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REST ON THEIR ARMS

POLITICIANS DELIBERATE ON BRITISH SITUATION.

Battle Lines Are Debated—Schemes for a Compromise Surcharge the Air—Reform of House of Lords Assured—Many Cabinet Changes.

London: With Premier Asquith on the continent and Chancellor Lloyd-George closely following him the politicians are all resting on their arms, discussing what lines of battle will be taken up in the new parliament.

The reform of the house of lords seems to be the one thing assured. Both parties support it now. The conservatives and the lords themselves are unwilling to adopt moderate changes immediately, lest reform measures which would knock the foundations from the upper house be carried. The result is likely to be the abolition of the hereditary principle, and no longer shall the second and succeeding generations be given a vote except those who shall prove their fitness to legislate, by service in the house of commons, in civil office or in the army or the navy.

Some cabinet changes are probable when the new government is formed. Reginald McKenna, who has been unpopular as first lord of the admiralty, will likely be dropped. He may be given a peerage. Richard Burton Haldane, secretary of state and war, may become head of the navy. John Burns, president of the local government board, will probably succeed Herbert J. Gladstone as home secretary. Winston Spencer Churchill will take the place vacated by John Burns, and they will each receive $25,000 instead of $12,500 as salaries, both places having been recommended by the last parliament, with the provision that the occupants should draw the increase during their tenure of ofice.

GOTHAM'S NEW SUBWAY.

Big Bore Most Expensive Railway System in the World.

New York: The new subway is going to be the most costly railroad in the world.

The present system cost $35,000,000 to build and lay down. For equipment and extension $45,000,000 more has been spent, making $80,000,000 in all. The new system will cost $100,000,000 to bore and lay down and when ready for operation, with all stations built and an adequate equipment of power houses and cars, will demand in all the stupendous sum of $240,000,000. This huge outlay will be expended on a strip of tracks but little more than 26 miles long, so that the average cost per mile will approximate $9,237,650. Three sets of plans are under consideration by the public service commission and none of them, it is estimated, will be adequate for more than ten years, giving a normal increase in the population.

STATE TO INVESTIGATE.

Horse Meat Being Used by Chicago Free Lunch Venders.

Chicago: In an official report to the Illinois state food commission made public State Inspector Hoey declares that horses are being slaughtered by the wholesale and the meat is being sold and distributed for human consumption. The meat, he says, is being cut into roasts, steaks and sausages, and is being sold to free lunch venders in Chicago and to some farming districts and mining camps where foreign miners are employed.

Heretofore, says the report, it was the general belief that all horse meat prepared in Chicago was for shipment to Copenhagen, Denmark, and the fact that it is being put out for home consumption is looked upon as necessitating a new state law regulating the killing of horses.

Refused to Join Boycott.

Pittsburg, Pa.: A dozen foreigners discussed the meat boycott at breakfast in a Mulberry alley boarding house Sunday, and all except "Mic" Skovias, a Slav, agreed to eat no meat. Skovias, delighted with having the breakfast to himself, tackled it so violently that he choken to death with the first mouthful.

Branded Baby With Hot Penny.

New York: For branding his baby brother on the cheek with a white hot Lincoln penny, Jacob Goldberg, eleven years old, was committed to the Jewish protectory.

Sioux City Livt Stock Market.

Sioux City: Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beeves for the week: $6.00. Top hogs, $8.10.

Aid for Sufferers.

London: King Edward and Queen Alexandria Sunday each contributed $5,000 to the Mansion house fund for the relief of the flood sufferers in France. The fund now amounts to $25,000.

French Novelist Dead.

Grasse, France: Louis Edouard Rod, the novelist, died suddenly Sunday soon after his arrival here from Paris with his family.

HUSBANDS IMPOSED UPON

"Bogus Stork" Confesses That 300 "Fathers" Had Been Fooled.

Los Angeles, Cal.: That she had provided homes for more than 300 babies in Los Angeles and that until now none of the supposed "fathers" had been any the wiser, was the testimony given by Mrs. C. E. Smith, who furnished Mrs. W. W. Wilson with four children which Mrs. Wilson tried to palm off on her husband, several days ago, as quadruplets born to her.

