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BOTTOMLEY HAS A POCKET BOROUGH

Editor of "John Bull" Holds Power Through Popular Love of a Grievance.

(Foreign Correspondence of the New York Evening Post.)

London, Nov. 28.—In the old corrupt days before the Reform Act of 1832 one of the scandals of the British electoral system was the "pocket borough." Many constituencies were practically owned by some local landed proprietor, who would foist a nominee of his own upon the electors in the assured conviction that no one would dare to dispute his authority. The "pocket borough" is commonly supposed to have disappeared long since, but it lately had a curious revival.

Last Saturday there was a by-election in the Wrekin division of Shropshire, owing to the death of its member, Charles Palmer. Mr. Palmer had been assistant editor of John Bull, whose proprietor and editor, Horatio Bottomley, had introduced him in the first place to the notice of the Wrekin electors. By so doing Mr. Bottomley seems to have conceived the notion that he had acquired the perpetual representation of this constituency as a personal appanage. For as soon as the vacancy occurred he wrote to the electors condescendingly with the notice of the Wrekin electors. By so doing Mr. Bottomley seems to have conceived the notion that he had acquired the perpetual representation of this constituency as a personal appanage.

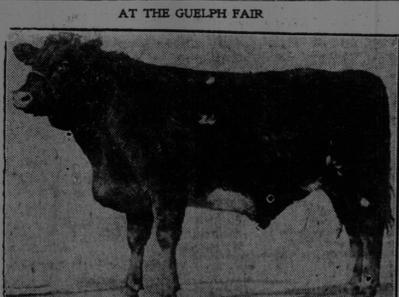
The astonishing assumption of the London newspaper proprietor that he had a right to dispose of the political life of Shropshire voters was not challenged either by Liberals or by Conservatives, but only by the Labor party, whose rival candidate was defeated at the polls by 14,565 to 10,690.

The national influence of Horatio Bottomley is one of the most remarkable political and social phenomena of our time. As far as one can judge, what has happened in Wrekin might have happened anywhere else.

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"The editor was clever enough to see that most people love dearly their grievances, and that if you give them a platform for their grievances you will sell more copies than if you give them only a platform for their virtues."

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"Charlie Chaplin," champion short horn steer, owned by J. Lerch and son, Preston.

WRECKS ON LAKES COST 69 LIVES

Property Loss in Year Ending June 30 Totaled \$2,800,850.

Detroit, Dec. 16.—One hundred and thirty-two wrecks and other marine casualties, involving a loss of life of sixty-nine persons and a property loss of \$2,800,850, occurred on the Great Lakes during the year ending June 30 last. Six of the accidents were foundering, thirty-five strandings, sixteen collisions, and seventy-five were attributed to miscellaneous causes.

The total property involved amounted to \$28,978,615, and the persons aboard vessels numbered 4,402, of whom 8,391 were members of crew.

The big wrecks on the lakes generally occur near the close of navigation, as there is always some owner or master willing to hazard "just one more trip."

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PLAIN LANGUAGE BY THE BISHOP OF CORK

Stern Denunciation of Murders That Lead to Reprisals in Ireland.

London, Dec. 16.—The announcement made by Bishop Cohan of Cork that he would excommunicate participants in an ambush of the crown forces is regarded as significant indication that moderate opinion in Ireland is hardening in regard to extremist action, and it is hoped that other Catholic bishops and priests will follow Dr. Cohan's example. The Bishop of Cork in his sermon in the Cathedral Sunday morning made what are held to be highly sympathetic remarks. He said in part: "It was a safe exploit to murder policemen from behind the screen, and until the reprisals began there was no danger to general community. But even leaving aside the moral aspect of the question for the moment, what has the country being delivered from British rule by the murder of old R. L. C. men and the burning of barracks? No! The killing of the R. L. C. men was murder, and the burning of barracks was simply destruction of Irish property."

