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## SHALL BRITAIN BE GOVERNED BY THE LORDS OR THE PEOPLE?

This is the Issue Upon Which Great Struggle For Rights of House of Commons to Control Finances Will be Fought

SHALL THE SIX HUNDRED OR THE FORTY MILLIONS BE IN CONTROL

W. T. Stead Sees But One Possible Conclusion to Such an Unequal Contest—Britain's Constitution at Stake.

Lords Will Reject Budget on Monday—Commons Will Pass an Interim Budget and Then Dissolve

London, Nov. 21.—The great battle begins on Monday when it will be temporarily decided whether the Lords shall carry Lord Lansdowne's amendment to reject the budget by a majority of four or five to one. There is then the chance that the King may be able to justify the existence of the crown as a balance for the constitution by inducing the peers to pass the budget on condition of a general election in January, which would instantly point out as the obvious practical compromise—provided the destinies have not decreed the destruction of the House of Lords.

I am assured compromise already has been pressed upon both parties by the King, and that neither of them will accept it. If this objection persists, then we are on the eve of one of the great crises which will profoundly alter the constitution of Great Britain. There is no doubt what will be the issue of the collision between the hazy pot and earthenware mug. This year will see the end of the pretensions of the hereditary chamber to an equal voice in the legislature of Britain.

Must Offer the Way. I am so essentially a Conservative in temperament although Radical by conviction that I have shrunk instinctively from the raising of a revolutionary issue, but the cup of the peers now has been filled to overflowing. The time has come when it must be cleared out as the way of progress. Their position has become intolerable, and although we have offered them every way to escape their impending doom, they will not accept the way of salvation. Nothing remains for them but a swift judgment to come.

What will happen is this: The Lords will pass the amendment and a week later the ministers will formally accept the challenge and the Commons will declare one more in the terms hallowed by precedent, but edged by the circumstances of the present crisis that they alone have the right to grant money to the crown or to impose taxes on the nation, and that they alone are the sole final authorities on all questions of finance.

An Interim Budget. The ministers will then announce the introduction of an interim budget legalizing the collection of taxes which were collected in 1909 on the strength of the resolutions in the Commons. The Radical will object, but the necessity of avoiding a financial crisis will override party consideration. This interim budget will go through practically unopposed.

Parliament will be then dissolved before the Christmas vacation and the general election will occur in the first week of January. The issue is clear and unmistakable: Are the English to be governed in the future by 600 hereditary legislators or by the elected representatives of the forty million of people. As the issue lies in the hands of the forty millions, the result is not for a moment in doubt.

Lord Lansdowne's amendment offers the country a government by oligarchy tempered by plebsocites. The Liberals offer a government by the people and for the people, using the crown as the supreme embodiment of the executive of the people's will.

To Terminate Lords' Vote. When the Liberals go before the country they will ask for a mandate to terminate once and for all the veto of the peers upon legislation, and to vest the sole control of finance in the Commons giving legislative effect to all financial measures passed by the representative chamber without requiring their passage pro forma through the Lords, Wales, Ireland and Scotland will stand firm and the Conservatives will win many seats in England, but no one on either side of the House expects to see a Conservative victory.

The Liberals will return with a mandate that the ministers should refuse to continue in office unless the King makes sufficient life peers to carry through the Lords measures destroying the vote of the peers and vesting all control of financial matters exclusively with the Commons.

Government by People Endangered. The Liberals realize that the whole

## WORK OF REMOVING BODIES OF MINE VICTIMS ATTENDED BY PITIFUL SCENES.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 20.—The charred and blackened bodies of the victims of the disaster are being removed from the St. Paul mine today and placed in rows to await identification. Decomposition has added its horrors to those of fire and suffocation, recognition in many instances being impossible.

Only the presence of the militia prevents the grief-stricken widows and relatives hurrying themselves headlong down the shaft. Their grief and moans are terrible and heartbreaking.

Preparations are being made to remove the bodies as fast as identified, place them in caskets and turn them over to relatives.

Many firemen and miners employed in the work of bringing the bodies up were overcome early today and it was announced impossible to continue the work without oxygen helmets.

The bodies are in a terrible condition from decomposition and the odors in the mine passage are beyond human endurance. The probability is that all the bodies will be removed from the mine by tomorrow night.

## CIVIC WORK FOR THIS YEAR GREATEST IN CITY'S HISTORY

The Extensive Additions to the Power Plant Have Cost Over \$300,000—Street Paving Operations Reached to a Total of \$125,000—The New Feeder Main for Water Service Constructed at a Cost of \$40,000.

The year 1909 now drawing to a close has been the biggest one in the history of Edmonton in many ways. The past season has seen a phenomenal development in every part of the broad area within the bounds of the corporation. In no line of activity has there been greater strides made than in the public works, carried out under the supervision of the municipality. Since January last, there has been extended in public works alone, the cost of which are chargeable to the capital account, almost three quarters of a million dollars. This is in excess of any past season, but has been necessitated by a determination to keep pace with the rapid growth of the city.

