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# WAR ON LORDS, IRISH HOME RULE ASQUITH'S CAMPAIGN FEATURES

### Great Task of the Liberal Party to Establish the Principle of Pyramidal Government.

### IRELAND TO GOVERN PURELY LOCAL AFFAIRS

LONDON, Dec. 10.—At a monster meeting to-night in Albert Hall Prime Minister Asquith laid down the policy on which the Liberal Government is appealing to the country.

He repeated what had been said by other ministers—that if it were returned to power, the government would demand the limitation of the powers of the house of lords, and then went a step farther and pledged the Liberal party to grant self-government to Ireland.

The meeting was marked by the greatest enthusiasm. The audience, which filled the vast hall, greeted Mr. Asquith and the ministers who accompanied him with round after round of cheers.

The audience was entirely male, women having been excluded in the fear of demonstrations by suffragettes. A small band of daring suffragettes was dislodged during the day from the hall, where the women secreted themselves last night, preparatory to an onslaught upon the premier. The women were hidden away in all quarters of the vast building, some in packing cases and others on the roof. One was found crouched on the roof of the organ, squeezed between two rows of pipes.

The government officials had scented danger and organized a force of beaters, who searched every cranny of the building and spent hours in the game of hide and seek before the promoters of to-night's meeting were satisfied that the intruders had been cleared out.

However, they managed to get two male supporters into the meeting, who interrupted Mr. Asquith momentarily with cries of "Votes for women." They were promptly ejected.

Events of Four Years.  
Mr. Asquith pointed out that just four years ago Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, then prime minister, had outlined in Albert Hall the policy of a new Liberal government, which included many reforms.

The representatives of the people in the house of commons had labored faithfully to carry into law the measures promised, but their law had been nullified; and as a fitting climax, the supplies which the house of commons had voted had been stepped upon by the house of lords.

Therefore the house of commons was no won the eve of another dissolution and it had fallen to his lot to take up the burden. The last time, he said, the government had reckoned without their hosts, but it was not going to make that mistake again.

Party's Great Task.  
"I tell you in the name and in behalf of the Liberal party," Mr. Asquith proceeded, "we have at this moment laid upon us a single task—a task which embraces and involves every great and beneficent social and political change on which our hearts are set. That task is to vindicate and establish upon unshakable foundation the principle of representative government."

Referring to the education and licensing bills, the premier said that the government stood, in the main, on the principles of the bills, which the house of lords rejected.

The franchise law, he added, was still encumbered with artificial distinctions and impediments, of which there was no justification.

On woman suffrage, Mr. Asquith said his views were well known and he had no reason to alter them, despite the suicidal excesses of a small section of the advocates for such a change.

Intentions Toward Ireland.  
Mr. Asquith, turning his attention to Ireland, said he had been fortunate for once because the measures sent up in her behalf did not become violently thwarted the prejudices of the house of lords.

"Speaking last year before my accession to the premiership," Mr. Asquith continued, "I described the Irish policy as the one undeniable failure of British statesmanship. I repeat to-night what I said then, and on behalf of my colleagues, and, I believe, on behalf of my party, I reiterate that this is a problem to be solved only in one way—by a policy, which, while explicitly safeguarding the supreme, indivisible authority of the imperial parliament, can set up in Ireland a system of full self-government, as regards purely Irish affairs."

"There is not and cannot be any question of separation. There is not and cannot be any question of rivalry or competing supremacy, subject to these conditions. That is the Liberal policy."

"For reasons which we believe to have been set out in the present parliament was disabled in advance from proposing any such solution, but in the new house, the Liberal government at the head of a Liberal majority, will be in this matter entirely free."

The Lords and the Budget.  
Mr. Asquith defended the budget as necessary to social reform and in this respect old age pensions were the first step. The budget, he continued, had been thrown out by the house of lords

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## ASQUITH AND HOME RULE.

