

WELSH LIBERALS ENRAGED; THREATENED TO DESERT

Several Critical Moments This Week For Asquith Government
When Liberal Churchmen Revolted Over Disestablishment Bill—Unionist Split Serious

[Special Cable to The Advertiser By T. P. O'Connor, M. P.]

London, Dec. 21. — We have had an exciting week, during which both of the great parties have had their hours of severe trouble. The revolt of the Liberal churchmen against the Welsh church disestablishment bill forced on the ministry a modification of their original measure, and to the giving away of large funds to the Welsh-Anglican Church. This produced, in turn, something like a revolt among the Welshmen, who were enraged at this desertion by the English Liberals, and even some of the English Nonconformists, and at one time it looked as if the whole measure would be defeated or abandoned.

Frenzied Meetings. — Hurried and frenzied meetings were held by the Welsh members. Some of the hot-heads seemed disposed to leave the House of Commons altogether, and to take no further interest in the measure, but wiser counsels prevailed, and though several hot and strong speeches were made by some of the Welsh members, the Welsh party agreed to support the bill.

A further shock to the Welshmen came on Thursday night, when the

majority in favor of the bill sank to 55, only half of the majority given to the home rule bill, but the storm now is past, and the further progress of the bill will be smooth.

Law's Finish.

In the meantime, the Unionist party started a serious and enduring split. A. Bonar Law, Opposition leader, has been steadily going down, and he has further helped his own downfall by the stupid speech, in which he reasserted his belief in the policy of food taxes. This error produced such a revolt that he went down this week to Lancashire to make another speech in the hope of bettering the situation, and once more he is trying to find some policy which would reunite his party. The speech has had just the opposite effect, and the revolt and disunion, instead of disappearing, now are fiercer than ever. The Unionist papers have got to the point of calling each other liars and suggesting treason and treachery.

One Unionist paper, which is in danger of extinction if the party adheres to the food taxes, while another Unionist paper declared the Liberals will be in office for twenty years if the food taxes are abandoned.

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THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES

There is an Italian boy of six years old who wants a rocking horse, and whose faith in Santa Claus will be shattered if he doesn't get one. Will some child who has outgrown his steeple pass it on to this small citizen-in-the-making? If left at 536 Queen's avenue before 2 o'clock on Monday it will be delivered to the right address, and will make one small person very happy.

ANOTHER MANUFACTURER WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE CITY IF ELECTRIFICATION CARRIED

The Firm Is Made Up of Businessmen, Who Have in the Past Supported Mr. Beck in Other Matters, But Who Would Suffer Greatly By Interference With the Present Railway Connections.

One of the largest commercial manufacturers in London has stated that in the event of the electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway he will take steps to move his factory away from this city.

The firm in question is made up of businessmen who have supported Mr. Beck in other matters, but who feel that their interests would be seriously affected by the loss of direct connections with the hundreds of towns at present served via the London and Port Stanley Railway.

This is the second case of a manufac-

turer stating his definite position in regard to the effect of electrification on his business. A leading manufacturer has stated that his factories go to St. Thomas if the deal is put through.

At the present time the moving of another large industry to this city is contingent upon the maintenance of the connections on the 800 miles of road in southeastern Ontario, which would be lost, or practically so, in the event of the line being electrified.

The Advertiser has the name of the second manufacturer, who employs several hundred hands, and it can be given to responsible municipal authorities.

WEST LONDON MAN TERRIBLY SCALDED BY ESCAPING STEAM

Arthur Johnston, of 62 Albion Street, in a Critical Condition.

In his eagerness to assist his mates in the engine room of the Greene-Swift Company, yesterday afternoon, Arthur Johnston, aged 35, living at 62 Albion street, turned the wrong valve, with the result that he was involved in blinding steam and water. He was

rushed to Victoria Hospital, where it was discovered that the man was so badly burned that his life is despaired of. This morning he was a little easier, but his condition is still critical. Dr. James Wilson is attending him.

According to the employees, Johnston was not familiar with the working of the valves. He pulled the wrong valve in his anxiety to assist, and a cloud of steam and hot water hit him in the face, and upper parts of the body. He was fearfully burned and scalded.

