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LIBERALS ARE STILL GAINING

Indications Are That Laborites Will Control Parliament Without Nationalist Aid.

CAN LOSE NINETY SEATS WITHOUT LOSING CONTROL

Interest is Growing Intense in England as Election Returns Come in Government Fares Better Than Most Ardent Supporters Anticipated—'Honest' John Burns Turns Tory But Gains His Place.

London, Jan. 18.—Unless conservatives take a decided brace during the remaining days of the national parliamentary elections, it is predicted today by liberals, the laborites will be able to control the next parliament without the aid of the nationalists. This estimate is based upon the solid liberal representation usually returned from Scotland and Wales, which place the total conservative gain to but eighty seats. As the laborites are making slight gains liberals may be able to lose ninety seats without losing control of parliament.

There have been few surprises. Some expected that John Burns, president of the local board, would be defeated in Battersea, but Burns himself never had any doubt.

Majorities are Reduced.

Other state officials who had to fight for their seats and were successful were August Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, and C. E. Hothouse, financial secretary to the treasury, in Bristol, and Dr. T. J. MacNamara, secretary to the admiralty, in Chamberwell. Their majorities were greatly reduced.

This happened all through the country, the huge majorities secured in 1906 showing big reductions in almost all cases. Many liberals who became members of the house of commons by the grace of the landslide that year have been sent back to private life. Among them is Hamar Greenwood, a Canadian, who represented York, and was considered a prominent candidate for high office. Another Canadian, Joseph Martin, former promoter of British Columbia, was more successful, winning the seat for St. Patrick, east.

Free Trader Defeated.

Other prominent members defeated included L. G. Chiozza Money, apostle of free trade, who lost his seat for North Haddington, and Will Crooks, labor leader, for Woolwich. Sir H. Robinson, liberal candidate for North Kensington, failed to get a majority, as did also Sir John Gorst, an ex-minister and at one time a member of the fourth party, whose leading spirits were A. J. Balfour and Lord Randolph Churchill.

On the other side Lord R. Cecil and George Stewart Boles, who ran as free trade unionists, failed to overthrow Philip Snowden, labor leader, and Sir Thomas Barclay Blackburn.

Doctors had much to do with the defeat of Clud Hay, unionist in the Horton division of Shoreditch. His opponent was Dr. C. Addison, a famous consulting surgeon. Hay, on the platform made disparaging remarks about the profession, and, as a result the whole fraternity turned out to assist Dr. Addison.

Unionist leaders who ran, including A. J. Balfour, A. Bonar Law, Walter Hume Long and Sir William Bull, held their seats by increased majorities.

'Honest John' Turns Tory.

Defeat has been predicted perennially for 'Honest John' in the last decade, and Mr. Burns' friends were frightened this year. Since the most picturesque fighter in Westminster was sent to the house of commons by the enthusiastic socialists of his home district and since he held positions of increased responsibility, he has out-grown gradually his old radical ideas. The John Burns of today is a vastly different politician from the old John Burns who exhorted the workmen in Trafalgar Square to rise against the police. He has become one of the most conservative of

AMERICANS EXECUTIONERS MUST FACE A TRIAL

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 18.—The supreme court of Nicaragua, today received a message from President Madriz demanding the trial of officers and officials involved in the execution of Greece and Cannon, the two Americans. Madriz declares the shooting appears unwarranted and court should satisfy itself who is responsible for the miscarriage of justice.

LIBERALS ARE SAID TO BE AT HEART A GOOD TORY

John Burns has so far outlived his famous dictum that no man could honestly earn more than \$2000 yearly that he holds a \$10,000 position, and is likely to be promoted to a \$25,000 post, although his style of living remains as modest as ever.

'The czar of Battersea,' as some of the workmen call him, has not hesitated to stand against some of the demands of his old time friends when he considered them unreasonable. He has opposed the unemployed and has spoken plainly about workmen's tendency toward improvidence and drink. While he has gained the respect of all parties in parliament and is considered one of the ablest legislators, 'traitor' and 'renegade' are some of the mildest terms applied to him in the labor camp.

