ASQUITH FIGHTS FOR HIS POLITICAL LIFE

If Liberals Win, Premier Asquith Will Be Down and Out—Fight Is Growing Bitter.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Many Liberals today predicted the public obliteration of Premier Asquith, leader of the Liberal parliament and the evelation of the premiership of Lloyd-George in the event of the Liberals winning the coming election.

Lloyd-George is fighting his way under a bitter arraignment from the press which has seemed to emphasize his leadership. The Times today acquitted Asquith of the responsibility for increasing violence that has marked the last few days of the campaign. The Times said:

"Lloyd-George set himself the task of deliberately inflaming the people's passions."

Fight is Bitter.

The Standard today declared that Lord Lonaldshay, member of parliament, was kidnapped last night, following an adress he delivered at a political meeting.

Lord Ronaldshay was deep in his discussion of the relative merchants of the Liberals and the Conservatives when rowdies broke up the meeting and carried the peer to a nearby Socialist gathering.

The kidnappers had to fight off Ronaldshay's friends, but they succeeded in carrying their victim to another hall and there bombarded him with questions.

He was compelled to spend several hours answering the Socialists and was in a state of collapse when finally liberated.

It was reported today that several prominent politicians will be prosecuted for participating in the kidnapping.

M'CARTHY BECOMES MAYOR SAN FRANCISCO

Union Labor Leader Takes Over the Duties of the Office—Makes Many Appointments.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 8.—Patrick H. McCarthy, the union labor leader, became mayor of San Francisco at noon today, succeeding mayor Edward D. Taylor.

The retiring board of supervisors met and welcomed the newly elected members who thereupon took charge of the city's affairs.

William R. Haggerty, chairman of the last union labor party convention, was elected clerk of the board. The committee chairmanships were announced, showing that in each instance a union labor man had been chosen.

With the board of supervisors organized in this manner the new union labor administration has complete control over the city government, representatives of all other parties being in the minority.

Mayor McCarthy in his first message to the supervisors outlined his policies and laid down a vigorous program of action under which the administration will assume the burdens of a number of great municipal problems which it must solve.

FINE PAIR OF COUGAR KILLED AT JACKSONVILLE

G. N. Lewis of Jacksonville has a pair of the finest cougar kittens it has ever been the good fortune of the lover of wild beasts to see. These kits are five months old and as thrifty and activve as if they had been raised in the wilds. Nothing has been too good for the animals since they were captured when small kittens, and now they will weigh at least 30 pounds each and are rapidly approaching maturity.

Mr. Lewis advertises the kittens for sale in this issue of the Mail Tribune and the opportunity to secure a good pair of the cougar family should be taken advantage of by seekers after wild animals.

MAN ARRESTED IN TACOMA IS WANTED IN DIXIE

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 8.—A. E. Ferguson, a switchman, was arrested today for the murder of Ethel Maxwell in Jack-Miss., in February, 1909. Ferguson admitted that he was the man wanted. He had already unwittingly confessed to a private detective that he had "pulled off a job down south which would send his to hell if it were known." At the same time he showed a photograph of the woman and displayed a revolver which he always carried.

Engineer Responsible.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 8.—Engineer William Thompson is held directly responsible for the collision of the Oregon Railway & Navigation freight trains No. 192 and 300, resulting in the death of F. H. Green and Jack Williams, and the serious injury of six others, by an examining board which today filed its report with M. J. Buckley, general superintendent.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the many friends who came to our relief and comfort during the late death of our daughter, Mereal Emma Webber, we thank you kindly for your sympathy and comfort.

MR. H. E. WEBBER,
MRS. J. O. WEBBER.

George W. Kearns of Grants Pass passed through Jacksonville Saturday on his way to the upper Applegate on business.

Jack Flynn of Albany, who formerly made this territory, is in Medford.

RAILROAD MACHINISTS MAY ALL WALK OUT

On Verge of Strike—Only Awaiting Order of President—In Sympathy with Switchmen.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 8.—Upon the contents of H. B. Perham's letter to President Hawley of the switchmen's union, depends on the calling out of the railroad machinists in the northwest. The letter is expected here today.

The machinists were on the verge of striking yesterday after the switchmen's strike negotiations at Washington were called off. Twenty-one local unions had voted unanimously to walk out and were awaiting the order of Chairman Van Lear when Perham, who is in Washington telegraphed Van Lear to take no action prior to the arrival of his letter to Hawley.

Chairman Van Lear immediately notified the machinists at Livingston, Montana, and Everett, Washington, who were on the point of revolt and were anxiously awaiting a signal from Minneapolis, to walk out. If the switchmen lose the strike Van Lear stated that the machinists were perfectly opposed and would take up the fight.

The Montana railroad commission has offered its services as arbitrators.