\$6,000 YEAR "TO KEEP" GEN. MANAGER GLAUBITZ

Mr. Joseph Lawrence Says That Two Capable Men Only Get Half This Amount.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I note by a recent issue of The Advertiser that it cost the city of London \$4,500 a year to keep Mr. Glaubitz. I beg to say that this statement is not correct. I find it costs to keep Mr. Glaubitz over \$6,160, as follows:

Salary \$4,500
Upkeep of his car 1,000
Chauffeur's salary 660

Total \$6,160

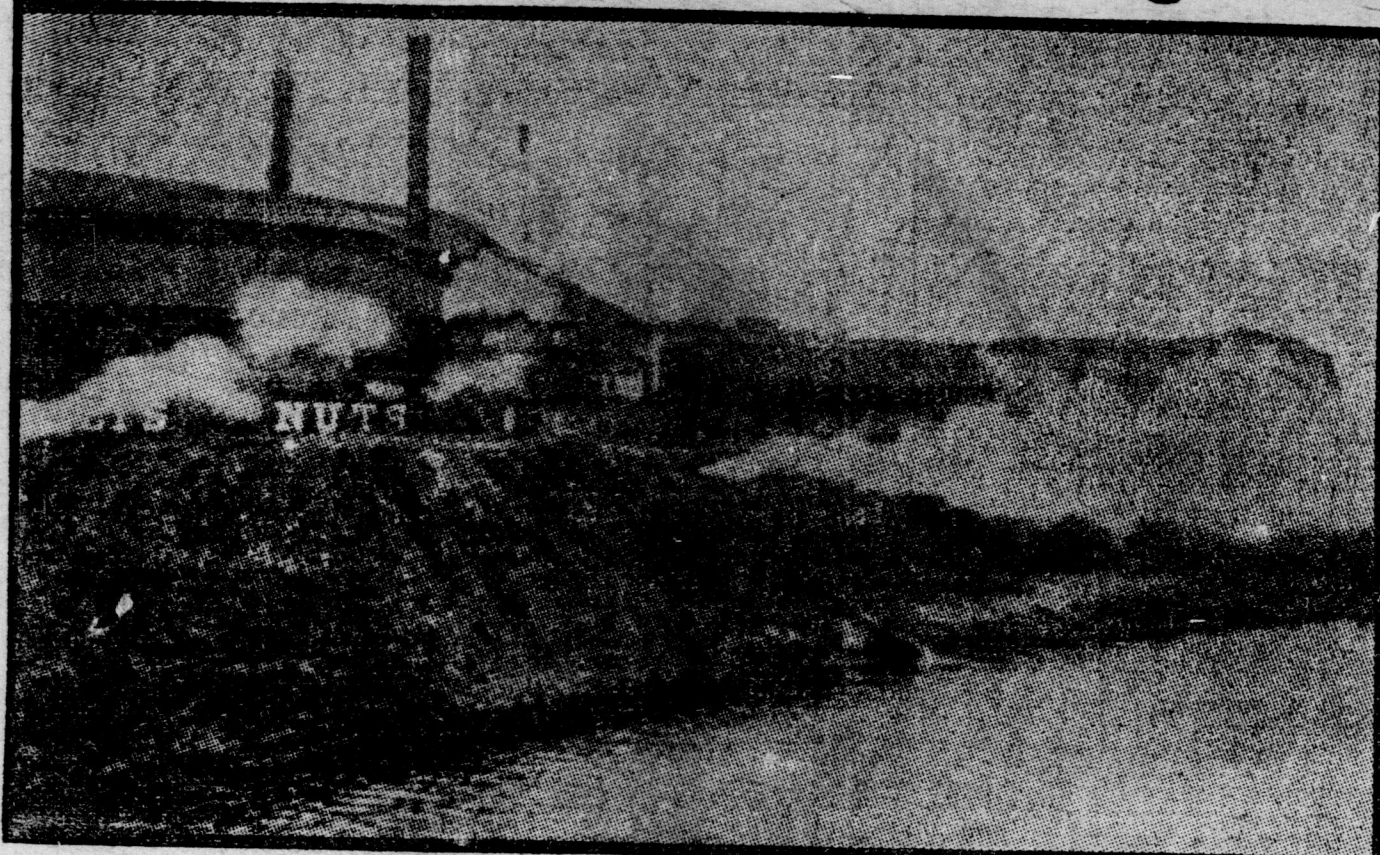
This does not include the first cost of the automobile, which can be safely put down to \$500 per year more, as

