UNIONISTS CONTINUE TO CAPTURE SEATS

Have Gained Seventy-Nine to Date-Latest Returns Give Them Lead of Thirty Over Liberals, Exclusive of Laborites.

STANDING OF PARTIES. London, Jan. 21.-The standing of the parties at 3 o'clock Unionist gains, 79; Liberal,

Wales and 6 in Ireland, Returns received up to 3 o'clock this afternoon show that since the elections began the Unionists have gained 79 seats, Liberals 13 and Laborites 2.

to be heard from 255

Sixty-seven candidates are voted upon to-day, and interest in the cies where the balloting is taking place is intense.

Thursday's declarations were a bad shock for the Liberals, whose brave hopes for a strong majority, exclusive of the Irishmen, based on the previous night's satisfactory returns, seem likey to be dashed to the ground by rural the England. What is disquieting about the reverses from the Liberal viewpoint is reverses from the Liberal viewpoint is their geographical distribution. They are not confined to any one part of the hampton. country. The Unionists claim that these are victories for tariff reform, but probably there is something in the Liberal bigh district, the first break in the contention that the old feudal spirit solidarity of Wales, was welcomed with which still flickers over the country

Mr. Hughes, chief Conservative agent, states that returns of the Wed- fact that the defeated candidate, Ed-

its verdict in favor of a Unionist, West-Wales, is at least within the Lloy minster re-electing W. L. A. Burdett-George sphere of influence, was wel Coutts with his majority nearly doubled. The metropolis has 34 Unionists, 26 Liberals and 2 Laborites, whereas in 1906 there were 38 Liberals elected in London, 21 Unionists and 3 Laborites. The popular vote in 1906 was: Unionists, 268,167; Liberals, 258,-810; Laborites, 25,472. The popular vote als, 251,261; Laborites, 30,046.

J. Henniker Heaton, the father of penny postage, retained his Canterbury seat by only 21 votes, having an independent Unionist competing for the ier was heckled as to whether he would

argely increased majority.

Arthur H. Lee, formerly military at-

tache of the British embassy at Wash ington, retains his seat as a Unionist for the South Fareham division of

In the Tunbridge division of Kent, Capt. H. Spencer Clay, Unionist, de-feated the late Liberal member, A. P.

uel, under secretary of the home office, was returned in Yorkshire North rid-

The Right Hon. A. Ure, lord advocate for Scotland, who has been the most severely attacked candidate in the ampaign since Mr. Balfour denounced nim as a liar for questioning whether Conservatives would maintain the old age pension, was endorsed by his Linthgowshire constituents by a strong London, Jan. 21.—Elections were held vote. Leif Jones, Liberal, leader of the yesterday for 47 seats, 1 in London, 3 extreme temperance party, and largely in English provincial boroughs, 26 in was defeated in the Appleby division English countles, 8 in Scotland, 3 in of Westmoreland, and the "trade" re

> Unionists declare that Nottinghan sees her lace industry prostrated and the product of her skill displaced or cance with Sunderland and Wolver Unionist Gain in Denbigh.

The Unionist victory in the Den exultant shoutings by the Conservative crowds in Trafalgar Square, but they omitted to take into consideration the nesday's pollings are even more favorable than official estimates would indicate.

London's Last Borough.

London's last borough yesterday gave in Monmouth district, which, if not in George sphere of influence, was wel-comed as another blow at the Chancellor's prestige.

Premier Asquith, speaking at Ladyto say anything until the situation was more developed, except to repeat that with the exception of Birmingham, Liverpool and one or two other isolated cases, the whole of the great centres dict in favor of free trade. The Prem accede to John Redmond's demand for Sir James H. Dalziel, proprietor of Irish separation. Mr. Asquith said he the Reynolds newspaper, keeps his did not believe that there was such a Scottish seat for the Liberals by a demand, and at any rate he would not

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P. R. WORK ON THE ISLAND

AN INTERESTING CHAT WITH MR. MARPOLE

Waterfront Property at Sproat Lake Sold-Land-Clearing Scheme.

