

A VALLEY OF HUMILIATION FOR PEERS, SAYS CHANCELLOR AND BALFOUR SEES DEFEAT

Lloyd-George Declares Lords Consider Commons a House of Lunatics and Themselves the Keepers—Unionist Leader Makes Sensational Anti-German Speech.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

London, Jan. 5.—Every available prominent speaker of both parties, as well as a host of minor men, were engaged last night in addressing political meetings in various parts of the country.

Premier Asquith at a meeting at Brighton, from which women were excluded, and Chancellor Lloyd-George at two meetings in London, made a great play at the expense of the peers' oratorical campaign. The Premier thought that if the peers could only be induced to prolong this campaign another fortnight at the same rate as to volume and venom, the Liberals might also be content to hold their tongues altogether.

PEERS WORKED HARD.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer expressed the belief that the peers never worked so hard in their lives. They seemed to think that the House of Commons was an assembly of lunatics, and that the peers were their keepers. The peers, he said, were walking through the valley of humiliation, in order to find work for the unemployed.

BALFOUR AT HANWELL.

Arthur J. Balfour, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, speaking at Hanwell, said that 1910 would remain in the history of the Empire as the year in which was fought the first round of the struggle which might last for years, perhaps generations, and become a dominant influence upon all that citizens hold most dear. Never before had the ideals of two great state parties been so widely divergent.

BALFOUR HOPELESS.

This time in Mr. Balfour's utterances on previous occasions has been commented upon as an indication that he realizes the hopelessness of a Unionist victory in the coming elections.

The Marquis of Londonderry declared that the Unionists would rather occupy the Opposition position till the clock of doom, than hold office for a few minutes dependent upon the Irish vote.

London, Jan. 5.—The result of the plebiscite taken among the electors in the Gateshead division by independent residents, with a view to taking steps to prevent a three-cornered contest, resulted as follows. Of the 19,138 post-cards sent out, 7,101 were returned, and the votes recorded as follows:

Mr. Harold Wilson, Liberal, 3,617
Mr. John Johnson, M. P., Labor, 2,425
Mr. Gratton Doyle, Unionist, 1,059
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STOLE A WATCH TOLD A MEAN LIE

George Beares, of Toronto, Is Certainly a Pusillanimous Individual.

FOUND GUILTY BY P. M.

Attempt to Drag a Lady Into the Scrape to Clear Himself Failed Miserably.

George Beares, a young man who gave his age as 21, and his place of residence as St. Marys, where he says his parents reside, was arrested last night on a charge of stealing a valuable gold watch from a Horton street house, and with defrauding another woman who lives on Horton street of a week's board.

Has Two Names.
When placed under arrest, Beares told the detectives that his name was George Jackson, that he came from Hamilton, where he had been employed on the Grand Trunk, and that he had relatives living at 1033 Sherbourne street, Toronto.

In the box this morning Beares stated that the watch had been given him by the woman whose husband owned it, and that she wanted him to elope with her and go and live in Toronto.

A Fabrication.
When pressed by the court and Crown Attorney McKillop, Beares admitted that the story that he had worked on the Grand Trunk was a fabrication, and that the fact that he had relatives in Toronto, that he had lived in St. Marys most of the time.

Lady Denies.
The lady who had implicated Beares in the story against her absolutely and said that Beares had represented to her that he was a Grand Trunk employee and wanted board.

"You have told me so many untruths," the court told Beares, "that I look upon your story about the way you obtained the watch as absolutely false, and I want to tell you I regard it as a dastardly and cruel attempt on your part to injure a woman's reputation. Even supposing for a moment that the circumstances were as you admit, and the woman stole the watch from her husband, you are a thief for taking it from her. I demand you to jail for a week for sentence, and in the meantime your parents will be communicated with."

HELD AT BUFFALO

French-Canadian Charged With White Slave Practices.

Buffalo, Jan. 5.—On the allegation of the immigration inspector that the defendant had forced his 21-year-old wife to enter a house of ill-repute, Judge Nash in city court today held Elizee La Verdure, a French-Canadian, for the grand jury. The specific charge against La Verdure is violating a section of the penal law, which touches on the white slave traffic. The penal law provides for ten years' imprisonment for conviction of the crime in question. La Verdure was arrested last night after an investigation conducted by Immigration Inspector Buchanan, of Buffalo. The prisoner, who is a barber, is said to have come to this city from Toronto four months ago. Previous to that time he lived with his young wife in Montreal.