MONDAY LAST DAY BROWNIEKAR CONTEST

Get your coupons in by Monday noon or they will be lost. The contest closes Monday noon and the last count will be made Monday afternoon. The result will be posted in our big middle window Tuesday morning. Remember that we pay for all coupons and wish every boy and girl in the contest to do their best.

Sincerely,
THE HUTCHASON CO.

STOLE COAL TO WARM CHILDREN; IS JAILED

Mother of 18 Children Put Into Jail Because She Stole to Get Fuel to Warm Children.

ANDERSON, Indiana, Jan. 8.—The children of Mrs. Maggie Stroud, mother of eighteen, were hungry and cold today because their mother and breadwinner languished in jail.

Mrs. Stroud was arrested for stealing coal from a railway car with which to keep from freezing. She was hauled before the police judge today and held to the circuit court.

Mrs. Stroud wept bitterly when the decision was given and begged to be released. There was no one to care for her sick and half-starved children she said. She had been unable to get work with which to buy fuel and food and only resolved on theft when her older children were thrown out of employment and her money ran out.

Mrs. Stroud did not have time to warm her home with the coal she took from a coal car standing on the tracks nearby. Someone had seen her and the police took her to the city jail before she reached home with her load.

OFFERED BIG PRICE IF MAN WOULD NOT FLY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 8.—Commodore E. C. Benedict, a New York multi-millionaire and the father-in-law of Clifford B. Harmon, offered Harmon the price of ten aeroplanes if he would give up the idea of flying in an aeroplane. The offer was made shortly before Harmon made an ascension in his balloon "New York," from Tournament park at Pasadena today. Hermon was in the basket, and the signal had been given to "cut away" when Benedict stepped close to the basket and said:

'Cliff, I don't mind ascension a bit. I know it is safe, but I want to tell you right now that if you give up the notion of flying in an aeroplane next week, I will give you the price of ten aeroplanes. Of course, you understand, it is not so much on account of my consuming love for you, but I do hate the idea of my daughter mourning and having to appear in widow's weeds."

Harmon, who is worth a few hundred thousand himself, laughed, but his reply was drowned in the roar of the spectators as the big bag shot into the sky.

FLEET WILL SPEND THE WINTER AT MAGDALENA

VALEJO, Cal., Jan. 8.—A change in the program for the Pacific fleet was announced unofficially here today when it became known that the ships will not come to the navy yard this winter or spring, as had been planned.

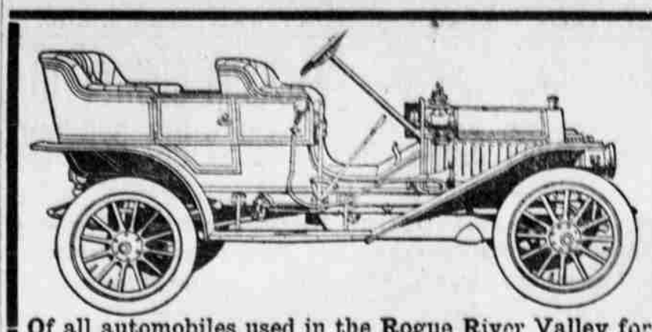
When the first arrives from the Orient on February 15, it will remain for ten days in San Francisco harbor, and then proceed immediately to Magdalena bay for target practice. The previous program was to bring the ships here, and for them to remain at the yards several months for repairs.

Curtis Gets Permit.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 8.—The court today modified the injunction recently granted the Wright Brothers against Glenn Curtiss, the aviator, so as to permit Curtiss to participate in the aviation meet in Los Angeles, which begins next Monday. Curtiss has agreed to place any prize money he may win at the disposal of the court.

Hangs Himself.

NAPA, Cal., Jan. 7.—The lifeless body of George B. Veile, aged 58, a parole patient in the Napa State hospital, was found hanging from a rafter in a barn on the asiyum grounds today. Veile had been missing since yesterday; it is thought he committed suicide during a fit of despondency.



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HOW TO GET A CITY JOB—Onen Long Laugh.
PINE RIDGE FEUD—Gripping Drama

ONE DIME.

MEAT COMPANY MAKES BIG MONEY

Swift and Company Paid Out Over $4,000,000 in Dividends During the Past Year.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The recent statement of the great meat corporations that the last year has been disastrous for profits was offset today when the yearly figures of Swift & Co. were made known.

According to the official statement of the concern, its assets are now $112,924,296, against $101,065,542 in January, 1909.

The holders of stock worth $60,000,000 received $4,200,000 in dividends during the year, according to the report and full interest was paid on $5,000,000 bonded indebtedness.

The surplus of Swift & Co. is now $22,000,000, $4,000,000 having been added in 1909.

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