Apart from Mr. Asquith's demand for authority from the electorate to place on the statute book a law declaring it to be beyond the province of the house of lords to meddle in any way with financial measures, public interest will be attracted by his pronouncement on Irish self-government. It contained nothing novel, but it carries exceptional weight as being made in prospect of the general election. The British premier again intimated for himself, his colleagues and his party, his belief that the Irish problem could be solved in only one way—by granting Ireland a system of full self-government as regards purely Irish affairs.

At the same time, Mr. Asquith appears to have made it plain that what he has in mind is a system of delegated authority. His policy contemplates the explicit safeguarding of the supreme, indivisible authority of the imperial parliament without question of separation, rivalry or supremacy. This is far removed from Mr. Gladstone's proposals, and is not so much home rule, as understood by the Irish Nationalist party, as an extension of the principle of local self-government to the whole country. Whether this will be acceptable to the Irish Nationalists is doubtful—it will certainly not satisfy the leaders of the Sinn-Fein agitation.

The premier made the main issue of the election the vindication and establishment upon an unshakable foundation of the principle of representative government. This he proposes to do by abolishing the absolute veto of the house of lords, adopting in this policy of his predecessor, the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. The leading issues on which the government unopposedly decided to appeal to the electors were, he explained, absolute control of the finances by the house of commons, the maintenance of free trade, and the effective curtailment or limitation of the house of lords. This was the necessary preliminary to social reforms, of which old-age pensions were the first step. The official platform of the Liberal party will therefore be the fixing of the constitutional rights of the upper house.

## BALFOUR IN MANIFESTO DEFENDING THE LORDS AVOIDS TARIFF REFORM

### Accuses Liberal Party of Conspiring to Overthrow the Constitution for Single Chamber Govt.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Arthur Balfour, Unionist leader, to-day issued a manifesto to his constituents in the City. It will be disappointing to an enormous section of his political followers, inasmuch as it dismisses tariff reform as the "first plank" in the Unionist program.

Mr. Balfour makes no attempt to defend the tariff reform, but concentrates his attack in an accusation that the Liberal government is engaging in a conspiracy to destroy the constitution by substituting a single chamber government, like that of Greece.

The manifesto is exceedingly long. It reviews the history of the crisis and declares that the government's claim is that the house of commons should be the uncontrolled master of every bill, and without appeal to the house of lords, even in those cases where the fundamental principle of the constitution is that every class of property should be taxed alike and that no such measure should be adopted without the majority of both houses or become law without a national mandate from the country, still even if the house of representatives imposed special taxation, it could be rejected by the senate or vetoed by the president.

Needed Safeguard.  
"I am not so immoderate," said Mr. Balfour, in the manifesto, "as to demand such security for the British minister, but only that, if exceptional taxation is imposed at the caprice of a minister, he should not be deprived of the only means known to the constitution, by which an appeal to his fellow countrymen may be secured."

Mr. Balfour in charging the government with conspiracy to secure a single chamber system like Greece, says that the house of commons is the primary organ of popular will, possessing powers certainly not possessed either in the United States or France; but these unexampled powers, he declares, will not satisfy the single chamber conspirators who want the house of commons to be independent, not merely of the peers, but of the people.

Tariff Reform.  
"It seems to me," Mr. Balfour declares, "a truism that tariff reform will stimulate home industries. Only by tariff reform can you hope to retain colonial preference, to modify commercial treaties in your favor and to secure home competition in the home market. It will do no injury in neutral markets and may give valuable aid in protected markets. It is credible then that it will not keep capital idle but otherwise would go abroad; that if it does, the demand for labor will not increase?"

"On other aspects of tariff reform I will say nothing. The very fact that it is the first plank in the Unionist program has prevented it ever receiving less than its due need of attention, whether from friends or foes."

Miss Asquith As a Sweetheart.  
LONDON, Eng., Dec. 10.—Miss Violet Asquith, daughter of the premier, is at present at Winchester, in close attendance on Hon. Archibald Gordon, second son of the Earl of Aberdeen, who is seriously ill in hospital as the result of a motor accident.

Can't Print Postage Stamps.  
OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—While in committee of supply on inland revenue estimates to-night Mr. Lake asked the minister why the printing of Canadian postage stamps was not done at the Royal Mint, instead of by the American Bank Note Co. Mr. Templeman thought it would be a mistake to make a change, as the government could not do the work nearly so well.

