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BRITISH FACE SERIOUS CHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The English Liberal party leaders at last have pretty definitely made up their minds what to do with the House of Lords, of course in case the Liberals win at the coming British national elections. Whatever plan may be adopted for genuinely popularizing England's government will involve such radical changes in the country's present legislative system that such difference of opinion has existed both as to ends and methods. The extreme radicals have advocated the complete abolition of a second chamber. Those of a more moderate type have demanded an elective upper house. The element which may be most accurately described as conservatively liberal has argued for a combination of the elective and hereditary principles. The group in favor of the single chamber system has been completely overruled. England is too conservative for such an invasion. Between the two other groups of Liberals a compromise has been effected. The program is this: Assuming that the Liberals win at the polls in January, the Lloyd-George budget will be introduced. It will unquestionably pass. The lords themselves are pledged to cease their opposition to the chancellor of the exchequer's proposals if the country declares for them at the coming election. That will dispose of the financial problem and leave the Liberals free to turn their attention to the reformation of the legislative system. They propose to accomplish it by the constitutional change with which Premier Asquith has been hinting in the various campaign speeches he has made since the last parliament adjourned under orders from the king.

SHIP IS SAFE AFTER HARD TRIP

OQUIAM, Wn., Dec. 28.—With its captain dying and its crew in a deplorable condition from lack of food, the schooner Minnie E. Caine, 97 days from China enroute to Bellingham, has been towed into this port with its sails torn to shreds and the rigging badly damaged. The vessel left Hyphong on September 20. Hardly had it gotten outside of the port before the schooner ran into the teeth of a stiff gale and off the coast struck a typhoon which tossed the vessel about helplessly for twenty-five hours. When the vessel arrived in this port a few pounds of flour was the only article of food left. According to the members of the crew they suffered greatly from hunger and exposure, and all the way across the Pacific they encountered terrific storms. Mate Enderson, who weighed 200 pounds when he left China, reached this port weighing less than 150 pounds. Captain Oleson is in a dying condition from exposure.

IS DEPARTMENT THROWING DUST IN THE PUBLIC EYE?

THREE WEEKS OF STAGE; THEN RING

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 28.—James J. Jeffries, undefeated heavy-weight champion of the world, said today that after three weeks more of theatrical life he will go to Los Angeles to start training for his fight with Johnson. Jeffries is appearing here in a vaudeville act at a local theater. The prize fighter said he did not care whether he fights in California or Utah and declared himself to be 100 per cent better now than is Jack Johnson. Theatrical Manager Frazee who has guided Jeffries' destiny on the vaudeville path, stated that he is so sure the big fellow is going to win the July match that he has already arranged for a world-wide theatrical tour for him later in the year.

SERIOUS CHARGE MADE BY PAPER

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Under the caption "The Department of the Interior vs. the People," Collier's Weekly for January 1, 1910, will allege that the interior department is working against the policy of conservation as energetically as possible. The article calls attention to how much cheaper land reclaimed by the government is than that reclaimed by private projects, and also states that a congressional committee which honestly will attempt to get the proof will be none too easy to obtain. Coal Land Cases. A more serious charge is that the interior department is resorting to trickery to defeat the government in the suits now being conducted over the Cunningham claims upon coal land in Alaska. It is charged that while the supposed purpose of these hearings is to defend the public domain, that the attorneys for the claimants are urging the case. "This comedy is arranged for the innocent spectators," says the article. "In what actually confronted the department was how it could lose the suits without exposure. A rather clever scheme agreed upon was to send an honest but incredibly ignorant youth to represent the government. The interior department selected a man named Sheridan. It has carefully decorated the records with tributes to his genius. Actually he has had one year's experience as a subordinate special agent in Denver. He emerged from a night law school in 1907. Agents Dismissed. "Of the agents familiar with the case, Glavis has been discharged and others were carefully sent to distant points. "Lawyers, Hahn: Sheridan objected to a question on cross-examination because it was 'leading,' when one of his own questions on direct examination was objected to as 'leading,' Sheridan gravely declared that he had the right to indicate to the witnesses 'what answer he expected.' "Sheridan is opposed by two of the leading lawyers in the west."