Mrs. Smith's story was told in the investigation before Judge Wilbur regarding the parentage of the four children which Mrs. Wilbur had admitted were not hers.

The four homeless babies were brought into court and identified as nearly as possible. Judge Wilbur adjourned the hearing for a week to allow the officers time to summon the real parents into court. One girl baby was tagged "Jane Doe, No. 1,930."

OVERPOWERED BY PRIEST.

Prussian Makes Threats of Death if Not Paid $1,000.

Pittsburg, Pa.: Forcing his way into the Parish house of Father John S. Gorzinski, with a letter demanding $1,000 under penalty of death within 24 hours, Anton Liebig, who says he was born in Prussia, was overpowered by the priest Saturday and locked up until the police arrived. In Liebig's was a letter addressed to the priest, saying the bearer had called for the package of money, but that he was ignorant of the contents of the letter, or what the package would contain.

A large dirk was found in an inner pocket of his vest. The priest says that while struggling with Liebig he had tried hard to thrust his hand inside his vest. The prisoner denied writing the letters, but at his home several envelopes with the same writing upon them were found crumpled up in one of the rooms.

BRAVE LAD IS STABBED.

Crippled Newsboy Taken in Charge by Richly Dressed Women.

New York: While defending an aged and helpless man from three men tormentors, Thomas Graham, a partially paralyzed newsboy, was stabbed three times by one of the men in Herald square. An ambulance failing to respond promptly, two women in an automobile, who had paused at sight of the crowd, took the wounded newsboy, and while on the way to Bellevue hospital they held him on their laps and their rich dresses became saturated with the blood from his wounds. Doctors say the crippled lad will in all probability die from his wounds. Two arrests were made.

Dies at Age of 119 Years.

Elyria, O.: "Uncle" John Ramsey, 119 years old, thought to have been the oldest person in Ohio, died at the county infirmary near here last week. Ramsey was a slave and escaped forty years before the civil war, going to Oberlin, which later became historic as a station for the undergraund railway for escaping slaves.

Leads the Cotillion.

Washinton, D. C.: Miss Ethel Roosevelt, visiting in Washington prior to sailing with her mother on February 15 for Europe, was the guest of honor Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean at a dinner and cotillion. Miss Roosevelt led the cotillion with George Howard.

Poison Found in Stomach.

Kansas City, Mo.: Poison has been found in the organs of Col. Thomas L. Swope and his nephew, Chrismas, and upon this finding the heirs of the dead millionaire will demand an investigation by the state to ascertain the cause of the death last fall of these two men.

To Enjoin Strikers.

Philadelphia, Pa.: One of the largest manufacturers of shirt waists in this city, whose operators are on strike, Saturday applied for an injunction to restrain the Ladies' Shirtwaist union from "picketing." The manufacturers complain that the girls who preferred to work are in danger of assault.

Bishop Foss Dead.

Philadelphia, Pa.: Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, retired, of the Methodist Episcopal church, one of the best known clergymen in the country, died Sunday night in the Hahnemann hospital from a stroke of paralysis which seized him while riding in a trolley car January 18.

Opposes Lee's Statue.

Adrian, Mich.: A resolution of protest has been approved by Woodbury post No. 45, G. A. R., against congress allowing a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee to be placed by Virginia at the side of that of Washington in the Hall of Fame in the national capitol.

Society Couple in Court With Strikers.

New York: Lieutenant H. S. Torney, U. S. A., who was arrested with Miss Inez Milholland, the Vassar graduate, and charged with "unlawful assemblage" at a recent meeting of the girl shirt waist makers, was dismissed.

May Yohe in New Role.

Saettle, Wash.: May Yohe, once famous as an actress and as the wife of Lord Francis Hope and Capt. Bradlee Putnam Strong, is about to become proprietor of a Seattle rooming house.

Lima, Peru: The municipality Monday presented William Jennings Bryan with a gold medal, and also gave Mrs. Bryan a medal studded with diamonds and rubies, and their daughter a similar, though smaller, token of regard.