A Shirley Benn made a strong tariff reform campaign and received much outside help, but 'Honest John' in his familiar jacket and bowler—for he still scorns the ministerial silk hat and frock—has been seen everywhere, renewing acquaintances with old followers.

Antos Fill Street.

Hundreds of automobiles, bedecked with the unionist colors, purple and yellow, filled the Battersea streets today, taking voters to the polls. Long lines of them were drawn up outside factories waiting for workmen. Ben's placards in windows outnumbered Burns' cards ten to one. The socialist posters reminded the workmen that John Burns had said that each of them spent a shilling a week on drink. One of them accused him of taking soup which some outcast should have had when he visited the bread line on the embankment. Another exhorted the voters to turn the 'cunning hypocrite out.' Still another resented him in court suit labelled 'The gilded poppajay.'

Bands of children paraded with Burns' emblems on their banners, which said that, under protection the father would have to rob the cat of its meat for his dinner.

UNHEARD OF HENS WILL OCCUPY PENS

STRANGE AND VARIED WILL BE BIRD EXHIBIT

New Sussex Chickens, Imported from Ireland in the Egg, Probably Only Specimens in America, Have Consented to Grace Big Poultry Show.

GRAND SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE

As an indication of the great amount of interest being taken by the local business men in the coming show is the fact that the Taylor Hardware company has hunted up the secretary of the show this morning to ask permission to offer a six foot roll of their Union Lock poultry netting as grand sweepstakes prize for the highest scoring pen of chickens of any variety at the show. The total value of prizes offered now is more than \$200.

Rare and almost unheard-of chickens will be on exhibit at the coming poultry show, which is to be held in this city next week. There will not only be an exhibit all the kinds of birds that the ordinary person ever heard of or imagined existed, but there will also be some kinds of birds that the ordinary person never heard of.

Among the new varieties will be an

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TARPLEY TAKES WITNESS STAND

First of String of Witnesses Expected to Implicate Hermann in Fraud Testifies.

BEGINS HIS STORY OVER OBJECTION OF WORTHINGTON

Testimony is Expected to Connect Ex-Land Commissioner With Conspirators in Blue Mountain Land Fraud—Tarpley Tells How he and McKinley Bent Mays and Jones to Rich Land—Mays Demanded Half of Spoils to Pay 'Men in Washington.'

Portland, Jan. 18.—Dan Tarpley, the first of a string of witnesses that are expected to linklinger Hermann with the alleged conspiracy to create the Blue Mountain forest reserve for private gain, was put on the stand by Prosecutor F. J. Heney today and made a start on his story this morning over the objection of Colonel A. S. Worthington, and this afternoon will conclude his testimony. He is telling the story of how he and Horace McKinley secured advance information regarding the creation of the Blue Mountain reserve and how they purchased 17000 acres of school land ahead of the representative of E. P. Mays and W. N. Jones, and how Mays demanded one half of the land bought selling Tarpley the proceeds from the lands were needed to 'pay the people in Washington.'

YOUNG GIRL ABDUCTED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Marcelo Morocco, a pretty 17 year old girl, was thrown into a closed cab today and one of the men then leaped into the tax and whipped up the horses. Before the police could be summoned, they disappeared around the corner and have not been seen since despite the efforts of a score of officers who were detailed upon the case. The kidnapping occurred near the home of the widow of Benedetto Cieli, who was murdered a week ago as he lay in his own bed, presumably by blackhand agents. The police are inclined to believe the kidnapping of the Morocco girl can be laid at the door of the same gang.

'BABY BLISS' HUMAN ELEPHANT GOES INSANE

Floomington, Ill., Jan. 18.—Leonard Bliss, popularly known as 'Baby Bliss' because of his 575 pounds of flesh and bones, famous as the holder of a number of freak bicycle records, suddenly became insane today and attacked his family with a club. The fat man was overpowered and disarmed before he had injured any one seriously.

