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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1.

THE LORDS SEAL THEIR DOOM.

The House of Lords has decided that Party is more important than the Constitution. The "backwoodsman" answered the official call of the Unionist leaders, and swamped those peers who placed the integrity of the Constitution above their selfish interests, and in some cases above their private feelings and convictions. Lord Cromer, Lord Rosebery, Lord James and Lord Balfour, to name a few, are opponents of the budget, but they implored the House to say no hand upon it. The Archbishop of York went so far as to protest and vote against the Lansdowne amendment in the face of the Primate of All England, who had advised the bishops to take no part in the controversy because of its party character.

The Government has ordinarily less than 40 followers in a strict party division. The 75 peers who voted against rejection, and the score or more who abstained from voting, represented an infinitely higher average of intellect and personal distinction, man for man, than the 350 who went into the lobby with Lord Lansdowne. Many of the latter, the cable dispatches tell us, had paid so little attention to their parliamentary duties that they were ignorant of the simple process of recording their votes. Some had never taken their seats until the budget debate began. If the British people longer consent to be ruled by such a body, the people of Canada and of the other daughter nations will, as the Earl of Crewe told the peers, cease to look up to the mother of parliaments, and will ask "whether the old country is altogether fitted to exercise responsible government."

The House of Commons will, of course, register its protest by an emphatic resolution, declaring the action of the House of Lords to be unconstitutional. A dissolution will follow at once, and the election will be held presumably in January. The question of the veto of the upper chamber must overshadow all others, and the Government is expected to serve notice that it will not resume office, even if it commands a majority in the next House of Commons, unless it is given power to make its will effectual. The means to this end will probably be the consent of the King to create new peers to overcome all obstruction. If the Government is defeated it means merely the postponement of the issue. Henceforth the supremacy of the House of Commons must be the first plank of the Liberal platform. It has been forced upon the House of Lords, which has destroyed nearly every measure of the present Government, and paralyzed the power of the people's chamber.

GREAT UNDERTAKINGS.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's announcement that the Dominion Government has in mind the scheme of a waterway from the Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific, has created a good deal of interest, particularly in the West, where the transportation question is always uppermost. An essential part of this undertaking would be the deepening of the Saskatchewan River to permit of water carriage from Winnipeg to Edmonton, a work which, Sir Wilfrid says, is now under way.

The Government is not only fully alive to present transportation needs but is building for the future—a wonderful future. It has promoted the construction of the Canadian Northern from Manitoba to Edmonton, has vastly improved the canal system of Older Canada, expended great sums on harbor improvements, and is now rushing to completion a third great railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Government has also pledged itself to the building of a railway to Hudson Bay that will give access to a western route to the markets of the old world. As soon as the final surveys have been made and the most feasible port on Hudson Bay has been decided upon, work on this daring project will begin.

DIVIDE THE INSURANCE BILL.

Hon. George W. Ross made a good suggestion in the Senate with reference to the insurance bill. He proposes that the measure be divided: one bill to deal with life insurance only, and another to deal with fire insurance only. This is the proper course. The importance of life insurance entitles it to a distinct place among financial institutions. It is as separate and distinct as banking. It is because there appears to be misunderstanding with reference to it that Senator Ross desires a separate bill. Dealing then with life insurance only,

a more perfect act will be the result. Senators Ross, McMullen and Scott all took sound views, and if the remnants of objectionable features still left in the bill is eliminated in the Senate, the act as finally passed will likely be satisfactory and serviceable.

A curious point arises with reference to the appointment of shareholders' directors. It is urged as a reason for leaving this clause as passed by the House that the insurance managers are satisfied. As a matter of fact they are not, but if they were it would be no reason for retaining the clause, but the reverse. No one more clearly sees the danger of this clause than the manager. The real question is, Is it right? The answer is plainly, No; it is wrong to put the manager's power above the directors'. If the clause remains more harm will be done to the stability of life assurance than all that the commission discovered to be wrong with all the Canadian companies combined.

