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UNIONIST PLAN OF CAMPAIGN UNSUCCESSFUL OF UNGE SAM TAKES LEAVE OF UNGE SAM

So Declares Mr. H. W. Massingham the Veteran Liberal Journalist in Searching and Trenchant Criticism.

How a Chinese Diplomat Makes His Exit--His Views On the Suffrage Question -- When Women Should Have Vote.

Canada and United States Have Much To Do in Preserving Forests, Declares Prof. Somerville of Oxford University.

Party Without a Rudder, He Declares. London, Dec. 30.—The work of the Unionist party in the field does not meet with the approval of Mr. H. W. Massingham, who gives his views with engaging frankness and freedom of expression in the following article:—

Signs of Weakness and Failure. From all I can hear from many quarters of the electorate, the fight has gone magnificently. North, South, East and West the tale is the same. Mr. Churchill is regarded as the most wonderful series of arguments, effective and oratorical efforts, I think I have ever read. As for Mr. Lloyd George's progress to North Wales, and his speech there, some who witnessed it tell me that in the whole history of electioneering, they have seen nothing approaching it. Vast crowds greeted him at the stations, and he was met in English as well as Welsh counties for a sight of him, and hanging on to the carriages while the train was in motion.

Instances of His Americanization. New York, Dec. 30.—Dr. Wu Ting-fang left this morning—maybe for good, as he himself said last evening. With his wife and his son's wife and his grandson, Dr. Wu will go to Europe on the Lusitania. He won't reach China until some time next March, because he has mapped out a season of travel in England, Germany, France and Italy.

Prof. Somerville is one of the best known authorities in England on matters of agriculture. He is a fellow of the Linnean Society, of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and of the Royal Statistical Society. By birth he is a Scotchman, being an Lanarkshire man, but he is heartless and looks like a prosperous country gentleman who enjoys life. He is in his 50th year and has just served five years in the Government service when called to Oxford for three years in the chair of the department of intelligence and education of the Board of Education.

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English Nobleman Dies in Paris Under Strange Circumstances -- Rumors of a Conflict With Compatriot.

WAS EARL PERCY THE VICTIM OF A DUEL. London, Dec. 30.—Word is received here of the death at Paris today of Earl Percy (Henry Algernon George), formerly Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. According to the family death was due to complications following an attack of pneumonia.

Imposing Restrictions. "One finds a tendency in his direction in almost all civilized countries at the present time. On the continent of Europe one finds States acquiring lands for public purposes or imposing restrictions on the utilization of private property, where such is considered to conflict with public interest. In many parts of Europe a man is not at liberty to clear trees from land he may own if by so doing the danger of floods be increased or the destructive effects of soil erosion be increased."

News of a Day

Record Shipment. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 30.—A local tobacco company has just imported the biggest shipment of Havana tobacco ever received in Canada. The shipment comprises 120 tons on which the Dominion Government collects in duty over \$107,000.

Narrow Escape. Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 30.—Last night near midnight Walter Scott of Montreal, and a friend, Mr. Gould, returning from Chatham, broke through the ice midway between Newcastle and Nelson and had a narrow escape. Their shouts attracted some Newcastle men with whose assistance they were rescued.

Schooner Captured. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—An American fishing schooner, the Charles Levi, Capt. Woodbury, was captured by the cruiser Kestrel, fishing within the three mile limit off the north coast of Vancouver Island, and was condemned to forfeiture in the exchequer court by Mr. Justice Martin.

Three Fatalities. Chatham, Ont., Dec. 30.—Crows are eating hundreds of bushels of corn in Harwich, Raleigh and Doon townships, and C. W. Nash, director of the Biological Department of the Ontario Government is here to advise farmers how to protect their crops. Since the snow came the only way the crows can live is by the corn, much of which is still in shocks in the fields.

Thompson--Noyes. Sackville, Dec. 30.—The wedding of Miss Francena Louise Noyes and Dr. Charles Arthur Thompson, formerly of Upper Sackville, but now of Newton Highlands, Mass., took place on Christmas evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Noyes, Dorchester, Mass. Rev. H. Lyon, of Walnut Street Unitarian Church, Brookline, officiated.

Leaves For West. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 30.—W. S. Benson, who recently resigned as manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, will leave this evening for Prince Rupert, B. C., where he will enter the real estate field. Mr. Benson was treasurer of the Quoit Club, formed here some time ago. At an informal gathering of the members of the club last evening at the Barker house he made his financial report and the club formally disbanded. Mr. Benson's departure from the city is generally regarded.

Farmer Wins. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—A western farmer comes into a handsome fortune today by a judgment of the supreme court. He is James W. Brown, of Q'Appelle River, Sask. Three years ago the Government built a dam across the outlet of Long Lake to improve navigation. In doing so they raised the water over 127 acres of Brown's land. He brought action against the Government and Judge Cassels today awarded him \$25 an acre or damages to the amount of \$47,216.

Dr. Currie Dead. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 30.—Rev. Professor John Currie, D. D., of Pine Hill College, died today after an illness seriously injured on Tuesday while engaged in piling logs at Cushing's mill, died yesterday morning at the hospital. He leaves a wife and a young child to mourn his death.

In the Police Court. In the police court yesterday P. Bergstrom, B. Goransson and B. Grossling, three sailors of the S. S. Kingstons, charged with refusing to work when ordered, were remanded until this morning. Mr. A. C. Fairweather represented the captain and chief officer who were present in court.

United in a Common Cause. It is said that there are Liberal officials who do not sympathize with this course, and are secretly opposing it. In many parts of Europe a man is not at liberty to clear trees from land he may own if by so doing the danger of floods be increased or the destructive effects of soil erosion be increased.

Churchill--Armstrong. St. Andrews, Dec. 30.—The most interesting social event of the season was the wedding this afternoon in Greenock Presbyterian church of Miss Elsie Edwina Armstrong, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Armstrong, and Mr. Randolph Winsor Churchill, youngest son of the late Mr. George Churchill of Hantsport, N. S. Rev. A. W. Mahon officiated.