Expanding Country to Danger. "I would say this about the ambushes, leaving out of the question for the moment their moral aspect. Ambushes come to a place from one knows where, and when their work is done they depart no one knows to what destination. They are not much more than boys or men taking part in the ambushes must know that by their criminal acts they are exposing perhaps the whole countryside, perhaps a town or city, to the danger of terrible reprisals; that when they depart and disperse in safety they are leaving the lives and property of a number of innocent people unprotected and undeterred to the fury of reprisals at the hands of the servants of the government, and then, over and above all, there is the moral aspect of these ambushes. Let there be no doubt about it; these ambushes are murderous, and every life taken in an ambush is murder. Notwithstanding the repeated condemnations of murder and repeated warnings, terrible crimes have been committed these past few weeks. As the result of the ambush last night at Dillon's Cross this city has suffered, I think, as much damage at the hands of the servants of the government as Dublin itself during the rebellion of 1916."

Threat of Excommunication. "It is all very well to talk grandiloquently of the city being under the care and solicitude of the Republican army; the city in ruin and ruin followed on the murderous ambush at Dillon's Cross. If any section or member of the volunteer organization refuse to hear the church's teaching about murder, there is no remedy but the extreme remedy of excommunication from the church."

German Miners Agreed to Work Overtime to Increase Production — Now Ask Fulfillment of Promise.

Bochum, Germany, Dec. 1.—(A. P. Correspondence.)—The general committee of the German Coal Miners' Federation has notified Chancellor Fehrenbach that they intend to force through the Reichstag a law for the socialization of the national coal fields.

In an open letter to the chancellor, the committee has called upon the government to make an unequivocal declaration on the issue. The miners also demanded to know how soon the government proposes to submit to the Reichstag the draft of the new law.

The miners' letter to the chancellor sets forth that, in view of the promise given to the miners by the government last March and in order to fulfill the Spa agreement and supply the home demands for fuel, the miners have willingly agreed to work overtime in order to stimulate production.

They now charge the government with procrastination and allege that they have been deceived in the deliberations carried on by the Socialization Commission and the conference in committee sessions of the Imperial Economic Council.

Father—"I never smoked when I was your age. Will you be able to tell that to your son when you grow up?" Willie—"Not with such a straight face as you do, father. You beat me there." —Stray Stories.

THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE SMART COATS, SUITS AND DRESSES — ALL VERY SPECIAL PRICES.

Swift decided cuts in the prices of all winter garments. You get a splendid choice for much less than usual. Women's and Misses Winter Coats. Xmas cut prices \$19.50, \$29.50, \$39.50. Women's Suits, Xmas cut prices, \$35.00, \$45.00. Silk Dresses. Xmas cut prices, \$19.50 to \$44.50. Serge Dresses, all wool, Xmas cut prices \$16.50, \$29.50.

\$3.00 OR LESS WILL BUY A special corset or C D blouse, regular to \$14. Special \$7.95. A taffeta or Jersey top silk undershirt, \$7.00 up. Heavy habutai silk blouses in colors, \$7.50. A large size knitted scarf. Special \$7.99 up. A flared or knit pullover sweater, \$8.00 up. A smart silk over blouse.

\$4.00 OR LESS WILL BUY A warm spencer with or without sleeves, \$12.50. A Jersey silk top combination, \$8.00 up. Mull night gown, trimmed embroidery and lace, \$8.99 up. Infants Iceland wool cap and mitt set.

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London House
Head of King

FREDERICK'S STAR HAS SET

No Longer "the Great" to Visitors at Potsdam Palace — Hohenzollern Homes as They Are Today.

Potsdam, Nov. 28.—(Associated Press Correspondence.)—Frederick the Great is no longer Frederick the Great to the attendants who show visitors through the various palaces of the late imperial German family and the Garrison church, where the body of the most famous of the Hohenzollern lies. He is merely Frederick the Second, in accordance with an order issued by the chief of the custodians of the palaces. To the democratic regime which has swept over Potsdam, the most imperialistic and aristocratic centre in Germany, even a dead emperor cannot be great.