There will be no Christmas holidays for British politicians.

Mr. Foster yesterday voted with the Government. A moment of weakness—or wisdom?

Now that the budget is no more, the dukes may donate Christmas beef to their retainers after all.

North Middlesex was mutilated almost beyond recognition by the Whittier gerrymander. Does it approve the treatment?

The French treaty has passed the Canadian House of Commons. Will Uncle Sam try to punish us or will he let well enough alone?

It looks as though Canada's revenue for the current year ending March 31 will reach \$100,000,000. These figures laugh at the pessimist.

The German Reichstag opened yesterday. It has a budget on its hands, but it has not had Lloyd-George's good fortune in making taxation popular.

The late E. H. Harriman left \$149,000,000, not a cent of which goes into the public treasury. In Great Britain the state would have taken \$22,250,000 for public purposes. It is no wonder that Roosevelt declared for succession duties.

Mr. Lewis, of West Huron, is an active and useful member of the House of Commons, but his phrase, "No babies, no ballots," is both senseless and insulting. Mr. Lewis has belied his reputation in an attempt to say something smart.

HAD PLENTY LEFT.

Mme. Crapaud—Have you given some fresh water to the goldfish, Anna?
La Femme de Chambre—No, ma'am; they haven't finished what I gave them the other day yet.

WORK FOR MRS. PANKHURST.

The Ontario Legislature committee on assessment has decided to continue the right of a married man to vote on his wife's property. There is still some work for Mrs. Pankhurst.

ITS HARDNESS.

Hard cash they call it, and I guess That is the best term yet.
Hard cash it is, undoubtedly, Because it's hard to get.

BITING COMMENT.

Reggie—Cholly and I are raising a moultache.
Tess—Well, Reggie, you seem to be doing real well with your half.

IN THEIR OWN HANDS.

Let the girls propose, says a Chicago clergyman. The girls don't have to propose. Why should they, when ninety-nine out of every hundred of them can cure the men they want into proposing?

MAKING HIM PAY.

"I say," said the messenger boy, "that near-sighted man in #6 just fell over a beam and spilled a pail of water on himself."
"Take him up a towel," said the hotel manager, "and charge him for one bath."

TIME FLIES.

Tempus fugit.
We are taught.
Means "father Time's An aeronaut."

QUESTION OF SUPPLIES.

"There's glory enough to go round," said one arctic explorer.
"Yes," answered the other, "There's glory enough. But how about proofs?"

WHICH?

The Mail and Empire pretends to think that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's defense policy is shameful and un-British. The London Times, on the other hand, says it contains the true idea of imperial unity. Which is the more British, the Mail and Empire partisan, or the London Times?

AN EPISTLE.

Dear Kate, The wedding cake you sent I got, and put the bit Beneath my pillow that some night That I might dream on it.
But not a single dream was mine— No; wasn't that too bad? And so last night I ate the cake— Oh, the dreams I had!

SOCIALISM IN GERMANY.

Dukes and others who are screaming "Socialism at Liberal ministers and preaching protection as its only alternative, would do well to study the situation in Germany. The elections in Saxony, which are just over, have brought 25 Socialists into the chamber, where previously there was only one; and the recent elections in Baden and Berlin tell the same story on a smaller scale. Naturally the German press seeks the reason of this astonishing success. It is clearly enough put by the Post quoted by the Times correspondent, which "admits that the Socialists' cause has been greatly strengthened by the introduction of increased taxation on commodities consumed by the masses and by the rejection of the inheritance tax." When the Kaiser and Prince Buelow concerted their extraordinary attack upon the German Socialists and defeated them so heavily in 1907, thus putting an end to the prospects of European alarm, we predicted that the reaction

against autocracy and armaments would be all the stronger when it came. We hardly expected it would come so soon. Protection, privilege and militarism, going hand in hand, are an excellent antidote for reaction. But once established, they are uncommonly hard to dispossess.