Mrs. La Verdure, according to printed reports here, formerly worked in a Toronto restaurant. The Toronto address has not been given.

The police force of Detroit is taking heroic measures to halt the epidemic of murder.

THE HARDWARE CONVENTION

At a meeting of the programme committee of the Retail Hardware Association, held last evening, arrangements were made for a banquet in connection with the convention to be held in London on Feb. 10 and 11.

It was decided to hold it in the Tecumseh House on the evening of Feb. 10. A splendid feast list is being prepared, and many prominent men from a distance will be asked to deliver addresses. A musical programme will also be carried out.

From all indications, the convention promises to be one of the greatest ever held in the city. A large number of dealers have stated that they will be present.

"We will have one of the best conventions ever held in the city," said Secretary A. M. Hunt. "All the space has been taken in the city hall, and the local manufacturers are looking after the arcade. It will be a big boost for London, I can assure you."

LOCAL MEMBERS WANT A.O.U.W. CONVENTION HERE NEXT YEAR

Move to Be Inaugurated to Secure a Big Advertisement for the Forest City in 1911—This Year's Convention Will Be Once Again Held in Toronto.

A determined move is to be made by London members of the A. O. U. W. to have the 1911 convention of the order held in this city.

Seven prominent workers have had the matter under consideration for some time, and they are firmly convinced that there is no reason under the sun why the Forest City should not get the convention.

It is pointed out that there are in London alone about 1,000 members of the order, while in the London district there are over 2,000 members. From this it will be seen that the local members are in a position to make their influence felt, and they intend to put up a big fight for the move.

convention, which would mean very much advertising for this city.

Cognizance is taken of the fact that councils such as this year's will be very likely to assist in a liberal manner any move to bring conventions to London, and that if the A. O. U. W. members come here they will be assured of a royal reception.

The order will meet in Toronto this year in March, and has met in that city for some years.

It is altogether likely that the move will spread to the other fraternal bodies in London, and that local members will see to it that if the city does its share big conventions will be held here periodically.

TRACK ELEVATION LOOMS UP G. T. R. BUYING PROPERTY

Real Estate Holders Are Notified That the Purchasing Agent of the Railway Will Be Here Shortly to Talk Business—Official Did Not Come to London Today.

The Grand Trunk Company is taking the question of track elevation seriously, and some definite steps towards the work are being made. Some years ago, when Mr. F. H. McGulgan had the matter of track elevation under his charge, deals were made for the purchase of certain properties near the railway for that purpose.

Some of the lots were purchased, and in the case of several valuable pieces, everything was settled with the exception of the seal of the Grand Trunk Railway. The price was agreed upon, and everything appeared most satisfactory.

However, the city and the company could not agree, and negotiations were called off.

Agent Is Coming.
That was the last heard from the company by the owners of the property from that time until the other day.

COMMITTEE WILL BE NAMED SHORTLY

Scheme for Buyers' Excursion Will Be Pushed Ahead by Businessmen.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION

Move Appeals to Almost Everyone—Mr. Thomas Allen is at Present Out of the City.

A meeting will be held shortly to organize a committee to make arrangements for buyers' excursions into the city, and the formation of a 100,000 club.

Mr. Thomas Allen, who has taken a deep interest in the scheme, is at present out of the city, and when he returns the latter part of the week, something will be done towards arranging for a meeting.

A number of wholesalers are being interviewed in connection with financing the proposition, and from what can be learned they are taking most kindly to the idea.

A Practical Suggestion.
The suggestion to run buyers' excursions is the most practical yet made, and it is considered that this will be the first matter dealt with when the organization of the club is completed.

It would be the first definite practical step towards attracting people to the city, and then could be followed by a publicity campaign of larger proportions.

"A meeting will probably be called some time soon," said Mr. Phil Pocock, when questioned about the matter.

Mr. Allen Absent.
"Some of the leading spirits, notably Mr. Allen, is out of the city. He was interviewed in connection with the movement, and then more definite steps would be taken. He will be in the city the latter part of the week, and then we will try and get together. The buyers' excursions, from what I can hear, have been very successful elsewhere. We should keep London to the fore."

The Danish Government is to investigate the report that Andree is alive in Arctic Canada.

Betting on elections in Old London favors the Liberals 7 to 4.

CUTTER STRUCK BY SNOWFLOW

Two Persons Dying as Result of Accident at Beachville.

ARE BROTHER AND SISTER

Sleigh, With Family Party of Four, Hit on Level Crossing Last Night.