On the whole the Potsdam palaces have undergone few changes under the new government. In Spartacist days, rioters did not reach them, as they were under the protection of loyal troops. Consequently, there was no plundering and no looting, and the royal residences remain exactly as they were before the hurried departure of William II, except for the disappearance of the strictly personal belongings of William and his family.

Wilhelm's Palace. The new palace, where William II, lived is now open to the public on certain days. His library is almost devoid of books, most of them having been sent to Holland. The smaller dining room and living rooms have apparently been stripped of strictly personal belongings. The furnishings which remain are pretentious.

Gift pieces from other sovereigns and elaborate historical paintings, tapestries and statues are untouched and give the palace a museum appearance. It is not unlike Versailles or Fontainebleau in atmosphere, and there is nothing about any of the three Potsdam palaces to indicate they have been used within the last century.

The shell room in the new palace, whose pillars and long walls are lined by inlaid friezes of semi-precious stones, presents the appearance of a souvenir stand at Colorado Springs. The carpets are rolled back from the great marble floor and strips of matting, lined by guide ropes, indicate to visitors how they may move through the grotto-hall where the children of the imperial family always had their Christmas entertainments.

The great terrace in front of the Orangery, overlooking San Souci Park, lacks the ancient Chinese astronomical instruments which were taken from the imperial observatory in Peking at the time of the Boxer troubles. These instruments were erected on pedestals and attracted much attention. But under the Versailles Treaty they had to be returned to China.

MR. MITCHELL, THE NEW DEPUTY OF AGRICULTURE

Harvey Mitchell, appointed deputy minister of agriculture at the meeting of the provincial government held on Wednesday, will not take over the duties of the office until the new year. Mr. Mitchell was born at Keswick, and spent his youth farming and making cheese. In 1898 he was appointed dairy superintendent of New Brunswick and held that office in the provincial department of agriculture until 1907, when he resigned upon appointment to a similar position with the federal department of agriculture, his territory comprising the three maritime provinces. He continued in that appointment until last April, when he resigned.

CAPTAIN BELANGER DEAD

Quebec, Dec. 16.—Captain Sigmond Belanger, aged 71 years, for thirty-five years in the service of the Canadian government marine department, died suddenly in St. Paul street this evening.

NEW GLOVES—JUST IN FOR CHRISTMAS. Special line chamotte gauntlet gloves; colors, gray, buck, champagne, heaver, white or black. Price \$1.95 per pair. Fine quality English case gloves, some with new black satinings. In box, \$2.45 and \$3.25 per pair. Perrin's Fine and Gloves, fancy stitching, guaranteed. Price \$3.95 per pair.

A GREAT LINE OF A. I. KID'S SAMPLE NECKWEAR. We have been fortunate in securing a whole line of the newest samples of "Rid's" neckwear, consisting of new Collars, Collar and Cuffs Sets, Vests, etc., in the finest materials. This gives a wonderful selection and each price is exclusive. Prices run from 75c to \$3.00.

\$5.00 OR LESS WILL BUY A Child's Raincoat. A pair of silk Blouse. An imported Moreen Undershirt in colors. A pair of fine French Kid Gloves, \$3.98 up. A pair of Thread Silk Hose, \$3.75. A Waist Length of Silk. A pair of silk Blouse. A serge skirt length. A large piece of Brocade Statuary. An Umbrella. Child's sweater suit. Child's fancy white dress. Children's or misses warm kimono. A large size doll. A silk envelope combination. A piece of Dove Mull underwear.

\$3.00 OR LESS WILL BUY One infant's wool jacket, \$2.25 up. Child's wool overalls, white and fine colors, \$2.25 up. A dove envelope combination, \$2.95. A pretty house dress, plain colors or stripes, \$3.00 up. Infants bonnet and garter sets, \$2.50 up. A smart middy with detachable collar, \$3.25 up.