ANOTHER POLITICAL CRIME.

[Toronto News.]
The Duke of Roxburgh broke his leg while hunting a fox in Lincolnshire. Of course, Lloyd George was to blame.

JOHN BURNS' HOBBY.

[T. P.'s Weekly.]
The book-collecting hobby of Mr. John Burns—it is something more than a hobby—is the subject of an interesting note in a contemporary. Mr. Burns has now got together a valuable collection of books, and is frequently to be seen roaming the second-hand book markets of London in his scant leisure. We are told that from the catalogues of the second-hand book seller he has enriched his library with works of or concerning his three great masters—Shakespeare, Carlyle, and Ruskin—and coming across, in Charing Cross Road the other day, some works of which the latter was the subject, Mr. Burns thoughtfully communicated the fact to the chief librarian at Cambridge, "I gather that your library is making a feature of Ruskin's works," he wrote, intimating where he saw a "parcel of Ruskin pamphlets that you should possess," and advising the librarian to purchase the collection is dispersed." Thus Mr. Burns is not only a book-collector, but is the cause of book-collecting in others.

THE HOOKWORM VICTIM.

[Walt Mason.]
He was a mournful-looking wreck, with yellow face and scrawny limbs, and eyes that looked as though they had monopoly of woe. Too tired to get his labors done, all day he loitered in the sun, and filled the air with a low, moaning, while people called him Lazvboner. One day the doctor came and said: "Brace up, my friend! Hold up your head! The hookworm, deadly as an asp, has got you in its loathsome grasp! But I will break the hookworm loose, and cook its everlasting goose! Swing wide your mouth, and do not cringe!" and then he took his big syringe, and shot about a quart of dope, that tasted like a bar of soap, down the patient's yawning throat—"I guess I got that hookworm's goat!" One scamping breath the patient drew, and hit a lightning rod in two, and vaulted over his cottage roof; and then, on nimble, joyous hoof, he sped across the wind-swept plain, and acted, at a school, and robbed a train. The doctor watched his patient streak across the landscape, sere and black, and said: "It makes my bosom warm!" What wonders science can perform!

SAVINGS BANKS.

[Success Magazine.]
A Irishman was explaining American institutions to a green countryman. "A savings bank," he said, "is a place where you can deposit money today and draw it out tomorrow by giving a week's notice."

SOME GORGEOUS WEDDING EFFECTS.

[Stratford Beacon.]
The increased respect that Americans have shown Canada in recent years is largely the result of the self-confidence and energy she has been able to successfully paddle her own canoe, irrespective of the impediments Congress has placed in her way. A nation, no more than an individual, does not gain the respect of a virile people like those of the United States by cringing or pleading for favors.



Seats in Demand.

Grace Van Studdford, in "The Golden Butterfly" is sure of a packed house on Friday. The plan opened yesterday and the sale continued to be great all day. By evening the plan was well taken up, although a lot of good seats are still to be had. Before Friday, from appearances, it will be a "sellout." The first two rows in the gallery will be sold as reserved seats on Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

"Billy" Is Coming.

"Billy" comes to the Grand next Saturday, matinee and night, with an excellent cast of players, including Edgar Atkinson, Elsie, and others. The vaudeville theatres it may be recalled that "Billy" was taken from a sketch called "Billy's Tombstones." The element of fun was predominant in the playlet that the Messrs. Shubert prevailed upon George Cameron to make the piece into a three-act farce. Seats tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

May Robson Monday.

May Robson will be seen at the Grand on Monday, Dec. 6, in her great success, "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," which she has played for two whole seasons on the road without closing. In the delightful role of Aunt Mary she has created a part which stands alone, and no one could portray the part so true to life as Miss Robson. From coast to coast, wherever she has played this delightful comedy, and critics have indorsed it one of the best seen in years. Seats Friday.

"The Battle" Tuesday.