[Special to the Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 5.—As the result of an accident at Beachville, five miles west of here, last night, two more lives are expected to be added to the deadly toll of the level railway crossings.

Miss Marion Zusek and Ernest Zusek, brother and sister, are the ones so badly injured, that it is stated this morning that their chances for recovery are so slight as to be practically nil.

On Way to Church.

Three Zusek brothers and the sister, children of a family living three miles south of Beachville, who went to that vicinity from Peterboro neighborhood a few months ago, were on their way to Beachville to attend the practice of the orchestra in connection with the Methodist Church. At the library one of the brothers got out, and the others—Ernest, Harry and Marion—continued in the double cutter. At the C. P. R. crossing the cutter was struck by a snowflow running east.

The cutter was demolished and the occupants were thrown out. Harry had a miraculous escape, not even sustaining a bruise. Ernest and Marion, however, were picked up unconscious, with their skulls crushed.

The snowflow was in charge of Conductor Toll, of London, and was being driven by engine No. 147 in charge of Engineer McCausland, of London.

Grand Jury Chosen for Winter Assizes

Chief Justice Sir W. R. Meredith Will Preside at the Court.

The grand jury for the coming session of the winter assizes which opens on Jan. 10 before Chief Justice Meredith, are as follows:

Robt. Allan, drover, Carleton Place; Campbell, farmer, Adelaide; Morwood, farmer, Elfrida; Thomas N. Dunn, Strathroy; John Gibson, farmer, London Township; S. Frank Glass, London Township; T. B. Hudson, farmer, London Township; Frank Hawkey, Parryville; A. K. Hodgins, farmer, Biddulph; Thomas Knapton, London Township; Joshua Morgan, McGillivray; Frank W. Smythe, marble cutter, London; Victor M. Stanley, farmer, Biddulph.

CITY COUNCIL HAS A SURPLUS

Will Begin the Year With a Balance of About \$5,500.

ONE DEFICIT IS NOTED

It Is That of the Board of Education—How the Different Spending Bodies Closed the Year.

The city council will have a surplus of practically \$5,500 to commence business with.

The financial statement is in the course of compilation, and will be shortly ready to show at least that sum to the good.

In spite of the somewhat heavy expenditures of 1909, each committee showed a balance on the right side.

All to the Good.
The finance committee showed a good surplus.

The board of works was fully \$1,200 ahead, while No. 3 committee had a balance of \$2,321.

The receipts totalled \$9,900 more than was figured on.

The board of health was responsible for an overdraft of \$3,500 due to the erection of a new smallpox hospital. Some of the other boards showed an overdraft.

The hospital trust broke about even, and the library board had something to spare.

An Overdraft.
The board of education will have an overdraft of approximately \$3,000. Of this \$2,000 was due to the installation of manual training. This was estimated on, but the finance committee asked the trustees to carry the item over until this year to bring the rate down, and this was done. The rest was for current expenditure more than was estimated.

The college account, the only one affecting the council's finances, quit about even, and the board of 1910 must attend to the overdraft. No overdraft from the college can be carried over.

Debtless Charges.
There will be a considerable increase in the debtless charges in 1910, and the council's rate will be high. No attempt has been made to prepare the estimates as yet.

Miss Vrooman Wins.
For the second time in two years Miss Caroline Vrooman, of 373 Grey street, a daughter of Mr. D. G. Vrooman, has carried off the first prize in a map competition for the Girls' Own Paper, a Toronto juvenile publication. Miss Vrooman's subject was Ontario, and the map is a most complete one.

C. P. R. FAST EXPRESS TRAIN LEFT THE RAILS AT AYR, ONT.

Several Passengers Injured—Pulled Out of London at 4:45, o'Clock This Morning and Was Ditched at 7:55—Wreck Occurred in Almost the Same Place as the Express Was Thrown From Tracks on Sunday.

Train—No. 4, the fast C. P. R. express for Toronto. Place—One and a quarter miles west of Ayr, 52 miles from London. Time—7:55 this morning.

Damage—Tender, baggage car and five coaches derailed. Cause—Unknown as yet. Injured—Several people, but none fatally. The third railway wreck in three days in this district.

C. P. R. express No. 4 for Toronto, which leaves London at 4:45, was wrecked at 7:55 this morning at a point a mile and a quarter west of Ayr.

The entire train, with the exception of the engine, left the rails. The cause of the accident has not yet been ascertained, but an official investigation will be held at once to learn the cause.