CHRISTY WAS BAD ONCE BUT HAS REFORMED

Zanesville, Ohio, Jan. 18.—Howard Chandler Christy testified in his own behalf today at the trial of the habeas corpus proceedings brought by his wife for the possession of their child, Natalie Christy. He freely admitted the truth of the charges made against him by his wife, and witnesses, but insisted that since he took up the Christian Science faith two years ago he has completely reformed.

MRS. HARRIMAN ACQUIRES CONTROL OF BIG BANK

New York, Jan. 18.—It was learned today that Mrs. E. H. Harriman, widow of the late railroad wizard, had acquired a controlling interest in the Night and Day bank here and will interest herself in the conduct of its affairs.

AVIATION MEET WILL CLOSE ON THURSDAY

Los Angeles, Jan. 18.—It was officially given out today by Courtland Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America that the Los Angeles aviation meet will be brought to an official end Thursday afternoon at the conclusion of the day's aeroplane flights.

Internal Strife in Spain

Madrid, Jan. 18.—Following the renewal of hostilities in Morocco between Riff tribesmen and the Spanish under General Marina, much popular dissatisfaction is finding expression today in Spain, and another outbreak of domestic strife, similar to that which threw Barcelona into a condition bordering upon civil warfare is feared.

Will Adopt Conference Report.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The house today voted unanimously to adopt the conference report on the Ballinger-Pinchot resolution.

FARMERS IN WALLA WALLA

Mid Winter Convention of Educational and Co-operative Union Meets.

J. C. LAWRENCE SPEAKS ON 'FREIGHT RATES'

Member of State Railway Commission Addresses Packed House at Evening Session—Outlines Plans of Work and Steps of Investigation—Population Along Good Road Index to Its Business.

Walla Walla, Jan. 18.—At the evening session yesterday of the mid-winter meeting of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union, J. C. Lawrence, member of the state railway commission, occupied the principal position on the program, addressing the assembly on the subject of 'Freight Rates.'

Mr. Lawrence, from his position, is perfectly competent to speak on the subject with authority and contrary to his opening remarks in which he characterized the talk as 'dry,' it was intensely interesting from every point of view.

Outlines Plans for Work.

He explained that as he was dealing with a people subject the talk would have to be made accordingly, and told why he would have to make use of 'dry' words in order to make the subject fully comprehended. He then recited briefly the outlined plan of the commission since its creation, and showed in minute detail the hardships under which it labored.

'Our first work,' he explained, 'was to investigate the work of other roads and this has taken years. It also took a whole year for preparation in beginning the work.'

The hindrance of the courts was then dwelt upon and Mr. Lawrence showed how it was incumbent upon the commission to hew an entirely new way and one that was not blocked by the legal processes of the law.

Sounding once more the main topic, the speaker said:

Steps of Investigation.

'There are several steps in determining the grain rate and the first was to ascertain the market value of the products which the roads are accustomed to carry. The roads should have a profit—a reasonable one of course—and this fact is estimated. Then we had the cost of labor on the road. That was really the first work of the commission. We secured the original cost of construction of the roads of this state in the face of the strictest opposition, and we also procured the cost of the right-of-way, the terminals, etc. This work alone cost us about \$40,000.

'Then our next step was to determine the depreciation of the road, and as an example I will say that the Northern Pacific had cost about \$100,000,000 to construct in this state, and that the depreciation was approximately \$10,000,000. After estimating the depreciation in value the question was then raised, 'Is this the true cost of the road?'

This was dwelt on more fully then by Mr. Lawrence, who made his point clear by showing that if a road runs through the mountains it was less profitable than that running through a densely populated and fertile valley.

Population to Be Considered.