about eighteen months ago this auto cost \$1,900, and it is worn out. Another unnecessary large expenditure is the installment of the electrical pumps at Springbank at a cost of over \$18,000. At the time this was done we were pumping all the water needed with the hydraulic pumps. That was costing us nothing to pump the water, and we have over a million gallons less per day to pump now than we had prior to the advent of the Horton street wells. The hydro has cost the city to run those pumps for sixteen months over \$20,000. But the funny thing about this is why the city was charged last year over \$10,000 for hydro to run those pumps. Was it done to show a surplus the first year?

There are many things taking place in the water commissioners' department that we cannot understand, and one is why do the commissioners keep Mr. Glaubitz in the service at \$6,000 a year, when Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Hunt are both better men, and we get the both of them for about one-half of what we are now paying Mr. Glaubitz? Yours truly,

JOSEPH LAWRENCE

Speaking About Private Interests— Here's Mr. Beck's Rolling Mills



SITUATED ON THE LONDON AND PORT STANLEY RAILWAY.

In a letter to the press Mr. John McClary brings Mr. Beck's private interests into the limelight when he makes the following statement:

"We have the London Rolling Mills, a prosperous business, producing iron, but if their plant was duplicated both would be ruined. Their raw material is limited; they have no competition in freights and could not succeed in importing billets and converting them into iron."

Again, speaking about interested parties and selfish interests. Mr. Beck owns the Rolling Mills, or the biggest part of it. He has stated that it would be of advantage to him to have the London and Port Stanley Railroad electrified. Mr. John McClary makes Mr. Beck's private interests a public issue in his letter, and a great many citizens are wondering if Mr. Beck is governed by unselfish motives in striving to aid his own private interests at the expense of the public purse. Mr. Beck, it is now admitted, wants to spend a million dollars in order that his private interests may be improved and his private purse lined.

This talk of private interests, involving the names of many good citizens, has gone far enough. Mr. Beck and his private interests are more concerned with the private interest than any other man or set of men in the city of London.

Can Mr. Beck take \$890,000 from the pockets of the people of London?

His Rolling Mills has a fixed assessment and Mr. Beck would not pay a cent of taxes as the owner of the Rolling Mills.

Mr. Beck would do well to separate his private interests from his public works.

CRIPPLED HOBO AS JIM HILL'S GUEST

Railway King Offers Life Position to Man Maimed on His Road.

[Canadian Press.] — Spokane, Wash., Dec. 21. — Walter De Barrow, 17 years old, a wanderer, who lost his legs recently in an accident on the Great Northern Railroad, left here today for St. Paul, to be the Christmas guest of James J. Hill, the railroad magnate.

While recuperating at the county hospital here, De Barrow wrote to Mr. Hill, shouldering all blame for the loss of his legs, and asking him if there was not some railroad work he could do. A reply came from Mr. Hill offering the youth artificial limbs, an education if he wanted it, and the promise of a life position on the road.

De Barrow has been a wait all his life and has no knowledge of his parents.

GOSSIP AT THE CAPITAL OVER ACTION OF CONNAUGHTS

Heard Borden and Foster, But Not Sir Wilfrid or Guthrie.

Ottawa, Dec. 20. — When Premier Borden announced his naval policy two weeks ago the chamber was graced with the presence of royalty, in the persons of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, and the Princess Patricia, both of whom occupied seats to the right of the Speaker. On Wednesday last when the old guard of the Conservative party, Hon. George E. Foster, delivered his brilliant address, the chamber was again graced by the royal presence. When Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the Opposition, delivered his address on Thursday last and announced the Liberal policy of defence, the royal ladies were not present, and when Mr. Foster had concluded on Wednesday they left the chamber without waiting for the Liberal reply of Hugh Guthrie, of South Wellington.

The above facts have formed the basis for considerable light gossip throughout the capital, and it has been suggested that the coincidence shows a hint of partisanship.

Noticed by Many. The coincidence, while it was certainly noticed by many, has not been commented upon to any degree open, either by the press of the city or

by members on either side of the House. Liberal members refuse to speak of it, and gossip is confined chiefly to social circles in the capital.