WEILDED RAZOR; CHIEF TO RESCUE

Peter C. Karasch was arrested by Chief of Police Shearer yesterday afternoon for welding a razor in a way contrary to the peace and dignity of the state of Oregon, etc. Karasch and Chas. Stone, both of whom had been employed on the P. & E. construction engaged in an altercation in the White Elephant saloon and were ordered out of the place. As they reached the sidewalk Karasch commenced using the razor. Stone was severely slashed about the face, several stitches being required to close the gash, but managed with the aid of bystanders to escape before he was dangerously wounded. Karasch then walked across the street to the S. P. depot and everybody gave him a wide berth until he met the chief who had been summoned. The persuasion of an automatic gun was sufficient to cause the razor wielder to try stretching his arms out of their sockets as he started them upward. The chief then searched his man for the weapon and he found it in the right-hand pants' pocket and also was cut severely by the weapon when he grasped it. The handle of the razor was broken, evidently by the force of the blows delivered by Karasch and the blade was even then covered with blood. Stone's wounds were dressed and he is in no danger. Karasch will be examined before Justice Canon this afternoon.

MEXICO TO WELCOME ZELAYA

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—Mexican officials are preparing a cordial reception for former President Jose Santos Zelaya of Nicaragua, who is expected to arrive tomorrow from Salina Cruz, to which port he sailed in his flight from Nicaragua. According to Minister Castro of Nicaragua, President Diaz of Mexico will attend the receptions planned in Zelaya's honor in person. These receptions are numerous, many of them under the patronage of Mexico's officials. Minister Castro stated that after Zelaya has remained in the county a few weeks looking after his investments, he will sail for Belgium to take up his residence in the palace he owns near Brussels. Yesterday at Salina Cruz, the ex-president is reported to have announced that he would remain in Mexico for six months, after which he would either send for his family or return for them. He was going to Mexico City to give thanks to Diaz for courtesies, he said.

FRUIT MEN TO PERFECT UNION

A merger of the fruit growers unions of Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass into the one organization which shall result in practically controlling the marketing of the fruit output of the entire Rogue river valley, is proposed and will be considered at a meeting of fruit growers which has been called to be held at Medford on Thursday of this week. All fruit growers of the valley are invited to be present and participate in the deliberations of the gathering. It is pointed out that with such a union it would be feasible to employ a competent man to devote his time and attention to the marketing of Rogue river fruits in the east, to the great profit and advantage of the industry here. The organization will also be able to take up the matter of pre-cooling fruit for shipment which will be a great factor for good and will result in greatly increased returns. The fruit growers of the valley are beginning to realize that everything depends on co-operation.

ASK \$200,000 DAMAGES FROM PLUMBING TRUST

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Damages in the sum of \$200,000 are demanded by Anderson-Lore & Company, plumbers, in a suit brought by the concern against the Merchant Plumbers' Association of Los Angeles.

PROMINENT ASHLAND SOCIETY GIRL WEDS

At the residence of her father, Hon. C. B. Watson, of Ashland, the wedding of Miss Lyle Watson and Jackson F. Kimball was celebrated, Rev. W. T. Vanscoy being the officiating clergyman, on Christmas day. Miss Watson was one of the popular young ladies of Ashland and Mr. Kimball is to be congratulated upon the hipmate he has won.

PETITIONS IN FOR CANDIDATES

A number of petitions are in placing the names of various candidates on the ballots to be submitted to the people at the coming city election and no more are expected. City Recorder Telfer will have as an opponent, Bob Taylor, the painter, and Harry G. Wortman will be opposed by Horace Nicholson in the Second ward for councilman. W. W. Eifert in the Third ward and F. E. Merrick in the First will probably not be opposed, having a clear field, as will Lee Jacobs for treasurer. From the sentiment expressed over the city by business men it is believed best to re-elect the old officers for another term, thus insuring a continued era of municipal progress.