JOINT MANEUVERS PLANNED.

Regular Army and National Guard to Play at War.

Washington, D. C.: Last year's joint maneuvers of the regular army and national guard will be repeated during the summer, according to present plans of the department, in spite of what has been charged to the Boston maneuvers of last year. Congress, it is expected, will appropriate $1,350,000 for this purpose. Of that sum, $350,000 will be used for coast defense practice for the instruction of militiamen.

For this year the general staff has prepared a schedule that will mobilize a greater proportion of the regulars than has hitherto been the case. Maneuvers will be conducted at the government's grounds at Pine Plains, N. Y.; in Maryland or Virginia; at Leon Springs, Tex.; at Ascadero, Kan.; at American Lake, Wash.; Chickamauga, Tenn.; Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Fort D. T. Russell, Wyo.; and Fort Riley, Kan.

CIRCUS AUCTIONED OFF.

Peculiar Sale Takes Place at Town of Corry, Pa.

Corry, Pa.: "Now here's a fine camel; can go eight days without water. How much am I bid?" came from an auctioneer here Monday at what was perhaps the oddest sale in this country for some years. Cole Bros.' circus that will no longer travel the kerosene circuit, was being closed out and the representatives of all the tent shows in the country were here to bid on the outfit. Mr. Camel finally went at $65, and similar bargain day prices prevailed for elephants, leopards, foxes, lynxs and a real polar bear. The horses were in greater demand among circus men and the bidding was spirited.

FINDS A MISSING LINK.

Explorer Discovers It Between the Salamander and the Fish.

Bloomington, Ind.: Dr. John Hazman, on an exploring trip in South America for the Carnegie institute of Pittsburg, has discovered the missing link in animal life between the salamander and the fish, according to a dispatch received by Dr. Karl Eigemann, head of the Indiana university zoological department. At the junction of the Rio Negro and the Amazon rivers, near Manos, Brazil, the explorer says he recently found a fish with rudimentary legs.

Princess Louise Loses Suit.

Paris: The Court of Appeals has ordered the removal of the seals placed upon the Chateau Balincourt, the residence given Baroness Vaughan by King Leopold, and dismissed the petition of the Princess Louise, who sought an ihventory of the property her father gave to the Baroness. Louise was condemned to pay the costs of the action.

Boldenweck Is Set Free.

Washington, D. C.: The final step necessary to relieve William A. Boldenweck from the responsiblity of returning to the government $173,000 the amount stolen from the sub-treasury in Chicago under his charge, was taken Monday when President Taft signed the bill to this end which passed both houses of congress a few days ago.

Wakes From Nine Months' Sleep.

Ft. Wayne, Ind.: Patrick Farman, a boy injured in a fall nine months ago since unconscious, recovered sufficiently Monday to talk disconnectedly. Farman's case attracted the attention of physicians throughout the country. During his long sleep he grew steadily although the left side of his body is paralyzed. The boy is blind but can hear perfectly.

Sentence of Cadets Commuted.

Washington, D. C.: The president has exercised executive clemency in the cases of Cadet Guy W. Chipman first class, and Cadet Jose March Duplat, second class, United States Military Academy, who were convicted on the charge of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in having gone beyond the cadet limits without authority.

Indians Seek Own Kingdom.

Lahore, British India: It developed at the trial Monday of an alleged Indian conspirator that the plans of conspiracy against the British Indian government included the establishment of an independent kingdom. The seat of the government was to be at Delhi.

Lady Constance Barred from Court.

London: King Edward has ordered the name of Lady Constance Stewart Richardcon stricken from all court lists, because she persists in giving her barefoot dances at the Palace music hall. Through Sir Edward Knollys Lady Constance has been advised never to appear before the king again.

Big Turkey Sold for $500.

Rockford, Ill.: The famous "Porter" gobbler, said to be the largest turkey in the country, was sold by Walter Porter of Boone county to E. H. Burns Orient, S. D., for $500.

Child Killed by Gas Explosion.