LEFT LONDON AT 4:45.
The train pulled out of London this morning on time, drawn by engine 1105. The express was in charge of Conductor Swinerton, of Toronto, and Engineer Johnston, of Toronto, was in the cab.

It is a very fast one, and was going at the rate of 60 miles an hour when it was wrecked.

The big engine remained on the rails, but the tender, baggage car, and five coaches were all derailed.

Both London and Toronto were notified, and wrecking crews proceeded at once to the scene of the accident.

The line is badly torn up and traffic will be blocked for some hours.

A SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.
The accident occurred only a few miles from the spot where C. P. R. express No. 3 was wrecked on Sunday night.

This makes the third wreck in three days, the C. P. R. having had two and the Grand Trunk one.

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THE INJURED.
Ayr, Ont., Jan. 5.—(Later)—The only persons injured were: J. W. Barry, sleeping car attendant, London, cash in forehead, not serious.

Mr. Stevens, of Detroit, arm wrenched. Maude Chambers, Toronto, bruised knee. Mrs. Thomas Barons, wife of implement agent at Bolton, bruised on ribs.

Mrs. James Cummings, pianist, Ottawa, badly shaken up. Professor Jimmey, Coaticook, Quebec, elbow injured. Frank Delan, Wheatley, right knee bruised.

Miss Caroda, sprained wrist. Three of the passenger coaches are leaning on their sides against the side of the cut in which the accident occurred.

C. P. R. officials who have thoroughly investigated the accident, are of the opinion that it was caused by the spreading of a rail. The tracks of two of the coaches were torn off. The auxiliaries cannot have the line open for traffic this evening. The afternoon and evening trains will run over the Grand Trunk as far as Woodstock and from there take the C. P. R.

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Ayr, Jan. 5.—C. P. R. express No. 4 was wrecked a mile and a quarter west of this station this morning at 7:55. Engine 1105 alone remained on the tracks and the rest of the train, including the tender, the baggage coach, two day coaches and two Pullmans, left the rails. The cars were not badly damaged and none of them were thrown clear of the tracks.

At High Speed.
The train was running at a high rate of speed at the time of the accident, and only the splendid construction of the cars prevented them from toppling. None of the cars even toppled over. There were a great many through passengers from Detroit on board. It is generally thought that a broken rail was the cause for Toronto and Montreal.

Line Badly Blocked.
Auxiliaries from both London and Toronto arrived on the scene early, and are working to get the line open. It is expected all will be clear this afternoon, as the tracks were not badly torn up, and the principal work is in replacing the coaches and the tender. The passengers were taken on to Ayr, and are waiting for a special train, which will be sent from Toronto to take them home.

Board of Education.
The chairmanship of the board of education has been settled. Mr. W. W. Langrange will be selected for this position.

The double-session kindergarten will ask that either Mr. Weekes or Mr. C. M. R. Graham be given a committee to perfect the work of organizing the kindergartens, and it is quite possible that Mr. Weekes will be chosen.

Mr. W. T. Strong may be selected for the office, however. The committee would be composed of Chairman Weekes or Strong, C. M. R. Graham and J. M. Gunn.

Dr. A. J. Wyckoff will be given the chairmanship of No. 2 committee and Dr. Balfour will be selected as head of the audit committee.

Rev. Dr. Sage will be selected as the board's representative on the library board. Mr. Thomas Gillan will likely be chosen head of this board.

A meeting of the striking council of the council will be held this evening, when the committee will be spoken.

WORK OF QUALIFYING STILL GOING ON

All Papers Are in Save Those of Ald. Rose and Ald. Richter.

All the gentlemen elected to office have qualified with the exception of Ald. Rose and Ald. Richter. The latter will do so today or tomorrow, and the whole slate will be completed.

On Monday at 11 o'clock the new council will be organized, and the work of the year commenced.

No objection has been made officially to the qualifications of any member of the council, and it is not thought likely that anything will be done now.

Hockey Practice.
The Forest City Club hockey team held their first practice in the Jubilee rink last night, and will be ready to take on games at once. W. Loughlin, manager.

Rumor That Temperance People Will Ask For On.
There was a rumour around the city today that the temperance people will demand a recount in London Township, where the local option law was recently defeated by a very small majority.

Secretary McDermott, when seen by The Advertiser stated that he had heard nothing of the matter.

Mr. Charles Merritt, of Kincardine, and bride, have returned home after visiting Mr. Merritt's sister, Mrs. Frank Hutchinson, the past two weeks.

Miss Mabel Baillie has returned to Toronto, after spending the holidays with her parents.