It is stated that when Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke on Thursday the royal party was in Montreal, and the fact that they left the chamber when Mr. Guthrie commenced to speak is accounted for by the comparative lateness of the hour, it being within forty minutes of six when Mr. Foster finished. They probably thought the proceedings were over.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MODERATELY COLD. Toronto, Dec. 21—8 a.m. Moderate winds; light local snowfalls and moderately cold today and on Sunday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	29.5	23	Snow
Calgary	30	12	Clear
Port Arthur	8	0	Cloudy
Toronto	18	-4	Cloudy
Windsor	22	18	Snow
Ottawa	20	0	Fair
Montreal	23	4	Clear
Quebec	28	0	Cloudy

Minus (-) means below zero. The Gulf storm has passed away to the Atlantic, and the barometer is now high over the greater part of the continent. The temperature has fallen considerably in all the Provinces, and is below zero in Northern Ontario.

WITNESS AGAINST OFFICIAL VAGUE AND INDEFINITE

Conservatives Making Attempt to Oust Popular Postmaster at Ailsa Craig—Charges Made By Former Employee Heard at First Session.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ailsa Craig, Dec. 20. — The over-weening desire of the Conservatives, or better, a certain section of the Conservative party in North Middlesex, to get rid of Mr. John Morgan, for fifteen years postmaster of this village was brought out today in the investigation into certain charges of misfeasance of office preferred against him by Miss Ella Stonehouse, formerly in his employ. The hearing was adjourned and will be continued in London on Friday next. Mr. W. R. Meredith, London, is the commissioner in charge of the investigation.

Was Not Partisan. — Soon after the election in September, 1911, some of the officeholders in this village went after Mr. Morgan's scalp. In his earlier days he had been prominent in the councils of the Liberal party, but the moment he was appointed postmaster he refused longer to take an active interest in the party's affairs, and attended strictly to his own private business and the postoffice. However, the demands of the officeholders were insatiable, and Mr. Morgan was slated for the well-sharpened axe. In fact, immediately after the Dominion elections matters had reached such a stage that Mr. C. Walker, who had appointed, Mr. Morgan being dismissed without cause being shown. However, something happened — just what it was no person seems to know — and the appointment of Mr. Morgan's successor was held up, although the official document from Ottawa reached London. It is, perhaps, due to the fact that Mr. Morgan, because of his prominence in the village, where his name has stood for all that is honorable for 35 years, was too popular a figure to be got rid of so lightly. So he continued to hold office, Miss Ella Stonehouse, who for nearly fifteen years had been Mr. Morgan's assistant, was discharged last summer.

The Charges. — She went west to Moose Jaw, while there she charged that Mr. Morgan had done a grievous injury to the postoffice department, and was guilty of misdemeanors. So she wrote a letter, and the postmaster-general ordered Mr. Meredith to hold a commission to investigate. The first session was held in London (on Monday, but Mr. Morgan objected strenuously to having a hole at a corner inquired, and asked that the evidence be heard in open court at Ailsa Craig, where all the parties were known. Mr. Meredith agreed, and today the second session was held. Miss Stonehouse was represented by Mr. J. McDermid, of Exeter; while Mr. W. McDermid, of Lucan, and Mr. J. Vining, of London, protected Mr. Morgan's interests.

Miss Stonehouse, who was described by her counsel, as a "very nervous young woman," was the only witness Continued on Page Five.

A Christmas Tribute

Tyrconnell, Dec. 19, 1912. The London Advertiser, London, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—We have received three applications for our school in answer to the ad. put in your paper for teacher. We have accepted one, and wish you to cancel the ad. and send in your bill to my address. We are highly pleased with the success we had in getting a teacher, and we thank your paper for it, as the inspector did not give us any encouragement at all. We certainly know where to put our ads. another time. Thanking you for your kindness. Respectfully yours, J. A. PAGE, Secretary-Treasurer, S. S. No. 2, Tyrconnell.

JAMES ADAMS IS CHARGED WITH ARSON

Defendant Remanded on Friday Night By Squire Chittick.

James Adams was remanded for a week by Squire Chittick Friday night on a charge of arson laid by John R. Walters of Caradoc Township.