LABOR AGITATOR GOES TO JAIL.  
SPOKANE, Wn., Dec. 10.—Elizabeth Curry Flynn, national organizer of the industrial Workers of the World, last night was convicted of conspiracy to incite violation of the laws of Spokane and sentenced to three months in the county jail.

## CAN HE LIGHT HIS "REFORM" CIGAR?



MR. TAFT: The cigar's good, but O! those matches!

## BEST ON 13TH BALLOT CHOICE FOR DUFFERIN

### Conservative Farmer Will Likely Go to Ottawa by Acclamation—McKeown Not Nominated.

SHELBURNE, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—On the 13th ballot after over four hours of voting, John Best, ex-reeve of Mulmur Township, a farmer, was the choice to-night of the Conservative convention as candidate in the by-election to fill the parliamentary vacancy for Dufferin, due to the death of Dr. Barr.

Of 21 names placed before the convention, Mr. McKeown, M.P.A., of Orangeville, having previously stated that he would not go before the convention, was not nominated.

Ten allowed themselves to be voted for, viz.: Wm. McIntyre, Grand Valley; J. R. Gillespie, Orangeville; W. A. Waneborough, Amaranth; W. T. Stewart, Shelburne; Arch. Greer, Mulmur; G. A. East, Honeywood; W. J. Dymess, Mono; Rev. J. R. Bell, Laurel; Dr. E. C. Campbell, Shelburne; John Best, Mulmur.

Voting began at 4:30 and at 8:50 Best went out in a final ballot over Greer, the vote standing 116 to 110.

Altho a convention of temperance workers has been called for Tuesday next, it is not likely that they will name a candidate, and Best's election by acclamation is expected. Liberals realize that Dufferin is "wide" the other way.

## MERCHANTS BANK REPORT

Profits for the Year Totaled Over \$30,000.  
MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The annual financial report of the Merchants Bank of Canada for the year ending November, 1909, shows net profits of \$31,159.57, after the usual deductions have been made. The profits compare with \$78,597 for the year 1908.

With \$400,997 brought forward from the previous year, there is a sum of \$1,231,157 available for distribution. Dividends accounted for \$480,000 of this; \$500,000 was added to reserve funds; \$100,000 written off bank premises accounts; \$500 contributed to officers' pensions fund, leaving a balance of \$102,157, to be carried forward to profit and loss account.

The profits are equal to 13.85 per cent. earned on the capital stock.

## THIS IS THE BIG DAY.

Special New Shipments of Men's Hats.  
Saturday is always set aside for the shopping day for men. The Dineen Company always manage to have something extra attractive, but this being near the Xmas season the company has exhausted every endeavor and has something to show that will make other hat Saturdays look very tame. Dineen is sole Canadian agent for Henry Heath of London, and Dunlap of New York. There are besides hats of quality, hats to suit the thinnest of purses. The store will remain open until ten o'clock to-night.

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## THREE THOUSAND SEATS FOR KIDDIES' FESTIVAL

### Also There Will Be Room in Wings For Many More—Funds Are Needed.

Arrangements were completed yesterday for the holding of the Balm's banquet and festival on New Year's Day in the big horticultural building at the exhibition grounds. The main hall will seat three thousand, and give plenty of room for the waters, besides the three large wings, two of which will be occupied by tables. In the centre wing will be the platform and bandstand so as to make it easy for the speakers and singers to be heard. At the west end of the large hall still and motion pictures will be thrown on an immense screen.

The dinner will be served at 12 o'clock noon, and the program will last till five p.m.

The Toronto Street Railway will carry the badge of the guests and honor the Balm's and the workers to and fro without charge.

Only two things remain, Mr. Wilkinson says, to make the New Year Festival a great success and an event long to be remembered by the boys and girls.

The first and greater of these is the cash. At least \$1000 will be needed to pay for the dinners. If this amount cannot be secured the number of guests will have to be cut down and hundreds of boys and girls turned away hungry. Send subscriptions to J. M. Wilkinson, Balm's Banquet Fund Festival, World.