\$2.00 OR LESS WILL BUY A smart Serge Dress, \$16.50 and up. A pretty Jersey Dress, \$19.75. A warm Winter Coat. A charming Silk Neglige. A smart Silk Dress for Misses. A plaid Skirt, pure wool. A pretty Tweed Raincoat. A handsome Georgette or Crepe de Chine Blouse.

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WAR LOOT IN LIBAU SHOP

Piled High With a Lot of Antique Furniture—Much Second-hand Ware From Impoverished People.

Libau, Latvia, Nov. 28.—(Associated Press Correspondence.)—The appearance of the shop windows here indicate that the Libau tradesmen have received some of the plunder taken by the Russian armies that have swept over the Baltic states. They are piled high antique furniture from country estates, silver and bronze ornaments, the commission houses.

English dealers in antiques over the Baltic states after they first themselves of the Bolshevik regime picked up much of the valuable furniture and the jewels, oriental rug old silver. Consequently the shop offer fewer rare pieces than they year ago.

Besides the war loot, the shops an amazing lot of second-hand which were the property of persons impoverished by war who must now sell their property at a loss. Luxuries first, but now furs, fur coats and suits of wearing apparel are being placed in the shops. These stores look American rummage sales.

It is common for prosperous shop-owners to be approached by owner of old furniture or works of art desire to offer their precious possessions at private sale without the humiliated placing them on sale where their friends will recognize them.

The shops of Libau are much the same as those in Riga, Vidzland and cities of Estonia and Latvia. Conditions were the same in Moscow Petrograd until the Soviet government closed all the private shops, seized stocks and forbade trade which was conducted by the government.

ARE GOLD HUNTERS NOW Dawson, Yukon Territory, Dec. 1.—The recent heavy drops in fur prices result in diminished catches in the Yukon Territory and Alaska this winter, according to the surrounding country. The hunters and trappers have turned their attention to prospecting gold.

THE BEST CHEFS COOK AND BAKE WITH MAZOLA

LADIES' UMBRELLAS FOR XMAS Splendid line of ladies' umbrellas with handles and fancy cords, in black. Ranging in price from \$2.75 to \$8. Ladies' Silk Umbrellas with fancy handles in shades of purple, navy, and black. Prices \$9.75 to \$17.

DOLLS—BEST QUALITY AT LOWEST PRICES. A very satisfactory purchase of fine dolls of all kinds enable us to sell them at much lower than is usually asked for similar goods. Dressed Dolls—unbreakable. \$1.25 to \$1.65. Kid Body Dolls with real hair. \$1.25 to \$3.50. Unbreakable Bisque Dolls, with or without hair. \$1.85 up. Sleeping Dolls with hair. \$2.95 to \$3.50.

SPENCERS OR WARM UNDERJACKETS VERY USEFUL FOR WEARING UNDER WINTER COATS. Wool underjackets or spencers in colors, white, black, rose or sky. \$3.25 each. Sweater coats and pull-overs, excellent Xmas numbers. Full size coat sweaters in dainty colorings, tuxedo style, new close knit. Price \$4.25 each. Special line of tuxedo coat sweaters in a variety of colorings. Price \$3.25 each. Piled sweaters and pullovers in rose, brown, white or sky. Price \$5.95 each.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS LINES OF HOSIERY OFFERED BEING PICKED UP QUICKLY. Heather Silk Hose in mixed, green, navy, brown or black and white. Each pair in box. Price \$1.25 per pair. Special Pure Thread Silk Hose, black, gray, navy, taupe and brown. \$1.75 in box only. Lace Open-work Stripe Hose, in black only. \$1.95 per pair.

\$10.00 OR LESS WILL BUY A beautiful silk undershirt. An imported silk moire undershirt. A heavy velour kimono. A short silk negligee. A girl's wool dress. A silk night gown or envelope combination.

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