(From Friday's Daily.) city, having come over for the opening that only two and a half acres reof the Legislature, accompanied by Mrs. Marpole. They are guests at the of Vancouver are intending to erect Empress and will return to the Main- cottages there at once. Among these land to-night. The Times had an in-terview with Mr. Marpole this morning Davis, K.C. Mr. Marpole is of the and he had considerable to say of in- opinion that Sproat Lake will become terest respecting the situation on Van- one of the most popular summer resor ouver Island and the company's plans points on the coast, for aiding in its development.

number of inquiries from people in the oil operation to Alberni. He said the Old Country, who would like to settle work was exceedingly difficult in on Vancouver Island, and on this trip places, and for that reason it would to Victoria Mr. Marpole brought with not be opened for traffic quite as early him a batch of letters from intending as had been anticipated. It would settlers, which he turned over to the probably be March of next year before Solly. Mr. Marpole regrets that the Alberni, land-clearing operations have not pro- Mr. Marpole said that on his return ceeded as quickly as desirable, as be- to Vancouver he will have an interview cause of this the company finds itself | with Commissioner Coombs of the Salcompered to a considerable extent in vation Army, who is awaiting him at dealing with these inquiries from Great As it is, they are compelled to advise people who desire to come here and take up land that the conditions at present hardly warrant their coming with their families, though every encouragement is given them to induce them to make the Island their ultimate destination on emigrating to

Mr. Marpole is hopeful that the pro-posal which his company made to the will result in greater progress being speaking at Chertsey, contended that made with land clearing. He had an the cld age pensions would weaken the interview with E. McGaffer, secretary moral fibre of the nation. of the league, this morning and the When a voice inquired i latter was enabled to report to him Balfour and Mr. Henry Chaplin, memwards the consummation of the scheme. The executive of the league will have an interview with Premier is hoped that as a result of that interview the government may be able to the consummation of the consum that great progress had been made to- bers of a former Unionist government,

ing, Cleveland division

Scotland has dealt a smashing blow to any lurking Unionist who hopes of fringe" by increasing the Liberal majorities in all quarters. Unionists now realize that they will be fortunate in they escape from Scotland without having their representation decreased to seven seats.

ready been fully described in the to be marooned at pleasure resorts. Times. Briefly, it is that the C.P.R., he government and the settler will cooperate in the work. The C.P.R. will provide a number of stumping mawill nay the salaries of the engineering field and the settler will provide the

labor necessary for the operation of the plant in the field Mr. Marpole announced that all the and fronting on Sproat Lake has been bought up by people in Vancouver and Victoria, who purpose erecting summer cottages. He said that it was by the nerest chance that he himself had home. On learning that he had bet-R. Marpole, of the C.P.R., is in the up he looked into the matter and found

been enabled to get a site for a summ ter hurry before all the land was taken mained, which he immediately secured Mr. Marpole was asked how soon

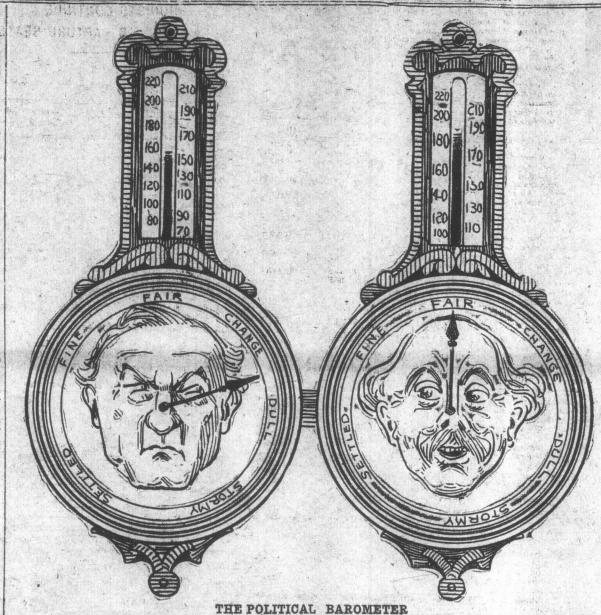
The company is receiving a large was hoped to have the line of railway company's land agent here, Leonard trains are running right through to

discussing the bringing of immigrants from the Old Country. The Army is desirous of bringing out a number

MINISTERS' PENSION.

Donald McMaster, Unionist Candidate Declares Question is Insulting.

