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MRS. ASQUITH AND LADY HAIG ACTIVE

Husbands' Elevation to High Positions Accredited to Them.

HAVE GREAT INFLUENCE.

Great Britain Prime Minister's Wife of Material Assistance to Him, and She is Probably Most Influential Woman in English Politics—Lady Haig Also Powerful.

London.—Two women, Mrs. Asquith and Lady Haig, are playing an active part in Great Britain's politics. To their work is accredited the elevation of their husbands to high positions.

The action brought by Mrs. Asquith, the wife of the prime minister, against the London Globe to restrain its editor from publishing any more letters from its readers indirectly referring to her as a friend of German prisoners of war interned in Donnington Hall had much more behind it than the extremely courageous action of an independent and fearless woman.

The prime minister's wife is probably the most influential woman in English politics in modern days. The late Duchess of Devonshire, the "Double Duchess," as she was called because she captured two ducal titles in succession, that of the seventh holder of the Manchester title and the eighth of Devonshire, could perhaps have had greater political power if she could have persuaded the indolent Duke of Devonshire to accept the office of prime minister. Mrs. Asquith, on the other hand, is commonly believed to have materially assisted her husband to this high office. His enemies have always been legion and his friends not numerous; his character being that of the serious Scotoman who forms emotional ties with difficulty.

Mrs. Asquith, brilliant, witty, temperamental and intellectual and invariably entertaining, has supplied this deficiency and by her tact and charm she has kept unimpaired many political friendships useful to her husband.

The withdrawal of the British forces from the Gallipoli peninsula is credited to Mrs. Asquith's advice, coupled with the recommendation of Major General C. C. Monro, who succeeded General Sir Ian Hamilton as commander at the Dardanelles, which was made public in the house of lords by Lord Ribblesdale, Mrs. Asquith's brother-in-law.

Lady Haig, the wife of General Sir Douglas Haig, who has taken over the command of the British troops in France as the successor of Field Marshal Viscount French, is credited with having exerted great influence toward her husband's advancement in the army. She was the Hon. Maud Vivian, one of the "Vivian twins," who were famous as maids of honor to Queen Victoria and Queen Alexandra. Before his marriage to Miss Vivian ten years ago Haig was a favorite with General French, having served under French at Aldershot and then accompanying him to South Africa during the Boer war. Whatever French has been able to do for Haig has been done, but his present high command is the result more of the influence at court of Lady Haig, and Lord Kitchener has been persuaded by royalty's desires to advance the man most favored by his old enemy, General French. Sir Douglas Haig was promoted to be a full general only a year ago, although he had held the post as chief of staff in India for some years, having won it through the influence of King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

Sir Douglas and Lady Haig have not taken any particular pains to assume any leadership in London society since their marriage and have not kept up a London residence during visits home from India, spending their time at Aldershot, where Haig earned the nickname of "Von Haig" on account of his Prussian thoroughness in military matters and his stern way of handling subordinates. He and Lady Haig have two children, daughters, named after the two queens whom Lady Haig served—Alexandra Henrietta Louise, born in 1907, and Victoria Doris Rachel, born in 1908.

CURES BICHLORIDE POISONING

Cincinnati Doctor Discovers Antidote For Deadly Drug.

Cincinnati.—Physicians at the Cincinnati general hospital have discovered an antidote for bichloride of mercury, one of the most corrosive poisons known.

Recently Miss Birdie Talbott took four of the deadly tablets. She was taken to the City hospital writhing in agony. The physicians gave her copious doses of a combination of drugs discovered by Professor Martin Fisher of the medical department of the Cincinnati university. The woman has left the hospital entirely cured.

GERMAN-AMERICANS DEFENDED IN HOUSE

Congressman Shackelford of Missouri Replies to Gardner's Speech Attacking "Hyphenated Citizens."

Washington, Jan. 10.—A defense of German-Americans, a demand that an embargo be imposed on the export of munitions and the proposal to tax the production of arms and ammunitions were delivered in the house today by Representative Shackelford of Missouri. He replied to the speech attacking "hyphenated citizens," made several days ago by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts.

Representative Shackelford charged that a large part of the demand for increased naval and military expenditures came from the munitions makers.

WILL ADVERTISE SLOW ACCOUNTS

Business Men of Salem Take Drastic Action to Negotiate Collections.

By unanimous vote the members of the Salem Business Men's league decided last night to adopt the method of advertising for sale the accounts of persons from whom there is apparently no hope to collect bills by any other method. A definite plan was recommended by a committee appointed at the December meeting to investigate and this plan adopted.

The bringing up of the question caused some debate, but there was no contrary vote when the question was put. By the plan adopted the names of persons against whom the accounts are held will be advertised in the newspapers and on handbills. Sales will be made to highest bidder.—Salem Statesman.

GEARY'S POPULAR SCHOOL.

It Boasts Seven Pairs of Twins. Claims Record For Oklahoma.

Geary, Okla.—The Geary school lays claim to the unique distinction of having more pairs of twins attending the school than any other school of its size in the state.

At the present time there are seven pairs of twins enrolled and another girl attending who has a twin brother, who will probably start after the new year. This will bring the total number of twin pairs enrolled up to eight. These twins are scattered all the way through the school from the primary to the senior class.

OLD LADY DRIVES CAR.

Estherville (Ia.) County Claims to Have Oldest Woman Auto Enthusiast.

Estherville, Ia.—Estherville now claims to have the oldest lady automobile enthusiast in the state, if not in the whole country.

