say the lords are frightened and want to compromise. They do not propose to give them the chance. They do not want the house of lords reformed, but completely abolished, or at least deprived of all power.

TWO WIFE BEATERS MAY PAY PENALTY

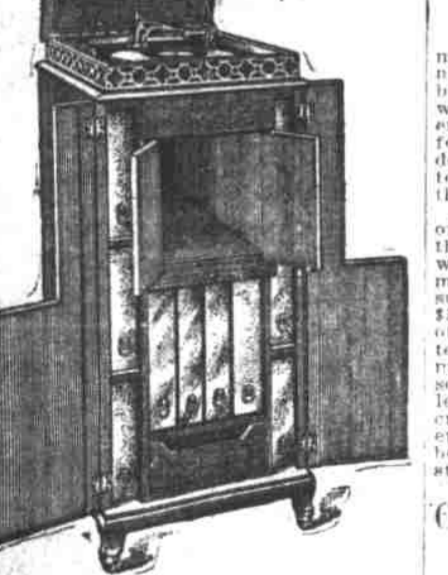
Martin Ritz of Sycamore was arrested by the constable's office yesterday on a charge of wife beating, the penalty which carries a possible state prison term. The wife charges that her husband first drugged and then beat her.

E. M. Russell of 472 Miller avenue, Sellwood, was arrested by Deputy Constable Henrick yesterday on a warrant charging him with assault and battery, the complainant being his wife. Both cases are being heard in the justice court this afternoon. Mrs. Russell declared she was assaulted because she refused to give her husband 50 cents to go to a dance.

Popular Teacher to Wed.

Henry M. Eaterly, a well known member of the Portland bar, and Miss Elizabeth Norcross, who for several years has been a teacher at the Portland academy, were this morning licensed to wed by County Clerk Fleming. Mr. Eaterly was formerly deputy district attorney and Miss Norcross is well known and popular in society circles.

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GRAFT SCANDAL AT PITTSBURG

Seven Councilmen and Two Bankers Arrested With Others to Follow.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Pittsburgh, Dec. 22.—Seven city councilmen, including the president of the body, together with a bank president and a bank cashier, were arrested last night, charged with bribery in connection with legislative affairs.

Director of Public Safety Lang said evidence against the accused would be produced at their arraignment tomorrow, and that there might be other arrests following the arraignment.

Officials of the Civic League who are responsible for the arrest of these men are said to have sworn out warrants to the number of 50, and it is generally understood that exposures in municipal corruption involving the reputations of many of the most prominent men in Pittsburgh, will follow with rapidity.

President William Brand of the common council, John P. Klein, W. N. McLaney, Joseph G. Wasson, Jacob J. Soffel, Hugh Ferguson, all councilmen; Q. T. Atkins, special councilman; President W. W. Ramsey and Cashier A. A. Vilsack of the German National bank are the men under arrest.

BURNS' STORY OF P. CLAUDIANES

Detective Repeats in Court Alleged Confession of Dynamiter.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Oakland, Cal., Dec. 22.—"I have a pretty hard job for you. Have you your nerve with you? This prosecution has sent about 50,000 people out of work. Henry Spreckels, Gallagher and I am responsible. We want to get Gallagher out of the way. He knows too much."

This is the statement which Detective William J. Burns testified Felix Pauduvers, mad Peter Claudianes at the time when he is alleged to have made the negotiations with the young dynamiter, James L. Gallagher, the pivotal witness in all the graft cases.

Detective Burns was the star witness in the Peter Claudianes trial today. Through him the full story of the dynamiting outrage which brought about the destruction of the home of W. H. H. Schenk on April 22 of this year was told.

Attorney Langdon of San Francisco told the following story, attributed to Peter Claudianes:

"I was living in Chico, California, in March, 1908. I received a letter from Felix Pauduvers in San Francisco, telling me to come to San Francisco to do some work. The letter said he was money in it. I was told not to tell John anything about it. After my expense money was sent me I went to San Francisco and called at the room Pauduvers, at 1802 Turk street, and he told me he wanted me to blow up the home of W. H. H. Schenk. He offered me \$1000 for him and \$1000 in it for me, as well as \$2 a day for expenses.

"I crossed the bay to East Oakland, where Felix pointed out Gallagher's home and gave me a complete description of his apartment. Felix suggested that I try to get a job in the restaurant where Gallagher lived. I could get in there and leave no trace. I told him I could not cook. Pauduvers then suggested covering particles of broken glass with poison and then throwing them in Gallagher's face, so that they would pierce him and kill him. I didn't care for this plan, as I gave me no opportunity to get away. Felix next asked me if I knew how to use dynamite. I told him I did.

"Burns then went on to tell how, as he asserted, Claudianes confessed making the bombs and actually blowing up the Schenk residence.

CUSTOMERS WAIT WITH CONSTABLE

A warrant for the arrest of B. F. Germaine, who has been running a "business men's exchange" in the Benjamin building at Fifth and Morrison streets, was issued by the justice court this afternoon and a large crowd of Germaine's former patrons gathered at the Union depot this afternoon to point him out to a constable in case he tried to leave the city.

Mr. Germaine, it is alleged, has been offering jobs to all callers, most of them snags with good salaries and little work. He has secured immediate employment for about 500 unsuspecting souls who paid down from \$5 to \$10 cash deposit as a guarantee of good faith. They reported the matter to the district attorney but Germaine is said to have learned that the deposit was wrong and prepared to leave the city this afternoon. The crowd of those he had not placed gathered at the depot at 2 o'clock so as to be ready to greet him with the constable.