Cleveland Moffett's play, "The Battle," in which Wilton Lackaye is to be seen at the Grand next Tuesday, Dec. 7, told New Yorkers some pretty harsh truths about their city. Despite the fact that the play's scenes are laid in New York, citizens elsewhere cannot afford to shrug their shoulders and let these truths glance off on that account. "The Battle" is said to stimulate interest in public affairs. The cast will open Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Royal Welsh Choir.

The plan for the concert in Wesley Hall, Thursday evening, is now open at Mallagh's. Some good seats at 50 cents. An entirely different programme will be given to those rendered at the Y. M. C. A. recently. Don't forget there are 600 admissions at 25 cents.

Leland Powers.

Leland Powers gave a delightful interpretation of direction of the David Copperfield at the Auditorium last night before a large audience. Mr. Powers selected four of the principal scenes from the book, and his impersonation of the characters won him repeated applause. So splendid was his work that at the conclusion of the entertainment it was impossible for the audience to decide whether he was better as Daniel Peggoty, Wilkins Micawber or the villainous Uriah Heap. In each of these impersonations he was most effective, showing a deep understanding of the characters. Besides receiving an ovation at the conclusion of each part, Mr. Powers was given a curtain call at the end, and responded by giving a recitation.

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DEVOTED SISTER OF BIDWELLS DEAD

Sacrificed Her All in Long Fight to Free Bank of England Swindlers.

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 1.—A life of sisterly devotion that has few equals brought to a close by the death yesterday of Mrs. Harriet C. Mott, sister of the notorious Bidwell brothers, who made themselves the most famous rascals of the nineteenth century by their \$1,000,000 swindle of the Bank of England. Mrs. Mott who outlived her brothers, died at the age of 78, practically penniless although she once owned one of the finest farms in Muskegon County and valuable property in New York State. All her property went toward promoting her brothers' freedom.

BROOKLYN MURDER MYSTERY

New York, Dec. 1.—The gressome death of Mrs. O. W. Snead, a young Brooklyn woman, whose body was found in a bath-tub in a vacant house in East Orange, N. J., yesterday, was still a mystery today, though the police had taken on the case without an aged aunt, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, and charged her with the crime.

Clues today led the detectives to Flatbush, Brooklyn, where they tried to establish connection between the death of Mrs. Snead and happenings in a so-called "house of mystery," in the Brooklyn suburb, where Miss Wardlaw, Mrs. Snead and her strange old maid aunt lived recently. When Mrs. Snead's dead body was found in the East Orange house it was at first believed that she committed suicide. Investigation, however, led the police to believe that the woman was drowned, and apparently contradictory stories told by Miss Wardlaw caused her detention.

WINDSOR HOLDS WILSON

Was a Ticket-of-Leave-Man and Broke His Parole.

Windsor, Dec. 1.—Following his release from police headquarters in Detroit, where he had been held on suspicion of being one of the Niagara Falls express company robbers, Samuel Spencer, alias James Wilson, was re-arrested by the Windsor police, who received word he was being deported and were waiting at the dock last night. According to his own story, Spencer left Central Prison, Toronto, six months ago as a ticket-of-leave man, and broke his parole by coming to Detroit without reporting. He pleaded for liberty, promising he would take passage for Europe at once, but he will be held until the police hear from Toronto.

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WINDSOR'S ASSESSMENT. next year, unless unusually large expenditures are undertaken. Nearly 400 cases were dealt with by the court of revision in appeals put in by 194 property owners, and the total reduction made in the assessment figures amounts to about \$75,000.

DULUTH IS TIED UP BY SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE

Ten Thousand Men Will Be Idle Within Forty-Eight Hours.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 1.—The tie-up of traffic resulting from the strike of the switchmen is practically complete here. If the situation is not quickly remedied, 10,000 men will be out of work here within 48 hours. The railroads, mines, coal, docks, elevators, blast furnaces, all other industries will contribute to the unemployed. The Northern Pacific has two engines in operation, manned by non-union men.