

KING DISSOLVES PARLIAMENT SUMMONING NEXT FOR FEB. 15 THE ROYAL WRITS SENT OUT

Edward Signs Proclamation Today, Ending the Second Parliament of His Reign, in Brief and Formal Ceremony at Buckingham Palace and Officially Launches the Most Epoch-Making Election in a Hundred Years.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

London, Jan. 10.—The second Parliament of King Edward's reign came to an end today. The ceremony of dissolution was brief and formal. Four privy councillors attended at Buckingham Palace, where at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon the King signed the proclamation dissolving the present and summoning a new Parliament to meet on Feb. 15. Within an hour, the royal writs had been dispatched from the crown office to every constituency of the United Kingdom.

London, Jan. 10.—Of the seats in which polling will take place next Saturday 43 are held by Liberals, 17 by Unionists and 8 by Laborites. The peers concluded the campaign Saturday night, having delivered 250 speeches. The Duke of Norfolk had a lively reception at Brighton. He inquired whether it was tariff reform, the policy of a strong navy or the House of Lords that the meeting objected to. He received the reply, "The Lords." He replied that a great improvement might be introduced into the chamber.

The Duke of Devonshire, at Skipton, defended the hereditary principle. Lords Stanhope and Mayo had noisy meetings at Southend and Ham-mersmith respectively.

Mr. Lloyd-George, at a meeting at Plymouth, claimed to be the greatest taxer of foreigners who, he declared, paid the rates and taxes of Britain. "We sold," he said, "£2,577,000,000 worth to foreigners, not without making a profit. Our shipping yielded £100,000,000 yearly, mostly paid by the foreigner. He got his taxes from this profit, so who paid? Respecting the export of capital, the chancellor said, "We get the foreigner in four ways, first, he pays a good commission for the advance; secondly, it goes in the goods for which it is exchanged; thirdly, we get something for carrying the goods; and fourthly, we charge interest on the things we get ourselves; thus we lay the world under tribute. There is no way of taxing the foreigner like free trade."

LORDS PLAYED OUT.

Austen Chamberlain addressed a great meeting at Birmingham. He read a message from his father, who said: "Where Birmingham leads all England will follow."

Winston Churchill, speaking at Leven on behalf of the premier, made a strong anti-Lords speech, and the party under whose control the anti-Lords bill is being introduced, declared for a second chamber unimpaired, representative and non-partisan.

A STRENUOUS CAMPAIGN.

London, Jan. 9.—More than ever before, the great political battle which is now raging in this country has grown to resemble one of the hottest of modern American or Canadian political campaigns. It is strenuous and heated beyond precedent, and as the climax is approached, it is developing the bitter personal element which is usually absent in English campaigns. The personalities which disfigure it are not, of course, between candidates, but between the leaders of the opposing parties.

"Laird" and other epithets of personal abuse are seldom resorted to on British election platforms, but both sides in this contest are losing their tempers and self-control in dealing with the arguments and tactics of their opponents.

It is found necessary at almost every political meeting, of which there are about 4,000 held daily at the present time, to limit the attendance strictly to known sympathizers with the party under whose control the gathering is held. One is left to wonder at the efficacy of this British practice of preaching only to the converted.

PERSONAL CANVASSING.

It is not, in fact, at public rallies that the real work of the campaign is done. Personal canvassing is the real thing, and this has been reduced to a fine art in England. Every day from now till the polling begins a quarter of a million will go from house to house throughout the length and breadth of the country trying to persuade the voters and the voters' wives to use their influence on one side or the other.

Every newspaper keeps a section for giving advice to women on how to deal with voters and the fashion columns give pointers daily on ideal canvassing gowns. As an example of the way the women work, it may be noted that 15,000 members of the Lady Primrose League of London have undertaken to trace 18,000 voters who will be detained in London until election day, and persuade them to return to their country homes and register their votes on election day.

SUFFRAGETTES WITH UNIONISTS

The suffragettes are also represented in the work, but they by no means represent the majority of these genuine cohorts. It is safe to say, however, that most of the women workers are struggling to elect the Unionist candidates, or, rather, to defeat the present Government. Whether they will succeed is still an open question, but, at all events it is fair to describe this contest as beyond all precedent an Amazon election.

LITERARY FOLK STUMPING.

One of the interesting features of the present political contest in England is the way literary men have laid down their pens and taken up public speaking. Maurice Hewitt has held forth for the Liberals, Sir Gilbert Parker is speaking for the Conservatives, Miss Hocking has put aside her pen and is deep in contesting a constituency; Quiller-Couch, better known as "Q," the friend of the Tory, is a characteristic friend over empire, and last, but not least, Mrs. Flora Annie Steel has protested against women electioneers who are ordering new gowns and hats for canvassing purposes, and she asks men candidates if they want to get into Parliament by means of "velvet." English women, she goes on to say, think far too much of their clothes, and she suggests that the incoming Parliament should heavily tax all feminine frocks and frocks; indeed, she proposes the enactment of a law under which drapers' shops shall be taxed.

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A SWIFT VENGEANCE FOR DAYTON MURDERER

Prominent Italian Shot and His Slayer a Little Later Stabbed To Death.

[Associated Press.]