Biggest Work of Year. The big municipal undertaking of the year has been the construction work at the power house which has been carried by the engineers, as the great job of the Western Canadian Electric Co. has been to keep pace with the rapid growth of the city.

Such a plant has been an eye-sore to many citizens who previously were unaware of the magnitude of the extensions being made. The amount of money involved by the additions at the power plant this year reaches the sum of \$320,000, and employment has been given for the past nine months to from eighty to one hundred men, most of whom are skilled in their various lines of work.

In the closing days of 1909 the council decided that it was absolutely necessary to proceed at once for the completion of the equipment needed for the street railway, water pump, and filtration, and electric light and power. It was the opinion of all the engineers that these plants should be placed in such a condition that they would not alone be able to supply immediate demands but would also have surplus capacity for some time to come.

The First Orders. One of the first actions of the new city council in 1909 was to award contracts for a four million gallon filtration plant, a 1,500 kilowatt power plant, a 1,200 kilowatt electric light and power machinery, a 6,000,000 gallon high duty pumping engine, together with all buildings, boilers and intake works required to provide for these orders.

The price of the filtration plant which does not include the sedimentation basin now almost completed inside the race track, is \$22,000. The filtration system although not available for operation as a completed work, during the last summer reached such a state by the first of July as to be used sufficiently to prove that it could perform the work required of it. However, arrangements have been made that formal acceptance shall not take place until next July, by which time a more satisfactory test will have been made.

Sedimentation Basin. The sedimentation basin has a capacity of one million gallons and was constructed altogether from the earth produced by the excavations for the pumping plant and the power house. It is lined throughout with concrete. The 6,000,000 gallon water pumping engine supplied by the John Inglis Company, of Toronto, cost \$46,800. It is installed in a reinforced concrete pit with walls ranging in thickness from five feet to eighteen inches and is deep.

By means of this pit the water is taken directly from the river by gravity through an intake 600 feet long and thirty-six inches square, which was also constructed this season. The pump was put into operation on September 1st.

The New Building Erected. The electric light, power and street railway plant which contains all the engines purchased this year is contained in a new building 110x135 feet, built of self supporting steel and brick and in connection with the building for the pumping plant will be entirely fire proof. No wood is used in the structure.

The new engines and other equipment with their costs are as follows:

Goldie McCulloch, 1,800 H.P. engine, \$27,000.  
Two Robb engines, 500 H.P. each, \$18,000.  
Bellis Morcan 500 H.P., \$9,000.  
Canadian General Electric alternator, \$14,000.  
Three generators, two Croker Wheel and one Washington, \$16,000.  
Babcock and Wilcox boilers with \$22,000 H.P. capacity, \$54,000.  
The staff that has been closely connected with this work are A. J. Latrille, chief engineer; Messrs. Muir and Trowsdale, Robb Engineering company; Mr. Woodward, Bellis Morcan; T. Jones, Goldie and McCulloch; Mr. Murray, John Inglis company and Mr. Ostrom, electrician.

Commissioner's Good Work. Commissioner McNaughton had a Taylor superintendent of the street railway have spent many nights over this work. Among the improvements made were: Taylor bore the palm for work accomplished in rapid construction of the street railway and this year all credit is due to Commissioner McNaughton. He began the year with recommendations for extensions which he was able to carry through the council. The filtration system and the pumping plant extensions were strongly attacked but he at last impressed the council with the necessity of the extensions and before the summer was over his contentions in regard to extensions were shown to be correct. The starting of the government in September last under circumstances with which citizens are familiar has been recalled by the starting of the new power plant. These works represent the expenditure of over \$300,000 and the fact of their now being in operation within seven months of the breaking ground speaks much for the energy of Mr. McNaughton and his staff.

The Commissioner is a very hard man to excite, the louder the tumult the cooler he is. This quality no doubt largely accounts for his successful work.

Local Improvements. The local improvements in Edmonton during 1909 have been more extensive than in any other year of the city's history. Opening up of new streets and extensions of the water and sewerage systems have been carried on largely as the result of the operation of a budget crisis upon the demands of the outlying sections, while paving and boulevarding has been in answer to the request of the business and more thickly settled residential sections for modern improvements.

## NEW McDougall Memorial Church; MAGNIFICENT EDIFICE TO COST \$70,000.00

Improvements, such as bituminous paving, has been almost doubled during the past year, and all the pavement done during the period has been bituminous. An experiment was also made at the corner of Jasper and McDougall on paving the track allowance with concrete, which at the present time promises to be satisfactory, although no definite opinion can be given as to its merits until the winter is past.

The bituminous paving done during the season is as follows: Jasper avenue, Kinistino to Syndicate; Kinistino avenue, Jasper to Boyley; Fraser avenue, and Fourth street to the C.N.R. tracks. The approximate cost of this paving is \$125,000.

Plank sidewalks and crossings have been constructed on a more extensive scale than ever before. The money spent in this work was about \$16,000.