## MANIAC SHOT DOWN

Had Killed a Sheriff and Run Wild Thru Country.  
SHREVE, Ohio, Dec. 10.—O. E. Boley, a maniac, who escaped from the Massillon state hospital for the insane, and killed Sheriff James Bell yesterday, ran wild thru the countryside to-day and was shot down to-night on a farm near here by a posse which has trailed him thru several towns.

Boley ran into and out of traps all day long, standing his pursuers off with his shotgun, escaping them by fleetness of foot. Just at nightfall a posse from Millersburg saw him running across an open field. W. S. Hoover, town marshal, called upon him to halt, and then fired.

Youth Kills Girl and Himself.  
WASHINGTON, Penna., Dec. 10.—Lena Braden, 16 years old, daughter of Attorney A. G. Braden, was shot dead this afternoon by Walter Seybold, the 18 year old son of a business man, who then fired a bullet into his own brain. Jealousy is assigned as the motive.

Red Cloud is Dead.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Red Cloud, the famous old Sioux Indian chief, is dead, aged 88. Red Cloud belonged to the old type of Indian, and for the past 25 years had lived at the Pine Ridge agency.

## ICE TRUST FINED \$5000 FOR MONOPOLY METHODS

### The Decision Will Be Fought to Highest Courts in New York State.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The American Ice Co., one of the largest ice dealing companies in the world, was found guilty to-day in the state supreme court, of restricting competition and attempting to create a monopoly of ice business. The jury was out one hour and forty minutes. The court immediately imposed the maximum sentence of \$5000 fine, under the provision of the Donnelly anti-monopoly law of New York State.

The conviction is the first under the new law, and will probably be fought to the highest court in the state. Justice Wheeler granted a motion for a stay of execution, pending the preparation of an appeal.

The significance of the verdict lies not so much in the relatively trivial amount of the fine imposed as in the intimation made by John B. Stanchfield, counsel for the defense, that a finding against the company, which he said, supplies 8,000,000 consumers, would mark the first step in its ultimate dissolution.

The American Ice Co., who tried under the laws of New York, was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey for \$40,000,000, and later taken over by the American Ice Securities Co. of the same state, after a drastic reorganization.

The company has plants in New York, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and Philadelphia, and has absorbed many smaller companies along the Hudson River and in the Maine ice fields. Its activities have been bitterly but unsuccessfully fought by the independent producers and retailers wherever it operates.

Chas. W. Morse, the convicted banker, was once active in its affairs.

## MARQUIS HONORARY COLONEL

38th Rifles of Brantford Are Given the Honor.  
OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The following militia announcements are gazetted:  
13th Regiment—Capt. W. R. Marshall and A. E. Mason are transferred to the corps reserve.  
57th Regiment, Peterboro Rangers—to be brevet major, Capt. J. Mills.  
38th Regiment, Dufferin Rifles of Canada—to be honorary colonel, the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava.

## AUSTRALIAN S. S. SERVICE

Elder-Dempster Line Ready to Provide the Steamers.  
MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—The Elder-Dempster Company has offered the government a steamer service from the St. Lawrence to Sydney, Australia. The line will be run in connection with the present line to South Africa, on which six vessels are employed. In this way there will be fourteen ships on the service. No figure is mentioned in connection with the subsidy required, D. W. Campbell, who has control of the Canadian Elder-Dempster business, said to-day that if the government grants a large enough subsidy to start the service, the steamship Monarch, 12,000 tons, will inaugurate the service in March next. The winter port has not yet been decided on.

## FOR SALE

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18TH YEAR

## BIG CAR FERRIES ON LAKE ERIE MISSING

### Owners of Bessmer No. 2, With 32 Men on Board, Have Abandoned Hope of Her Safety.

DETROIT, Dec. 10.—All hope that the car ferry Marquette and Bessmer No. 2, cuttied the wintry gale which has made of Lake Erie a watery graveyard during the last 72 hours has been practically abandoned at the head offices of the Marquette & Bessmer Dock and Navigation Co., owners of the ill-fated vessel.