London, Jan. 21.-Donald McMaster When a voice inquired if Mr. Gerald



FLOODS DESTROY MUCH PROPERTY

BUSINESS AT STANDSTILL IN NUMBER OF TOWNS

Chaotio Conditions in Eastern and Southern France-A Scarcity of Food.

Paris. Jan. 21.-Choatic conditions evail throughout Eastern and Southisastrous floods that have swept those ections for the last three days.
While little loss of life has been it was estimated to-day that operty damage aggregated many milns of dollars has been made.

Business practically is at a stand still in the larger towns. Farms in the southern districts have been flooded, and hundreds of acres are submerged Despite the vigilance of the authori ties, much looting is going on in the stricken towns where the lack of food Dispatches from Berlin state that

introduce a bill this session bringing and Western Germany. Additional dam-This scheme for land-clearing has al- where hundreds of tourists are reported

Paris Subway Flooded. Paris, Jan. 21,-As the result of a the Seine the subway under the river ant to the vice-president and general was flooded to-day. Traffic was sus- manager, R. P. Schwerin, of the Patube would be completely filled. Heavy rains swelled the river, which

overflowed its banks, causing the caven. It was predicted the high mark to Seattle from San Francsco. of the flood would not be reached beleaking into its underground section.

INVESTIGATION INTO LOSS OF CZARINA

Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Will Ask for Government Inquiry.

(Times Leased Wire) Portland, Ore., Jan. 21.-Capt. Par. from Coos Bay, states that the Chamber of Commerce of Marshfield will make a demand on the government for rigid investigation for the reason the loss of life as a result of the recent entrance to Coos Bay. The chamber its attention a charge that the station States Commissioner Bowman yester the Terminal City for the purpose of is not equipped with modern or effec- day. tive apparatus.

ENDS HIS LIFE

Vancouver, Jan W .- Henry Kello-Hope, Ont., in 1855, and was admitted to the home in June, 1907. The unformate man had only one leg and sel- Webster.

WANT SASKATCHEWAN RIVER IMPROVED

Deputation From Prince Alber Meets Ministers at Ottawa.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 21.-An influential de itation from Prince Albert waited of Hon. F. Oliver and Hon. W. Pugsley yesterday to urge the improvement of navigation on the Saskatchewan river, so as to enable con to be brought down by vessels from the areas around Edmonton to Prince Albert and other points en route. They also asked that Walker. Consideration of the request

General Manager Schwerin Discusses Rumor That Vessels Would Come North.

NOT RUN TO SEATTLE

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—"It's a pipe cave-in in the Latin quarter side of dream," declared Adolf J. Frey, assistpended immediately for fear that the cific Mail Steamship Company, discussing to-day a report that that line the mediators that both sides had intends to transfer four big steamers agreed to arbitrate. The first meeting

"No, we haven't received such ar fore Sunday. Officials of the Paris and order," said Schwerin, "nor do we ex-Orleans road fear their road will be rect to. Why should I discuss the tied up because of the water that is matter? We have only four vessels, and they are barely sufficient to acommodate the San Francisco trade. We have not enough ships to split the line. I cannot account for the origin I the rumor except that somebody has

been dreaming. "The Pacific Mail has given no or lers for construction of wharves at Seattle and has no idea of doing so. No arrangements are afoot for the leasing or hiring of dockage in the northern city. We cannot spare our nediate plans for the construction of an additional fleet."

ARRESTED ON TRAIN. Vancouver Man Accused of Attempting to Smuggle Opium Into United States.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 21 .- Charged with having attempted to smuggle ten pounds of opium across the interna ional line, while on board the Great Northern train, Paub Webster, of Van why the life-saving service there was couver, B. C., was held in bonds of more effective, and will bring to \$1,000 to the Federal Court by United

The government charges that Webster boarded the train at Vancouver with the opium in his suit case. When trerogated by the customs officers he said, it is claimed, that he was going way, an inmate of the Old Folks' to White Rock and had a sleeping Home, Beatty street, committed suicide berth. As it is only an hour's journey his morning by cutting his throat with from Vancouver to White Rock, the his own razor. He was born in Port officers became suspicious and went through his suit case.