Monmouth, Ill.: Frances Donaldson the 1-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Donaldson, was killed by the explosion of an acetylne gas plant at their home northwest of here.

Kentucky Approves Income Tax Plan.

Frankfort, Ken.: The Kentucky house of representatives adopted a resolution favoring an amendment to the United States constitution to allow an income tax.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

Doings of the Week in Condensed Form

EDITOR HAS ROMANCE.

W. C. Israel, Publisher of News-Chronicle, Marries Nurse.

Saved from the grave by the tender hands of a woman, Will C. Israel, a newspaper man of Benkelman, lived to win her love, and make her his wife. The bride was Miss Selma Nixon.

About a year ago while visiting in Kansas City Mr. Israel was taken seriously ill and entered a sanatorium. After many weeks of care the nurse won the affections of her patient and slowly brought him back to health. Israel, freed fro mthe affliction of disease, quickly succumbed to the little love god and pursued an ardent courtship. When he returned to his home he carried with him the promise of Miss Nixon that she would be his wife.

Mr. Israel is the editor and proprietor of the News-Chronicle at Benkelman.

NO EXTRA SESSION.

Gov. Shallenberger Will Not Convene Nebraska Legislature.

Gov. Shallenberger has issued a statement that he will not call an extra session of the legislature for the enactment of a new bank deposit guaranty law, as he has been asked to do. The governor says the constitutionality of the Oklahoma law, which is similar to the enactment in Nebraska that has been declared unconstitutional, is now pending in the United States supreme court and awaiting a decision. He says an extra session would not be justified.

The indorsement of the income tax law amendment by Nebraska, Gov. Shallenberger says, is not of vital interest at this time.

DAGGETT BRINGS BOY HOME.

Woman in Salem Elopement Now Taking in Washing.

R. W. Daggett, of Salem, whose wife left him a few months ago and eloped with a telegraph operator, taking with her one of her two sons, has returned to Salem with the boy. The two little brothers are glad to be reunited and are now being cared for by Mr. Daggett's mother. The father and husband found the couple near Montrose, Colo. The man lost his job on the railroad and it is said is now working as a cobbler, while the woman is doing washing. Mr. Daggett has been discussing the advisability of having her return to him. Mrs. Daggett was a belle at Salem in her girlhood and stood high in the community.

Forfeits Bond.

The bond of William Purkey, charged with selling liquor at Filley without a license, was ordered forfeited by Judge Pemberton of the district court. J. W. Clark signed Purkey's bond for $500, and the colurt ordered hi mto produce that amount to satisfy the bond. Purkey was engaged in the hotel business at Filley, and recently disappeared from view.

Well Known Golf Player Dead.

Sprague Abbott, well known in golfing circles, died in Omaha Friday, following an operation for an abscess in the left lung. Mr. Abbott took up golfing several years ago in an effort, it is said, to fight off incipient consumption. He was not only successful in this, but developed into a champion.

Suicide at Omaha.

The body of Charles E. Bennett, of Paralta, Linn county, Ia., believed to have committed suicide within a half hour of his discovery, was found lying on an old door in Chris Jensen's lumber yard at Omaha Wednesday afternoon. He had shot himself.

Firm Attaches Hotel.

Austin Bros., a real estate firm of Lincoln at Beatrice took charge of the new Burwood hotel at Beatrice, the property of W. C. Gunn, of Fort Scott, Kan., on a writ of attachment to satisfy a claim of $3,000 alleged to be due them.

State Gets Big Interest.

In the report of the treasurer of Cass county to the state auditor is an item showing the collection of taxes to the amount of $6.58 levied in the year 1861 and upon which interest to the amount of $49.43 was collected.

Money for New Hotel.

Will Madgett, of Hastings, announced Tuesday that he expects to bring the hotel subscription list up to $50,000 by the end of this week. The fund has been growing slowly, but steadily in the last few days.

Nebraska Bank Closes Its Doors.