FISH LAKE WATER SHUT OFF AT NOON

At noon today the water in the new reservoir being low, the supply from the Fish Lake ditch was shut off and Bear creek water substituted. At present the water in Bear creek is very clear and will not be so bad.

COUNTY JAIL IS CROWDED FOR ROOM

Eight prisoners are now confined in the county jail, just about the limit of the accommodations, but in view of the escapes which have occurred, Sheriff Jones is taking no chances. "I am keeping all of them inside the cage," he said, "and am attending to the job of jailer personally. If more prisoners are sent to me I will take care of them all right enough. There will be no more jail deliveries if I can avoid it." There are four cells in the cage and the addition of another prisoner or two will crowd things considerably.

FIRE BREAKS OUT WEED LUMBER MILL

WEED, Cal., Dec. 28.—Fire of incendiary origin started in the main lumber yard of the Weed Lumber company at midnight Saturday, and for two hours the entire force of the big company fought flames that threatened to destroy not only the lumber in the yard, but the mills and now dry shed as well. The total loss will reach between \$5000 and \$7500. The lumber destroyed was directly back of the big mill and the fortunate swerving of the wind saved the building. There is absolutely no doubt about the incendiary origin of the fire.

SEVEN DIE WHEN HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

DUBOIS, Penn., Dec. 28.—The bodies of seven were recovered today from the ruins of the home of Steve Bronosky, which was destroyed by fire last night. The children ranged from two to twelve years of age. The fire started from an over-heated stove in the kitchen.

FOUR MINERS KILLED IN CENTRALIA MINE

CENTRALIA, Ills., Dec. 28.—Four miners were instantly killed in a coal mine near here today in an explosion that partially wrecked the interior of the mine and endangered the lives of miners, who were working in the gallery. The bodies of the men were taken from the gallery soon after the accident. They were badly crushed by the falling coal and timbers, and the limbs of one of the men were found some distance from the trunk, having been blown off by the force of the explosion. The cause of the accident is unknown, but it is supposed that a small pocket of gas caught fire from an open lamp in the hands of one of the miners and exploded, the coal dust that filled the air.

DOAN AND M'GANN SIGN JANUARY GO

Roy Doan, the victor in the last boxing contest, and John McGann last night signed articles to meet in a 15-round bout on January 21, under the auspices of the Medford Athletic club. The articles specify that the contestants shall weigh in at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the day of the contest at a maximum weight of 151 pounds and that each shall put up \$25 as forfeit money for non-appearance, said money to be forfeited also should either man fail to make the weight. The referee is to be selected one week before the contest. At least two good preliminaries will be put on and arrangements are now being made to sign up a couple of teams of clever local lads.

GIRL STEALS FROM FATHER TO BUY A HUSBAND

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—With the recital of a romance that brought tears to the eyes of spectators and attorneys alike, the case of crippled seventeen year old Agela Schiavone, an Italian girl accused of stealing from her father's bank, was resumed in the criminal court today. The girl took the stand following her statement yesterday that she had stolen \$97,820 from the bank during the last two years. Eight of the girl's relatives are accused of inspiring the thefts by promising to get Angela a husband when she had secured money enough to buy one.

LANDS OPENED TO ENTRY IN CRATER NATIONAL FOREST

The secretary of the interior has ordered the following lands in the Crater national forest opened to homestead entry upon application of persons named below, who have right of preference in entry: South half, northeast quarter and southeast quarter, section 4, township 39, 4 west, 120 acres; application J. R. Hoffman, Applegate. Lot 4 and southeast quarter of southwest quarter section 18, township 34, 2 east, 79.78 acres; Galen Meeker, Derby, applicant. Southwest quarter section 24, township 39, 2 west, 160 acres; application James Rhea, Buncom. Probably southwest quarter of section 16, township 38, range 3 west, 160 acres, now unsurveyed. Wm. Morrison, Ruch, applicant. Dance the old year out and the New Year in at the skating pavilion. 245*

WANT FEDERAL AID TO SETTLE STRIKE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 28.—President Perham of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor is en route to Washington today to make an effort to secure federal aid in the settlement of a switchmen's strike that has demoralized freight traffic in the northwest for several weeks. It was stated today that Perham would make a personal appeal to President Taft and endeavor to interest the chief executive in the matter. He also will lay the claims of the strikers before the interstate commerce commission.