Mrs. M. E. Jehu, aged seventy-three, proprietress of the Estherville greenhouses, recently purchased a car and after a few lessons from a demonstrator took charge of the car and expects to drive it regularly.

NOT SUITABLE FOR THE CLIMATE

Rochester, N. Y., Jan.—: Fearing the Government did not provide sufficiently warm clothing for her favorite grandson serving in the United States Marine Corps, an elderly lady today brought a fleecy, handworked comfortable to the local recruiting station of the sea soldiers and requested Sergeant George S. Fynmore to forward it to him.

"Poor Fred may be shaking and shivering with cold just like the soldiers in Europe," she told Fynmore, "and this comfortable will be just the thing. You'll send it to him, won't you?"

Sergeant Fynmore assured the old grandmother that it would be a privilege and a pleasure to do

The Big Piano Voting Contest Is Now On

Local Merchants Deserve Your Trade and Are Going to Prove They Merit It.

The Falls City News and some of the merchants of this vicinity have inaugurated a popular voting contest in order to demonstrate to the people the benefit to be derived from buying at home for cash rather than trading away from home or sending their money to the mail order houses. They are giving away absolutely free a number of prizes, the capital prize being a \$400 piano.

There will be no favoritism shown in this grand distribution of prizes. Just who will receive the various prizes will be determined by vote. The lady who receives the largest number of votes will receive first prize, and others will receive prizes according to their final vote standing until all the prizes are awarded.

The girl having the second largest number of votes will be given the choice of the merchant's prizes, the third contestant second choice of remaining prizes, etc.

The distribution of these prizes shall be open, fair and above board. The ballot box will be sealed at all times and in charge of a committee chosen by the merchants. Neither these merchants nor the men who hold the ballot box can afford to have this election conducted other than upon the highest plan of fairness to all those seeking the prizes. Such safeguard will be thrown around this election that all will know beyond a doubt that whoever receive the various prizes will have won them in a fair and open competition.

There are three ways and only three ways to secure votes. Clip the "Free Vote Coupon" from The Falls City News, pay subscription at this office, and trade for cash with the merchants represented in this campaign. These vote cou-

pons will be given to all persons upon the same condition. The lady's skill and industry in getting hold of the votes, going out to her friends and getting votes in the ballot box, will determine her standing at the final count.

They can undoubtedly afford to do so. There are hundreds of dollars going from this community to the mail order houses each week, to the detriment of the purchaser, to the home merchant who ought to receive the trade, and the community in general. Our home merchants can and do sell goods for cash at a smaller average selling cost and net profit than can or do the merchants in the larger cities or towns.

They have inaugurated this "popular contest" believing that they can and do sell goods at a smaller average selling cost and net profit than can or do the merchants in the larger cities or towns. Merchants ask their neighbors and friends to co-operate with them during this "Popular Voting Contest" by giving full patronage to your own home town. They ask this fully believing that it is best for all concerned.

If you know a lady who would like to receive one of the prizes that are going to be given away send us her name for registration. If you would like one of them for yourself send us your name and address, or better yet, come into this office and let us tell you all about it.

The following are the merchants who are devoting special prizes in this contest:

N. Selig,
Falls City Mercantile Co.
J. C. Talbott,
M. L. Thompson,
W. A. Persey.

Nominating Blank, Popular Voting Contest.

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Address.....

As a young lady worthy to become a candidate in your popular Voting Contest, I present this name with the distinct understanding and agreement that the managers of the paper will not divulge my name.

This does not obligate me in any way whatever.

Signed.....

Address.....

25 VOTE COUPON

Send this vote to The Falls City News office within fifteen days from date and it will count twenty-five votes. No money required with this coupon.

Vote For.....

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so. But when he forwarded the package to Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, where the grandson is now serving, he enclosed a note explaining that the old lady had worked hard in an endeavor to have the comfortable finished in time to come as a Christmas present and that

he didn't have the heart to disillusion her about the need for such things in Haiti.

"But," he added in the note, just by way of encouragement, "sometime when you're serving in Alaska I'll get her to send you a cake of ice."

January Bargains

Are Now

Prevailing at Our Store

Blankets on sale.

Sweaters on sale.

Ladies and child's cloaks on sale.

Raincoats now on sale.

A whole table of remnant bargains.

A table of dishwear at 10c.

Various other bargains you will find by a visit to our store.

25-VOTE COUPON WITH \$1 CASH PURCHASE

SELIG'S,

Falls City's Largest Store.

As The Editor Sees It

How many of our good citizens realize that this town is dependent to a considerable degree upon the good will and patronage of the farming community surrounding us? And how many ever give a second thought to the comfort of the farmer and his wife and children when they come to town?

If we have never done any thinking along this line before it is not too late to begin now. Let's begin.

We can not do everything at once, but we can make a start in the right direction by selecting a convenient site and build sheds where the farmers can leave their rigs and hitch their horses and feel safe in their minds that their teams will not be frightened by the innumerable automobiles that are constantly whizzing by.

Some may argue that there are livery barns and feed sheds where the farmer can stable his team for a price.

True, there are. But when a man from town drives out into the country and stops at a farm house does the farmer charge him a quarter or a half dollar for a place for his team to stand? Not a bit of it. That team is put right in the barn, or hitched in a safe place away from the road, and there is no price attached.

And if the town man is thus taken care of in the country why shouldn't the farmer be shown equal courtesy when he comes to town and spends his money here?

If we want the farmer's trade we will have to treat him right when he comes to see us. If we don't he will find other places to go and no one will have just reason to complain.

This is but one of the items in the count. Let's dispose of it and then tackle the others.