Dayton, Jan. 10.—Dominick Alito, prominent among the Italian colony here, was shot dead last night in a quarrel. Swift vengeance for the death was wreaked upon Tommaso Villola, the other party in the quarrel, whose body, stabbed through and through, was found a little while later behind Alito's house. Alito's wife, who was found with her hand badly cut, told the police that Villola came to their house, and after picking a quarrel with her husband, shot him. As to the identity of the person who killed Villola, she professed ignorance. She said that Alito killed on Italian, by the name of Rezzo, on the night of Dec. 1, 1907, during the Christmas at their home of a girl baby. Alito disappeared and was gone for some time, but finally came back, was arrested, tried and acquitted, on the ground that he slew the man in self-defense.

The police are trying to learn from the woman if Rezzo was in any way associated with Villola, but Mrs. Alito refuses to make any statement that might clear up the mystery.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 10.—State Treasurer-elect J. A. Stuber was found dead in bed this morning at his home at Schoenck, in the northern part of this county. He was elected state treasurer last November and was to have taken office in May.

FIRE IN HULL SCHOOL; CHILDREN PANICSTRICKEN

A Thousand Pupils With One Fire Escape, But All Succeed in Getting Out.

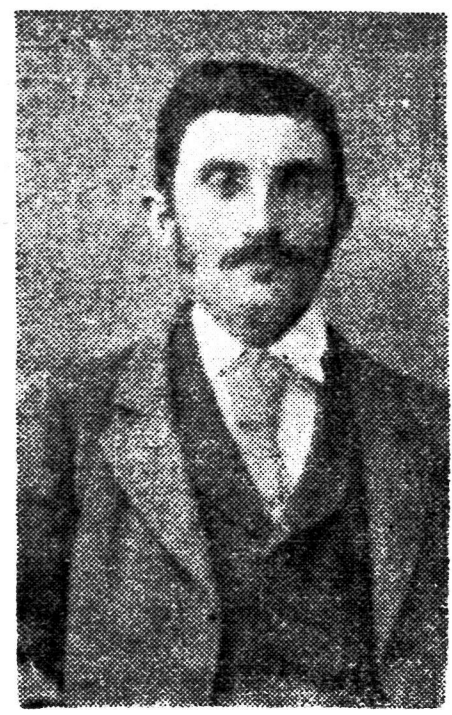
[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 10.—There was a serious fire in Hull this morning, which destroyed the St. John the Baptist school, and in which several children were hurt. There were a thousand pupils in the school, which has but one fire escape, when an alarm of fire was given, and a panic started in one of the six rooms. The children crowded to escape, and several were trampled on and painfully injured. The building, which was valued at \$30,000, was destroyed.

"MUNICIPAL DAY" AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Mayor, Council and City Officials Will Be Invited to Attend.

Next Sunday will be "Municipal Day" at St. Paul's Cathedral, and Canon Damm announced at the evening service last night that an invitation will be extended to mayor and council and all the city officials to be present and hear Rev. Dr. Lynd, vice-provost of Trinity College, Toronto.



MR. WESLEY SCOTT,
Whose Wife Is Charged With the Killing of His Father.

INDIAN LISTER WAS VERY SMOOTH

Worked a Druggist by a Fake Latin Prescription.

P. M. WAS SYMPATHETIC

Reserved Decision As He Felt That the Druggist Had Been Imposed Upon and Was Not to Blame.

A local druggist appeared before Magistrate Love this morning, charged with selling liquor to an Indian lister. After hearing the evidence, the magistrate decided to reserve his decision for a week.

The liquor was sold to the lister by a clerk, and in the box the latter stated that the man came into the store and gave him a prescription properly written out in Latin, and when asked, stated that he was a doctor.

The clerk, knowing that it was against the law to give a prescription without a doctor's signature, asked him to sign the prescription, and the man intimated it and was given the mixture he wanted, which consisted of mix vomica, a tincture and whiskey.

The clerk stated that the bottle was a six-ounce one, and out of that amount five and a half ounces were liquor.

A Question. "Didn't you know," asked Crown Attorney McKillop, "that it is against the law to give a prescription unless it is dated and unless it is directed to some person?"

"No," said the clerk. "I thought the man was a physician as he told me he was."

"You also broke the law by not keeping a record of the sale," said the crown attorney.

The prescription was filed and I thought that was enough," said the clerk.

"It isn't enough," said Mr. McKillop, and he read the statute which provides that all sales of liquor and the amount sold and for what purpose, shall be registered in a book.

The proprietor of the store said that he had always been most careful in this regard, and that it was the first time anything of the kind had occurred since he had been in business.

Misrepresentation. "I am certain that the Indian lister misrepresented the case, and is to blame in the matter," said the clerk. "But the law has been broken and the fine is a heavy one. I don't want to fine you if I can get out of it in any way as it was not your fault. I will consider the matter for a week."

The Indian lister for getting drunk was fined \$10 and \$2 costs or 21 days.

ARMENIAN MURDERER SUICIDES IN PRISON

Salem Assaly Found Hanged to the Door of His Cell at Kingston.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 10.—Salem Assaly, an Armenian, convicted of murdering a fellow-countryman and whose sentence of death by hanging was commuted to imprisonment for life, committed suicide by hanging himself to a cell door during the night.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FINE.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Jan. 10—5 a.m.

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