CONDITION OF STATE AND PRIVATE BANKS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Salem, Ore., Dec. 22.—State Bank Examiner James Steel yesterday explained a statement of the condition of the 142 state and private banks in Oregon at the date of the last call, November 27, 1908. The statement shows total resources, \$24,502,212.35, of which \$5,545,579.75 is cash on hand, and \$18,956,632.27 due from banks and bankers.

The deposits of subject to check amount to \$29,674,348.82.

The loans and discounts aggregate \$25,982,245.46.

The statistics do not admit of comparison with the last report, for some banks have been nationalized and new ones formed since the last report was made.

SPokane Politician, HUNTING, FOUND DEAD

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 22.—Allen F. Gill, a well known Spokane contractor and politician, was found dead last night at Moses Lake, in Douglas county. He was on a hunting trip and it is supposed he accidentally shot himself.

Not Fighting Hetch Hetchy Plan.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Congressman S. C. Smith of Bakerfield, Cal., chairman of the subcommittee in charge of the revision of the Hetch Hetchy resolution in the house, today said there was no disposition on the part of any member of the committee to interfere with the San Francisco bond issue or in any way to impede the city's big water supply project.

Make table reservations for Christmas dinner at the Lenox, Third and Main.

LIQUOR LICENSE A THIRD HIGHER

Vancouver Council Makes Raise Apply to All Who Touch the Traffic.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 22.—At one of the busiest sessions ever held by the city council of Vancouver a far-reaching liquor license ordinance was passed last evening, making a decided increase in the annual license fee and including every person engaged in the sale of liquors. The municipal water project also came up as well as numerous other matters of importance.

The liquor license ordinance was introduced by Councilman Sparks and seconded by Councilman Kenney. The final vote was 3 to 2. Councilmen Kiggins and Braest voted against its passage. The new ordinance calls for a regular retail fee of \$300 a year, against \$600 at present; a wholesale license of \$500 and double retail and wholesale license of \$1200. This ordinance will include every one, no exceptions being made. The Star brewery will hereafter pay \$300 if the Commercial club desires to dispense liquor it will have to pay \$800. All drug stores will be subject to the fee of \$500. Those affected by the ordinance will be notified by ordinance and it is understood a determining effort will be made to have the council grant a modification.

POLICE CLAMOR FOR CHRISTMAS MONEY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The city's hundreds of policemen are making a mass meeting to urge on the police commission the necessity of their receiving their salaries before Christmas day arrives.

Acting Chief of Police Cutler, the successor of the ill fated Higgy, has announced that he will not sign the salary demands of the men for the month. There is no reason given by him for the refusal but it is believed the acting chief is not empowered by the charge to authenticate the demands.

The board of police commissioners has been consulting the city attorney and the police are anxiously awaiting the latter's decision, which will determine whether the stockpiling in many police man's home, shall be filled or empty.

Yuba Settling Basins.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Marysville, Cal., Dec. 22.—The government is preparing to begin immediate work on the great settling basins on the Yuba river near the dredge town of Hammonton. The basins will cover 1500 acres each and will cost thousands of dollars. Their purpose is to impound the river and relieve it of debris before returning the stream to its channel.

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SILVER SPECTRE SCAPES BANKERS

Until It Is Shown That Only Teller Is Raising the Ghost.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Washington, Dec. 22.—Eastern bankers are alarmed at the publication in French financial papers of a letter from Senator Teller of Colorado suggesting that the Aldrich currency commission is considering the issue of notes secured by silver. The letter was addressed to Moreton Frewen, the silver advocate.

In the letter Teller declares that he favors the issue of small notes and limited legal tender secured by silver, but that he wants the cooperation of the Indian government. He asks Frewen if the government would interest itself.

The letter says: "We will make the proposal officially if you learn it will be well received. We do not wish to expose ourselves to absolute refusal."

In making this statement, other members of the commission say that Teller created the wrong impression and say that the idea was never discussed. If it had been, they assert, it would not have been entertained.

Senator Aldrich, on behalf of the committee, publicly announced that nothing definite had been decided regarding any question before the commission.

Teller today said he supposed when he used the pronoun "we" he should have used "I," thereby leading to the misunderstanding. He said he would bring the matter before the commission and unless the commission considered it, he would resign.

LIGHT MAGNETS ARE ACQUITTED

Presidents of Electric and Gas Companies Are Not Guilty of Auto Speeding.

Charged with violating the city ordinance governing the speed of automobiles, E. S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and C. P. Adams, president of the Portland Gas company, appeared by counsel in the circuit court this morning.

Mr. Adams was represented by ex-Senator Joseph Simon and Mr. Josselyn was defended by Frederick V. Holman.

Both were charged under the provisions of ordinance 15,380, which provides that "it is unlawful for any person to operate, run or drive or cause to be operated, run or driven, any mobile automobile, etc., within the corporate limits of the city of Portland, at a greater speed than 16 miles an hour within the fire limits, and not to exceed 12 miles an hour outside the fire limits."

The defense alleged that Mr. Adams had lent his machine to a friend and that the friend, exceeding the speed limit without the knowledge of the defendant, and that Mr. Josselyn's chauffeur had stolen away from the house with the Josselyn machine while Mr. Josselyn was preparing to go out, and that therefore neither of the defendants drove or caused to be driven, their machines at a rate exceeding the speed ordinance.

Judge Cleland held that under the ordinance, he could not find the defendants guilty as neither of them had authorized the violation of the ordinance or had been present at the time of the violation.

ARGUMENTS MADE IN PETRASSO CASE

The closing arguments in the case of Antonio Petrasso, charged with the murder of Vincenzo Desantis on September 22, are being made today. John Ditchburn, retained as special prosecutor, occupied the entire morning arguing before the jury and Seneca Pouts, who is representing Petrasso, is making the plea for the defense this afternoon.

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