'The number of people along a line are a good index of the road's business,' he continued, 'and this fact is taken into deep consideration when construction is begun. Then two fuel supplies enter into determining the cost of maintaining a road and figuring its profits. After all this figure we came to the conclusion that the market value of the Northern Pacific would be \$110,000,000, this increase being allowed because of its established business.

'The cost of constructing the O. R. & N. in this state was about \$15,000,000, and its depreciated value is now \$13,000,000. The Great Northern cost about \$22,000,000 and it has depreciated in value \$6,000,000, due from lack of business, etc.'

The talk was then directed along another step in the progress of determining the fixing of freight rates and this the speaker declared, was to solve the question of conflict between the federal authorities and the commission.

The talk from this point was purely technical and showed to what strain the commission had been put in fixing what is now recognized as the greatest boon the farmer has yet received.

R. H. MacWorter, manager of the consolidated independent telephone company, left this morning for Stanfield where his company has just opened a new exchange. He took down some new phones which are to be installed.

COOK CRITICALLY ILL IN GERMAN HOSPITAL

Frankfort, Germany, Jan. 18.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Arctic explorer, lies critically ill in a sanitarium near Hildeburg is the statement published in the Zeitung today. Cook's nerves are said to be shattered and his mind in danger from melanchole. He has suffered a serious physical collapse, the Zeitung's correspondent declared. The report that Dr. Cook's wife was with him is unverified. The Zeitung stated it is pledged not to make public Cook's treatment.

TITLED WOMAN DANCES CLAD ONLY IN GAUZE

London, Jan. 18.—Clad with little else than a title, Lady Constance Richardson is appearing nightly at a local music hall as the 'barefoot dancer.' As Lady Richardson is clad in a filmy gauze only the police are doubtful as to the correct application of the term 'barefoot,' but have refrained from acting in the matter because the Danesene is a titled woman. If she were simply a professional dancer, the costume of lack of it, would not be tolerated.

VESSELS ON PACIFIC ENCOUNTER BIG GALES

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—Every vessel reaching this port within the last few days encountered terrific gales off the Pacific coast and bring tales of suffering and distress. The latest to arrive was the American Barkentine Kaimikin from Honolulu, which came into harbor today minus a part of her rigging and with several injured men in her crew.

RIOT INSTIGATOR FACES HIS JUDGES

CHARLES ERHART OF IONE TRIED HERE

Man from One County Being Tried in Another Before Judge from a Third—Erhart Alleged to Have Started Riot in Ione.

Charged with assault with attempt to kill, Charles Erhart of Ione, is on trial in the circuit court for this county today. Judge Butler of Condon is on the bench and the unusual spectacle is presented of a man from one county being tried in another before a judge from still a different county and judicial district.

Charles Erhart is the man who is alleged to have originated in the Pastime saloon in Ione and was started by a drunken saloon brawl. This resulted in Erhart being chased by an armed posse of citizens and a general shooting up of the small Morrow county town. Erhart was finally captured after being wounded and compelled to lay out all night.

The accused man is being defended by Samuel Van Vactor of Heppner, and Judge James A. Fee of this city. In outlining his case to the jury, Van Vactor declared they would prove that the shot fired by Erhart and the one on which the indictment is based was fired accidentally as the result of his stumbling as he was walking along the sidewalk. He said further that they would prove that a conspiracy was formed by the armed mob for the purpose of murdering the accused man.

The state is endeavoring to show that Erhart went to the drinking resort in search of trouble or revenge and that his attack which resulted in the riot was unprovoked, but that the accused man was the aggressor throughout.

There are a large number of witnesses here from Ione and it is expected that the trial of the case will consume the greater part of the remainder of the week.

The Jury.

The jury before whom Erhart is being tried is composed of the following: Douglas Belts, Charles Stanton, Eugene McCulley, Louis Ringle, Joseph Warner, Ed Byrd, George Carles, M. O. La Hus, C. M. Pierce.