STOPPED WORK ON KLAMATH PROJECT

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 28.—Work on the overment's reclamation work on the Klamath project has been suspended until April. Project Engineer Patch has returned from his tour over the project. He supervised the closing of the work and the arrangements of the camps for opening in the spring. The only field work now being done is one the old Adams Canal. Tule Lake is frozen over so that further work had to be discontinued. The crews at Clear Lake have been laid off, the work on the dyke having been completed.

PACIFIC & EASTERN PUSHING THE WORK

The frosty weather is pleasing to the Pacific & Eastern people, as it has enabled them to continue the work of ballasting the track from Medford to Eagle Point. The work is being pushed as rapidly as possible and if the present weather continues a few days longer the track will be in shape the whole way to Eagle Point. The construction contractors are also pushing their work, and this weather is also very favorable to them. With a cessation of the rains men can be secured to work, something very difficult during the rainy season. A word to those who have had their watches ruined by incompetent workmen. Mr. Van De Car of the firm of Van De Car & Jasmann is an expert watch maker, and will take care of your watch with honesty and skillful workmanship. We do not run up an exorbitant price on your watch because you are not familiar with its mechanism. Our motto is "Good work at reasonable prices." 241*

DEFECTIVE FLUE RESIDENCE BURNS

The residence of Mrs. H. C. Rawlings on the old Arthur Nicholson place, 3 1/2 miles northwest of this city burned this morning, the fire starting from a defective kitchen flue. The furniture was nearly all saved. The house was occupied by Mrs. Rawlings and her sister. Neighbors rushed to their aid but could not check the flames. However, they saved most of the furniture. The loss was some \$2000, partially covered by insurance. The residence is in the Jim Hurley neighborhood. The two women have moved into another house nearby.

POSTAL CLERK WRITES TOO MUCH; IS PARALYZED

RENO, Dec. 27.—As the result of too much writing during the Christmas rush of the past few days, Geo. L. Andrews, registry clerk at the Reno postoffice is in bed at his home with his entire right side paralyzed. "I worked hard all Thursday morning and complained of his arm hurting him at noon when he went to his lunch, and at 1 o'clock he failed to show up for work. An inquiry was made and it was learned that he had become paralyzed during the noon hour. His physician believes that he will recover, but it will perhaps be months before he can work again, even if he does recover.

EACH NEW YORKER OWES OVER \$152

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—New York City is the champion municipal borrower, according to the statistics of the census bureau, made public today. The city has more than seven times the total net indebtedness of any other city in the United States. If New York's debt was divided among the population of the city, each inhabitant would owe \$152. San Francisco has the smallest net debt of any municipality with more than 300,000 inhabitants, and that city decreased its indebtedness during the year. Seattle is rated as the only city of more than 300,000 population which increased its debts over \$1,000,000. Seattle debt grew \$5,971,078 during 1907. H. L. Young of the Mail Tribune force, who has been on the sick list, is reported as somewhat improved.

"IN WYOMING" SHOWS TONIGHT AT THE MEDFORD

Theatergoers will have a great chance to enjoy themselves this evening at the Medford opera house when "In Wyoming" is shown. Those who attended last year, as I did, were greatly surprised by its excellence. It is really worth while. Now if it doesn't please you call in and tell me why. I know you will like it. Have I ever given you a bum steer? X. Y. Z.

MARRIED FOLKS TO HAVE DANCE

On Wednesday night, Dec. 29, the Wenjuene Dancing Club which is composed of fifty married couples, will give their second dance in Angle opera house. Hazelrigg's orchestra will furnish the music. Dancing promptly at 8:30. No invitations will be issued. Those who signed the list are members and should come without further invitations.