"Nothing is there but clothing," said The officers continued the be adverse. dom went out from the home, giving as search, and under several folded gar-his reason that he could not help ments, it is claimed, found the tins of drinking when he got hear liquor. He opium. With no authority to make the went out two days ago and got on a arrest while in Canadian territory, the spree, and as usual ves morose and officers kept Webster under surveil-sullen thereafter. This morning at 9 lance. After the train crossed they

TRAINMEN ASK **INCREASED WAGES**

PRESENT DEMANDS TO SIXTY-FIVE RAILWAYS

Managers May Suggest the Appointment of Arbitra-

(Times Leased Wire.) Mayor, Holmes, Judge McGuire, Dr. a demand for an increase in wages, ac-Lyman, and Messrs. Peterson and cording to an announcement made here

extends from the Ohio river to the Canadian line

Managers of the roads are expected o hold a meeting to form a general reply. It is possible that they may follow the action of 35 lines centering in New York, the directors of which apparently in distress and partially tween Prince Rupert on the north and refused to accede to a similar demand answering the description of the by their employees, but asked the Washtenaw was sighted just outside compromise wage scale.

Chicago Switchmen Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.-Arbitra on is to be the solution of the controversy between the Chicago railway and their switchmen. This was decided to-day, announcement being made by, will be held in Chicago, February 24th. Eight of the Chicago railroads are in-

volved in the present proceedings. Conference at Montreal. Vancouver, B. C., Jan, 21.-A special rom Montreal says:

An important conference between representatives of railway employees of all roads in Canada and railway authorities is being held here regarding an all around increase in wages. Every railroad in Canada where members of the brotherhood are employed is represented on the delegations. Although the increases asked for are not on a percentage basis it may be said in a general way that they vary from ships from here, and we have no im- ten to twenty per cent. over the present wages. In the majority of cases they portant to railway men is the demand that pay on all lines be made uniform.

MANCHURIAN RAILWAY.

Japan and Russia Formally Rejects .Proposal for Neutralization of Roads.

Tokio, Jan. 21.-The government to roposal of Secretary Knox for the curtlaization of the Manchurian railvay. The text of the official reply was ot made public, but it is understood

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21 .- Acting in apparent concert with Japan, which suit to dissolve the merger of the rail-turned down to-day the scheme of Sectoral section of the railetary of State Knox for the neutralization of the Manchurian railway. to-day handed to Ambassador Rockhill a reply which is believed to clusion, and are willing that it should

BANKERS PAROLED.

Chicago, Jan. 21.-Paul Stensland, former president of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank of Chicago, and

WON'T GOVERN WITH AID OF NATIONALISTS

Liberals Will Not Accept Office Unless They Have a Majority of Forty Independent of Irish Members.

(Times Leased Wire

quarters to-day, the Liberal leaders bably would declared that unless they, in combin- diately, ation with the Laborites and without the aid of the Irish Nationalists, are bers in the parliamentary elections ter how small. now in progress, they will not accept the responsibilities of ministerial con-

eitement, as present indications are that the Liberals will not be given the

najority they demand. If the results in the constituencies yet to vote maintain the present ratio, caused by the political uncertainty, the Liberals will have a majority of but 11 members. This scant margin if another election were made nece

The Conservatives could not ac control because of the opposition furnished by a Liberal majority, no mat

If the Liberals make good the threat and refuse to accept contro is probable that parliament will sit only one week. In this event Asquith would retain the premiership.

uation would lie in the continuation the present business "partial paralysi The Liberals appear confident tha

would undoubtedly be considered in- sary, their chances of success would be adequate to insure the party's success much greater than in the contest in an attempt to put through a legis- in progress.

SEARCHING FOR BARQUENTINE

WASHTENAW HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE MONDAY

Disabled Ship W. H. Smith is Reported Off the West

(Times Leased Wire.) Hoquiam, Wash., Jan. 21.-Every wailable seagoing craft in this harbon our-masted barquentine Washtenaw

which is mysteriously missing. Seafaring men fear that the vessel has met with destruction in the heavy seas which have prevailed for the last week. Not since last Monday morning, when the barquentine went to the as-H. Smith, has the Washtenaw been definitely sighted. At this time the Smith signalled the barquentine to stand by her in the terrific storm which. broke early Monday. The two vessels, anchored off Moclips, were made fast by three hawsers, but the fury of the storm tore these asunder.