Last Wednesday night the bank barn of the complainant was burned along with part of the contents, including horses, cattle and grain, the total loss amounting to \$1,500. The accused was employed by Walters about a year ago, and during time of his employment there were differences between the parties. Shortly after leaving Walters' employ Adams went to Lancaster, and returned only a few days ago. Adams was arrested by Constable Fisher.

HICKEY JURORS COULD NOT AGREE

[Canadian Press.] — Buffalo, Dec. 21. — The jury in the case of J. Frank Hickey, on trial for the murder of Joseph Josephs, of Lackawanna, were out all night without reaching a verdict, and at 1:30 o'clock this morning reported to the court that they could not agree. Justice Brown declined to release them and sent them back to the jury room.



MR. ARTHUR JOHNSTON. Who Was Terribly Scalded by Escaping Steam in the Works of the Greene-Swift Company.

ASPIRANTS FOR PUBLIC OFFICES ARE VERY SCARCE

Nominations Will Be Held On Monday at Noon in the City Hall.

LIVELY BATTLE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

In This Section It Looks Like a Big Field—Not Many Out for Council.

Aspirants for public offices are remarkably scarce, and it is almost impossible at this moment to get a line on the candidates. Monday is nomination day.

Nominations for the mayoralty and hospital trust will be held between 10 and 11 o'clock, while the nominations for the council, water commission, and the board of education will take place from 12 o'clock until 1. City Clerk Baker will preside.

It is expected that a whole grist of names will be submitted to City Clerk Baker. A large number of citizens, more or less prominent, are certain to have their names appear in the newspapers, and kind friends submitting their nomination papers to the clerk, so that a gaping multitude will learn that they are in a position to save the city. With the vast majority, it goes no further than having their names appear in the papers.

Many Coming Back. — The majority of the present council will be back. Ald. Blandford is positively out of it, he stated. Ald. Robinson some time ago announced that he was through, but since that time he has been wavering, and may again enter the lists.

Ald. Johnston today announced that he would run again. His motion to take the initial steps to inaugurate a municipal telephone system for the city is a very popular one. He has been a good alderman, and is certain of election.

Among the others, Ald. Bennett, Ald. Spittal, Ald. Wright, Ald. Ashplant, Ald. Rose, Ald. Moore, and Ald. Coles are certain to run. Mr. Murphy has not definitely decided, and Ald. Richter may aspire to higher things.

Some Certainties. — Other certainties are ex-Ald. James Donnelly, ex-Ald. F. G. Mitchell, ex-Ald. Neil Cooper, Ed. Stein, M. O'Donoghue, William Hayman and S. Frank Glass. Ex-Ald. J. H. Saunders is also favorably mentioned, and it is possible that he, too, will seek re-election.

States of various kinds are talked of on the streets, but nothing of a very definite nature can be learned. It is possible that a number of business men may contest for seats on the council board.

Little is heard of the water commission. Dr. H. A. Stevenson, one of the retiring commissioners, is in the field. Mr. John Marr, the other, is undecided, although pressure is being brought to bear upon him to enter the lists. Ald. Richter is a possibility for this board also.

Board of Education. — There will be a lively battle for the board of education. Four of the retiring trustees—Messrs. John M. Gunn, W. W. Langmuir, W. F. Strong, and M. F. Irwin—will run. Dr. R. W. Shaw is definitely in the field. This morning Mr. Harry Greenlee, son of ex-Ald. A. Greenlee, announced that he would be a candidate. Mr. John Jacobs and John McLean, labor men, may also run. Mr. H. J. Childs, of East London, is being urged to stand. It looks like a big field for the five vacancies on the board. Dr. W. J. Wyckoff has announced his retirement. Lieut.-Col. W. M. Galtshore, retiring chairman of the hospital trust, will have no opposition. Mayor Graham will undoubtedly run for a second term. That he will be opposed is taken for granted, although no candidate who will oppose him has not been announced. It will probably be Ald. Richter.

"QUAKE AT SANTIAGO. — Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 21. Violent earthquake shocks were felt here late last night and again at 6:30 this morning. The greatest alarm prevailed among the inhabitants of the city.

MORE DAYS TO SHOP

I GOT MY SHOPPING DONE

PAY SHUTE

LAST PAY DAY!!