## OBTAINED EVIDENCE BY A PIECE OF STRATEGY

U. S. Department of Justice Secured a number of well known American financiers in the investigation of the Monopoly Revealed.

Washington, D.C., Nov. 19.—The department of justice in its investigation of the so-called Electric Trust has gathered records which, to the minds of the investigators, show that the General Electric company and the Westinghouse company have agreed to end competition. It is expected to establish that the American Telephone and Telegraph company, which has just absorbed the Western Union, was being made a party in interest along with the so-called street railway trust.

## THREATEN LIVES OF FINANCIERS

Plot Against Eight American Men of Money, Originating in Barcelona.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 19.—A plot originating in Spain to assassinate a number of well known American financiers, is brought to light through a series of mysterious letters sent to the various stock exchanges of the city from Barcelona, Spain.

Members of the Chicago Stock Exchange are reticent regarding the matter. Frederick D. Coultas, the president, declared that he had received three of the startling letters during the past month and that the board had already started an investigation.

The American men of finance to whose funeral various members of the stock exchanges were invited are: James B. Duke, the head of the American Tobacco Company; John B. Cobb, G. C. Dula, Pierre Lorillard, George Arens, August Belmont, Thomas F. Ryan and John W. Gates, all of the men having been interested in such a more or less degree in the tobacco business.

At first it was thought that the letters were from some fanatic but the continuation and their speciousness caused them to be considered serious enough to warrant an investigation by the board of directors of the stock exchange.

Hot Bed of Anarchy. Barcelona has been the hot bed of anarchy for some years. It is believed by stock exchange members that some society of anarchists in the Spanish city decreed the death of the American capitalists and issued the "funeral invitations" as a warning of the tragedies to follow. The three letters received by the Chicago Stock exchange were entirely different with the exception that they bore the names of the same men and threatened the first warning came to Mr. Coultas four weeks ago.

The second came two weeks later and the last one yesterday.

Certain speculators in tobacco declare that the letters came from a dissatisfied faction of Cuban tobacco growers, who in order to frighten American brokers who are supposed to control the price of tobacco in this country, sent agents to Spain who mailed the letters with the desire of causing the impression that Barcelona anarchists had decided upon the death of the eight men.

Say They Came From South. Others were positive that the letters came from the Anti-Equity Tobacco Growers of Kentucky and were sent with the intention of frightening the big tobacco buyers and manufacturers. Members of the stock exchange, however, believe that the matter is more serious than at first supposed and are starting the investigation with the expectation of blocking any alleged assassination plans.

The New York stock exchange and those of other cities will be asked for assistance in the running down of the senders of the mysterious letters.

Death Due to Switch Engine. Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 19.—The jury on the death of George Schmalck find that he came to his death on the 15th day of November, 1909, as the result of injuries sustained by being struck by switch engine No. 99 of the Canadian Northern railway company, while walking on the track of the Canadian Northern railway, east of the Pembina street crossing, on the morning of the 15th day of November, 1909 at 7:30 a.m.

## WIFE POISONING SUSPECTED

Archie McLaughlin Arrested by Detective Greer.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 19.—Detective Greer, of the provincial police force, today arrested Archie McLaughlin, suspected of poisoning his wife. On October 29, McLaughlin's house at Bridge, was discovered after and his wife and two boys perished from what was supposed to be suffocation. No public was not satisfied and an inquest was ordered. After several sittings the inquest adjourned and the attorney-general's department ordered the arrest.

## STRONG PROTEST MADE AGAINST TRUST IDEA

Much Interest Taken in Announcement of Legislation—Two Methods of Curbing Illegal Combinations of Capital.

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—Considerable interest is taken in the announcement in the speech from the throne respecting legislation as to combinations in restraint of trade. In view of the number of mergers being effected the utterance is significant. No hint of the form of the proposed legislation has yet been given, but two courses are available, one is to remove the protective duty on the products of such a merger, and the other is to render more effective the statute making the individual members of such combinations criminally responsible.

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## PROVIDE SITES FOR COLLEGES

Important Meeting of University Senate—Official Visit of Lieutenant Governor.

What is considered one of the most important meetings yet held by the senate of the University of Alberta took place at the university last evening. It is understood that several reports on the work of the year were submitted by the executive of the board and that these were given general approval. The financial statement showed the university to be in a highly satisfactory position and the report on the work of the current year showed an enrollment in the university classes of 103.

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CHANGE POLLING DAY. Municipal Elections in Toronto Not to Be on January 1st.

Toronto, Nov. 19.—The date of service terminations will be December 23, or nine days before polling on January 1st. New Year's Day comes on Saturday, which is recognized as an unsuitable day for the holding of the municipal elections, but the statute so provides. It is stated that the reason why Controller Geary was so anxious to extend the polling hours until 7 p.m. was to give Jewish voters, of whom there are 1,000 in St. John's Ward, a fair chance to turn out. As Saturday is the Hebrew Sabbath, which lasts until sundown, there is reason to expect a congestion at the polls, between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.