BRITAINS UPPER HOUSE IS THREATENED WITH THE AXE

Reform of House of Lords anti-government vote Demanded-Hereditary System Under Fire.

By P. M. Sarl

lords. England's legislative upper tion, as the cabinet was apparently chamber, is threatened with the reformer's axe

house of lords is probably the most to have a partly elected, partly nomireactionary senate to be found in any nated senate with supreme revising country today. The thing that makes powers, something along the lines of democratic days is the fact that the senates. great majority of its members hold their seats by virtue of descent from some peer who was summoned to some mediaeval parliament by a warrior monarch, who did not greatly care about the "rights" of mere com-

Under the unwritten constitution of Britain, the house of lords consists of "princes of the blood, and the lords spiritual and temporal." Of the first grade, nowadays, only royal dukes are eligible for membership, and for many years they have discreetly refrained from voting, so that the throne should not be comprothe throne should not be compro-mised by intervention in party poli-Vine Stidham was a visitor in Clotics. The present royal dukes are the prince of Wales, as duke of Cornwall, the duke of York and the duke of Connaught.

f Connaught.

The "lords spiritual" are limited to we archbishops, York and Canterury, and 24 bishops, all naturally of the Church of England, as this is the two archbishops, York and Canterbury, and 24 bishops, all naturally of the Church of England, as this is the

state religion.
The "lords temporal" are the holders of various kinds of peerages, and their number is limited only by the number of new creations, all holders of which automatically take seats. The present membership of the house of lords is 736.

The "lards spiritual" hold their seats for the tenure of their ecclesiastical appointments, but the peers of England, Great Britain and the united kingdom take their seats on the customer too. reaching the age of 21 and retain them for tife without risk of being unseated or option of resignation.

Just how to modernize the house of lords is a question on which scarcely two people agree. The older type of cents for 25 words or less. One cent per cents of thinker insists that the mere word for all over 25. All classified adverfact that a peer does not have to worry about getting himself elected or reelected, places him above momentary and possibly "unhealthy" agitation and scares, and renders him more fit for impartial revising legislative work

For many generations it has been an axiom of British politics that the in. lords may not interfere with national finance or taxation.

Premier Asquith's liberal government came back with a small majority after the 1910 election and proceeded to pass the "parliament act" -more popularly known as the "lords' veto bill"-which specifically barred the lords touching any measure certified by the speaker of the house of commons as a "money bill." It also limited the lords' veto to delaying the passage of any bill more than two years, provided no election intervened and the house of commons still desired to enact the measure.

The house of lords only consented to pass the "veto bill" under threat of Asquith, who announced that he had King Edward's promise to create had King Edward's promise to create work. Apply at Hotel Portland enough liberal peers to swamp the immediately. 13-49-51c

One of the piedges of Lloyd-George had to give to the conservatives in order to secure their support to his coalition government after the war. was to introduce a measure of "real reform" of the lords, and since then LONDON, Aug. 2 .- The house of he has been able to sidestep the quesunable to agree what form the re form should take. For example From a demogratic viewpoint, the Lord Chancellor Birkenhead desires reform absolutely essential in these the United States and continental

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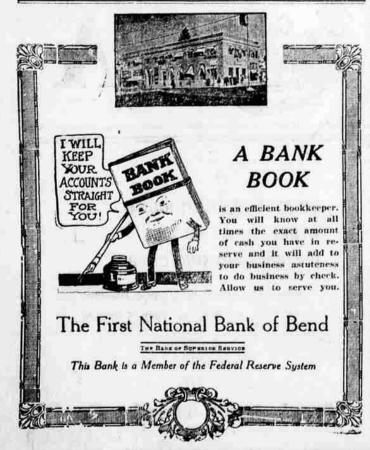
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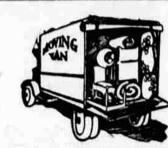
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