MISS EDNA GATES CHOSEN AS VOCAL INSTRUCTOR AT PENDLETON ACADEMY

Miss Edna Gates, the talented vocalist, has been elected to fill the position of vocal teacher at the Pendleton academy and takes the place recently vacated by Mrs. Valentine, who has gone to California. Miss Gates has been in Pendleton for several months and has sung on several public occasions, always meeting with much favor. As a result she has many friends who are glad to know she has

FLATLY DENIES ALL CHARGES

Ballinger Defends Himself Against Accusations of Representative Hitchcock.

SAYS HE DID NOT FAVOR HIS RELATIVES

Secretary of Interior Issues Lengthy Statement Denying Charges of Extravagance and Favoritism in Conduct of His Department—Explains His Action in Selecting Relatives for Positions—Defends Chief of Field Service Schwartz.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Secretary Ballinger late last night issued a lengthy statement in which in most vigorous terms he declared the charges made by Representative Hitchcock before the house committee on expenditures and aimed at the interior department and general land office were without foundation.

Answering in turn each of the charges made yesterday by Mr. Hitchcock in his statement, Secretary Ballinger asserts that 'insofar as they allege any extravagance, wrongdoing, or favoritism on his part, they are absolutely without foundation.'

'False, ridiculously false; equally false; equally ridiculous; a peculiarly unwarranted assault upon an efficient government officer'—the latter referring to Mr. Schwartz, chief of field service—are expressions of the various charges.

In regard to appointing a relative, J. S. Ballinger, as confidential clerk when he became commissioner of the land office, the secretary says this was because he was not personally acquainted before coming here with any officers or clerks in the land office and desired to have some one whom he knew. He says that Judge Wright was removed, not to make way for J. S. Ballinger, but Judge Wright's age, he being nearly 80, made him 'physically disqualified to perform his duties.'

The vacancy on the law board, he says, was filled, not by Jack Ballinger, but by Judge Grey. He says that the 'certain large brick chimney' to which Mr. Hitchcock alluded, 'was erected pursuant to a specific appropriation for the purpose by congress; that the additional clerks in the land office complained of were necessitated by the congressional appropriation of \$1,000,000 for protecting public lands, and that the charge in regard to the purchase of furniture 'is on a par with that relating to the employment of additional clerks.'

The statement of Mr. Ballinger came as a surprise as in the afternoon he evinced a disposition to let the matter go unanswered until the joint investigation committee is organized.

MAY MAKE EXPLORING. Secretary Nagel Considering Sending Ship Into Antarctic Seas.

Washington, Jan. 18.—An expedition to the South Atlantic and Antarctic oceans in the interest of economic and scientific work by the fish commission steamer Albatross, is under consideration by Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor. It was suggested by Henry P. Osborn, president of the American Museum of Natural History of New York.

Mr. Osborn says he has received confidential information from one who has just returned from the antarctic that there still remain on remote islands, herds of southern fur seals in such numbers as to promise commercial importance. Mr. Osborn says at least four distinct species of whales inhabit the antarctic and that he is inclined that large numbers of sea elephants exist.

Author Dies.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Margaret Collier Graham, the author and magazine writer, died at her home here today, aged 89. Mrs. Graham was among the first writers to use California material for stories published in the eastern magazines.

H. JURGEN, O. R. & N. ROADMASTER, HAS RESIGNED—E. C. BUHRER IS SUCCESSOR

H. Jurgens, popular O. R. & N. roadmaster at this place for the past 30 months, has resigned his position and is succeeded by E. C. Buhrer. Mr. Jurgens has retired from railroading work and intends to leave very shortly for Medford, where he has some property interests. His going is much regretted by his fellow employees and

(Kissed by local people who knew him.)

Mr. Buhrer, the new official, is a recent arrival from Ohio, where he was with the Lake Shore road. He is now in charge of the office and as roadmaster for the Pendleton district will have charge of the road work from Heppner Junction to a point a few miles this side of La Grande.