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A London cablegram carried by the Associated Press says: The official report of the proceedings of the house of commons, contains the announcement in formal official terms that a message has been received from the house of lords stating that they will not insist on their amendments to the parliamentary bill, to which the house of commons had disagreed, and have agreed to the consequential amendment to the bill proposed by the house of commons. This will be recorded in the records of parliament the greatest victory achieved by a liberal prime minister in a century, for, although unionist votes passed the bill in the upper chamber, history will give the credit to Premier Asquith's audacious policy. The struggle ended when the house of lords, by a vote of 131 to 114, adopted Viscount Morley's resolution not to insist on the lords' amendments to the bill. The purpose is to restrict the powers of the upper chamber over legislation originating in the lower house and which may result, among other things, in home rule for Ireland. The veto bill practically eliminates the authority of the house of lords to a two years' suspensory veto and greatly increases the prerogatives of the house of commons. The measure could not possibly have passed the house of lords except as it was known that its rejection would be followed immediately by the creation of sufficient new peers to enforce the will of the lower chamber and which, the government asserts, is the will of the people.

John W. Gates, the American financier, died in Paris.

John Jacob Astor is engaged to marry a seventeen-year-old girl and New York clergymen are up in arms and declare that he has not money enough in which to hire any clergyman to perform the ceremony.

A New York dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: William R. Laidlaw, for twenty years maimed by a bomb thrown at Russell Sage by H. W. Norcross of Boston, was reported dead at the home for incurables in the Bronx, where he had been for a long time. Laidlaw is said to have died penniless. When Laidlaw's funds were exhausted in his suits against Sage, his sisters supported him, and after Russell Sage's death they made an appeal to Mrs. Sage. The sisters said that Mrs. Sage refused to assist Laidlaw. When Norcross hurled the bomb at Sage in his office, Laidlaw declared that the age financier thrust him in front of him as a shield. Sage was not injured. Laidlaw, who was a bookkeeper for Sage, sustained 180 wounds and has been an invalid ever since. He sued Sage in several courts and once obtained judgment for \$40,000 but a higher court reversed this.

Gen. George W. Gordon, commander in chief of the United Confederate veterans, died at Memphis, Tenn.

General Leconte will, it is predicted, be the new president of Hayti.

A Little Rock dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: In all probability the democrats of Arkansas will determine the state's choice for the presidential nomina-

tion at a primary election This unique plan, originating with the Woodrow Wilson club, has been indorsed by the supporters of others mentioned in connection with the nomination and members of the state executive committee have expressed themselves as favorable to the proposal. If the plans work out, Arkansas will be the first state to adopt the method. Heretofore as in other states the state convention has made the selection. Guy B. Tucker, democratic national committeeman, however, does not sanction the presidential primary proposition. In a card addressed to the voters he asked that it be sidetracked for the present. Several interesting campaign contests are also in prospect. United States Senator Jeff Davis will be opposed by former Congressman S. Brundige.

An Associated Press cablegram from Gibraltar says: The French steamer Emir foundered five miles east of Tariffa, Spain, in the straits of Gibraltar. Ninety-three persons were drowned. The ship sailed from here at 3 o'clock on the morning of August 3 for a Moroccan port. An hour later in a dense fog she collided with the British steamer Silverton, bound from Newport, England, for Taranto, Italy. The crew of the latter rescued twenty-seven of the Emir's crew and passengers. The Silverton later put in here with her starboard bow stove in and her fore peak full of water. The Emir floated only a few minutes after the collision. Sixty-one passengers and twenty-four of the crew went down with the ship. Twelve of the crew and fifteen passengers were saved. All the passengers were French.

An Iola, Kan., dispatch to the Denver News says: Iola city officials, with the exception of Municipal Judge Smeltzer, are up in arms because a woman has been sentenced to don a pair of bloomers and join the street gang from the city jail. Magistrate Smeltzer sentenced Mrs. Ella Reese to the street gang, and ordered that the city officials provide her with bloomers. Street Commissioner Glynn refuses to have a woman in the chain gang. Mrs. Reese did not go to work breaking rock or sweeping the streets that day because the bloomers had not been provided, and the officials say they will not allow the woman to carry out the sentence imposed upon her. The city commissioner, Mayor Bollinger and Glynn poured over the statutes to find some law which would invalidate the sentence. They failed. Smeltzer insists that Mrs. Reese must work upon the streets as ordered by him, and says the law will uphold his decision. "Mrs. Reese," said he, "is just as guilty as men companions arrested with her. They are working on the streets, and she must do so. It is no punishment to allow her to go to jail and do nothing but live at the expense of the city." Finding no law to aid them the city officials are attempting to compromise. One commissioner suggested that Mrs. Reese be made to darn the socks and repair the clothing of the other prisoners, while Mayor Bollinger has suggested that she scrub the jail floors, wash the jail windows and the jail dishes. But with the talk of compromise Magistrate Smeltzer remains firm. "Mrs. Reese was sentenced to work on the streets," says he, "and this court's order must be carried out."

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