coming of dawn Tuesday the barquentation. the was nowhere to be seen. It had Capt. isappeared as completely as though that been swallowed up by the sea. rainmen to appoint an arbitration the breakers off Westport. This morning, however, it had vanished. Tugs mmittee for the purpose of securing and other craft have been dispatched to scour the coast in this vicinity in the hope of picking her up. Up until 11

o'colck this morning no reports have een received from the Washtenaw from though he did not expect anythin either north or south steamer courses. or from any haven on the coast. The disabled ship William H. Smith in tow of the tugs Cudahy and Daring, which picked her up off Grays Harbor. yesterday, was sighted to-day off the west coast of Vancouver Island, making for Alberni canal. The United States life-saving steamer Snohomish is standing by the vessel in case as-

sistance is needed. The ship's crew of

14 men and the steward's wife are still

RAILWAY MERGER

of Harriman Interests Asks U. S. Government to Dismiss Case.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.-Attorey - General Wickersham to-day granted Robert S. Lovett, chief of the Harriman interests, permission to file and the Queen Charlotte Islands a written memorandum supporting his surrounding territory, the running equest that the government dismiss the action which seeks to dissolve the merger of the Union and Southern Pahanded United States Ambassador cific railways. Wickersham said that Brien Japan's refusal to accept the he would take the memorandum under consideration.

A conference was held yesterday between the attorney-general and Frank B. Kellogg, on the one side, and Judge Lovett, president of the Union Pacific, and counsel representing the allied Harriman lines, on the other, for the formal presentation of reasons why the roads should not be pressed. The railroad interests have made it clear that they feel confident the suit cannot be pushed to a successful con-

FRENCH-CANADIAN CONGRESS

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—At this morning's session of the French-Canadian Educational Congress a resolution was

GRAND TRUNK MAKING PLANS

MORE STEAMERS MAY BE SECURED SOON

Captain Nicholson Going to **England Soon in Interests** of Company.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Captain Nicholson, manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific steamships, anounced this morning that he was leaving shortly for England, and expected month. His visit is in connection with the securing of more steamers for this coast, but what his plans were he was unable to discuss. He leaves for Seattle to-night and will confer with E. J. Chamberlin, vice-president and gennipeg, and on this conference will de pend largely the extent to which the Grand Trunk Pacific Company will enter the business of water transport

Captain Nicholson, in company with San Pedro on the south. Speaking of the latter harbor the captain said the they examined it thorou it very suitable for their purposes, they should decide to run steamers the far. He acknowledged that they h had the matter under consideration,

would come of it this year. What th

yould do later depended largely

what the other officials of the compar Not only, had they investigated the ossibilities of that route, but the were also considering running steamers as far north as Skagway. they decided to put steamers of triangular run they would also have line going north. On the other har f they did not enter the strictly i lass of business they would pro run steamers from Seattle to Rupert, calling at Victoria, Van and perhaps going on to Skagwa any event Victoria would be an ant port of call. All this, however pended upon the conferences w hey would hold. They were making certain definite recommendations to the executive of the company, but could not be expected to make

public until they had been handed Speaking of the new steamer were coming out, the captain said the Bruno would take the place Henriette, at present under 232 feet in length, almost as big a Princess May, and she would an excellent service for Portland which would certainly have the recognized that the Henriette was suitable boat for the service an would be replaced immediately other was ready. The Bruno pected in May next and the Prin Rupert in June, with the Prince Geo about a month later. They will all

In regard to the new wharves in V slightly modified recently, the tend for construction were all in and contract would be let immediately A. McNicholl, the purchasing age for the company, will have charge that department, and he will subm the tenders to the general manager Winnipeg.

put into service as soon as poss

SCHOONER ASHORE.

Chatham, Mass., Jan. 21 .- A thr asted schooner is aground to-day Handkerchief shoal. Heavy seas tunning and the vessel is in dange going to pieces. Life-savers are at tempting to board her, but have been Tunable to remain alongside.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PRO

STATEMENT PRESE OF FINANCE

owing to Change Year They Are Fo Months.

onths, were laid on House yesterday after Bowser, minister ordance with the tin ice of laying them before

These accounts are t which was determined House two years ago, was put back from the date named. It thus of are for but three-fourt this has to be borne making a comparisor period dealt with and

preceding it.
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