The Farmers and Merchants State bank, of Alexandria, has suspended payment. John Edwards is president and G. W. Rousch is cashier. State Bank Examiner Beaumont is in

Ex-Gov. J. H. Mickey, who has been critically ill for several weeks, Friday showed marked improvement and was able to sit up for a short time. His mind is not clear and he can converse but little.

NELSON COUPLE WED TWICE.

Judge Ties Knot When They Think He is Giving Them License.

It became known at Nelson Tuesday that George S. Wombacher and Miss Mary Hofstetter, a couple from Lawrence, Neb., were married several days without being aware of it. These young people, wishing to be married by the priest of the local church, learned upon inquiry that it was necessary to get a license from the county court. They accordingly went to that official at Nelson, and informed him of their desire to become one. He, understanding they wished him to tie the knot, issued the necessary license, had them stand up, join hands and married them. He then made out the usual marriage certificate, took the usual fee, congratulated the couple and sent them on their way man and wife, although the unsuspecting couple thought all this was merely the necessary form required to get a license. A few days later, before the date set for the church wedding, the groom handed what he supposed was his marriage license to the priest, who on looking it over discovered to the surprise of all that it was a marriage certificate.

The regular church wedding was celebrated, nevertheless, at the appointed time.

AGRICULTURE IN SCHOOLS.

Committee of County Superintendents Seeking Opinions from Educators.

A committee composed of County Superintendents Harris, Willis, Matzen, Pilzer and Bradenberg, has issued a circular letter to all county superintendents asking for suggestions for voting agricultural education in the public schools of Nebraska. The replies will be compiled and sifted down for a report to the next convention of the State Teachers' association.

In a brief compendium of present secondary agricultural education in the United States the committee gives the following information: Congressional agricultural high schools for large districts have been established in Minnesota, Alabama, Virginia, New York, Illinois, Oklahoma, Arkansas and California. County agricultural high schools have been established in Wisconsin, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma and other states. The teaching of agriculture in rural schools is compulsory in Texas, Oklahoma and West Virginia.

TRAMPLED BY HORSES.

Farmer Near Pierce is Seriously Injured.

Herman Draeger, a farmer living on the Ernest Fisher farm, ten miles northeast of Pierce, was injured seriously Sunday noon by being trambled by a team of heavy horses. He was in the barn harnessing the team when he in some manner stumbled and fell under the animals' feet.

The injured man remembers nothing after his fall, but was found later by members of the family under the horses in an unconscious condition. He was carried to the house and a physician called, who found Mr. Draeger to be suffering from four broken ribs on the right side and internal injuries that it is feared may prove fatal.

OLD POSTMASTER RESIGNS.

Thomas Hunter, of Wakefield, Says He Has Served Long Enough.

Thomas Hunter, for 32 years postmaster at Wakefield, will relinquish his office February 5. He is not a candidate for reappointment, as he feels he has served the government about long enough for a man 75 years old.

Mr. Hunter is one of the pioneers of Nebraska. He was a member of the state constitutional convention and published the first paper in Wayne county, the Wayne County Review.

The postoffice inspectors of this part of the country all bear witness that during his entire service as postmaster Mr. Thomas has proven to be one of the best in the state.

Funeral of Senator Michener.

The funeral of ex-Senator N. S. Michener took place at the Methodist church in Osceola, Tuesday forenoon and the body was laid at rest in Blue Ridge cemetery, ten miles southeast of Osceola. The deceased was one of the best known men in the county and leaves a large family and many friends.

Requisition for Albert Miles.

Albert Miles, charged with stealing $42 from his landlady, Susie James, of Omaha, will be brought back from Kansas City to stand trial for his alleged crime. It is charged that Miles took the money from a little bank.

New N. N. G. Company.

Adjt. Gen Hartigan went to Blair Wednesday morning to muster in a company of the National Guard recently organized there.

Yates Adams, a farmer living near Pickrell, who sustained a fractured skull recently by a tree falling on him while he was working in the timber on his farm, is dead. He was 32 years of age and leaves a widow and two daughters.

THE FOOD BOYCOTT.

Strikes Against High Prices Spreading to Many Places.