It is believed that Captain E. B. McLeod of Conneaut, Ohio, and his crew of 31 men have gone down to death with the tug steamer.

The Marquette & Bessmer No. 2 left Conneaut, Ohio, Tuesday morning for Port Stanley, Ont., with 30 loaded coal cars and under ordinary conditions should have reached her destination that afternoon. She has not been sighted by other boats.

An empty green yawl and some wreckage was seen by the steamer W. B. Davock, near Long Point, Ont., in the path which the ferry would have taken. The yawls of the No. 2 are painted green.

The Marquette and Bessmer No. 1 has searched the lake toward Point Pelee, but has found nothing of her sister ship. Tugs have scoured the lake and report no trace of the No. 2.

The list of the crew includes Captain Robert R. McLeod, First Mate John McLeod, Purser R. C. Smith, Chief Engineer E. Wood, and Steward G. R. Smith.

It is not definitely known whether or not there were any passengers on board.

The Marquette & Bessmer No. 2 was valued at \$350,000, and the cargo at upwards of \$40,000. She was built at Cleveland in 1905. She was operated by the Pere Marquette and the Bessmer & Lake Erie roads.

The ferry has plied between Conneaut, Ohio, and Pt. Stanley, Ont. The trip usually takes less than six hours, the vessel making two trips daily.

The Conneaut was a big steamer, probably 340 feet long, and would carry 30 big cars of coal with the cars themselves at a time.

## THREE CANADIANS ON BOARD

### Captain Belongs to Goderich—Some Hope Still Left.

PORT STANLEY, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Great anxiety is felt here over the non-appearance of Bessmer No. 2, the big steel car ferry of the Lake Erie Coal Co., which was due at Port Stanley Monday. The ferry is loaded with thirty-two cars of coal, and the crew consisted of thirty-two men. It is unlikely there were any passengers.

There is but one local man on the boat, Harry Thomas, a young Port Stanley resident, employed as second cook. The captain is Capt. McLeod of Goderich and the chief engineer Gene Wood, whose brother was lost in a shipwreck on Lake Superior four years ago.

The Ashtabula, another big ferry, is also overdue, and it was reported to-night that she had made harbor at Port Burwell. Inquiry, however, shows the rumor to be unfounded.

Capt. Whitestone of the grain vessel Arcadian of Port William is in port and reports having passed several boats sighted in Pigeon Bay, near Point Pelee, and it is possible that both the Bessmer and the Ashtabula weathered the fierce storm.

The Coal Company and the Pere Marquette Railway have kept the wires hot between Port Stanley, Port Colborne, Goderich and other places with out gaining any clue of the missing boats.

## FELL BY THE ROADSIDE

### And is Badly Frost-Bitten—Had Been Drinking.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Arthur Easton, aged 35, railway porter, was badly frost-bitten while on his way home on Wednesday night. He had been drinking heavily and, on Wednesday evening left his home without a coat and wearing a cap and a pair of slippers to obtain more shelter. It is thought he fell by the roadside.

Both his eyes and feet and his ears and nose were frozen. He has a wife and four children in a destitute condition.

## JOHN BUNYAN.

An English newspaper in a week raised almost \$500 for the memorial window which is to be placed in Westminster Abbey in honor of the author of "The Pilgrim's Progress." The Stough of Despond, the Valley of Humiliation, Vanity Fair, Doubting Castle, the Enslaved Grubbing, the Delectable Mountains, and the Celestial City are household words of the English race. But the World's appeal has met with slight response in Toronto, where it will close to-day, when the total will be sent to London.

## BETTER THAN XMAS GIFTS.

Ladies' Winter Millinery at Greatly Reduced Prices.  
A chance to buy a remarkably high-class New York lady's dress, suit or hat is offered to-day. The entire stock, with the exception of the fur-trimmed goods, is being sacrificed at around half price at the Dineen showrooms, corner of Yonge and Temperance-sts. These hats are positively all new and it is because the company wish to use the space there occupied for the display of children's furs that the serious reductions are being made.