The "strike" on the part of the indignant people against the outrageous prices which are demanded for food is spreading from city to city and is being hailed with enthusiasm.

More than 25,000 heads of families (representing fully 100,000 individuals) in Cleveland, Ohio, have signed an agreement not to eat meat for thirty days. An immediate result has been the closing of several meat markets and a reduction in the price of meat, especially pork and veal. The "strike" is spreading to Akron, Toledo and other nearby cities. Meat orders in Cleveland restaurants have fallen off fully 50 per cent. Union workmen in Omaha to the number of over 5,000 have agreed to eat no meat for thirty days, and it is expected the number will reach 15,000. In Pittsburg the Iron City Trades Council has asked more than 1,500,000 working people in that and nearby communities to abstain from meat for sixty days. Three hundred families in Naugatuck and Phoenix, Conn., have joined a boycott against butter.

The assertion made by the packers that the high price of meat is due to scarcity of cattle does not seem to be borne out by the facts. A. D. Melvin, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry at Washington, presents figures which show that more cattle, calves and sheep are being sent to the stock yards now than were being marketed for the corresponding period a year ago. In November, 1908, Chicago packers slaughtered 161,328 cattle, while in November, 1909, the number was 175,929, an increase of 14,601 beeves during a period of so-called scarcity. At East St. Louis the receipts of cattle for the entire year 1909 exceeded those of 1908 by 95,333.

Like a snowball rolling down hill under the most favorable conditions, constantly growing in bulk and accelerating in speed, the strike of the indignant consumers against the outrageous prices of food necessaries grows as each day passes. What the ultimate result will be remains to be seen.

"STAND OR FALL TOGETHER."

Miners' Leaders Determined to Ask Increase of Ten Per Cent.

"Stand or fall together" was the sentiment of the convention of the United Mineworkers of America when it closed discussion in Indianapolis of the prospective strike of the bituminous coal miners. Union officials declared that the bituminous miners are determined to demand an increase of wages of 10 per cent or more, that no one district organization shall sign the uniform wage contract till all districts shall sign, and if a strike is inevitable in one or more districts, all shall strike. Francis Feehan, president of the Western Pennsylvania district, said his conviction was that the organization should issue an ultimatum that a strike in all districts will be called on April 1 if an increase of wages of more than 10 per cent be not given, to go into effect on that date.

TWO BANDITS ARE CAUGHT.

Sweetheart's Betrayal and Tale of Man Who Saw Train Robbery.

C. O. Eames, chief of the Missouri Pacific Railway's secret service, says the identity of the robbers who held up the passenger train near St. Louis the other night is established. Clews furnished by a sweetheart of one of the bandits and information given by a the hacker who witnessed the hold-up from behind a bush betrayed the desperadoes. The girl is 18 years of age and lives in the mountains near Eureka, in the county in which the hold-up took place. Posses are searching the northern part of the county. Night Police Chief Gillespie received a long-distance telephone message from Malson, Mo., saying two of the band were locked up in a box car.

Railroad Bridge Stolen.

Three men were arrested at Binghamton, N. Y., charged with grand larceny in stealing an Erie Railroad bridge. The bridge was a small three-ton structure over a creek. It had recently been replaced by a heavier one and was placed alongside the tracks. When the construction train arrived to remove the structure it was not to be found.

Tariff War May Be Averted.

Nonhsistence of the United States that Germany admit American meats more freely is regarded in official quarters in Berlin as simplifying pending tariff negotiations and removing one of the prinicipal embarrassments. On the point of American cattle imports the German government, it is declared, could not yield.

Woman Whips Man Robber.

A highwayman who held up Miss Lulu Van Fleet, teacher in Lincoln high school in Cleveland, was thrown into a snowbank by the woman and trampled on. In her agitation, on leaving the man, Miss Van Fleet left her purse where it had fallen in the snow and the robber got it in spite of being whipped by his victim.

Altman is Acquitted.

The jury in the trial of Vincent Altman brought in a verdict of not guilty in Chicago. Altman was accused of having exploded a bomb that partly destroyed the central exchange of the Chicago Telephone Company on