

### MOVE FOR REFORM OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS ON THE WANE

#### Its War-Time Rise in Popular Esteem Silenced Most Critics of British Upper House.

London, April 27.—(Special Correspondence.)—One of the odd things about the present political situation in Great Britain is the attempt of the "die hards," the little group of reactionaries, to force public re-estimation of the House of Lords.

It is a striking indication that the times have changed, for it was not so long ago the cry for House of Lords reform came from Liberals and Conservatives, while Tories stoutly defended the Upper House as "the very ark of the Constitution."

But all that sort of things died away with the passing of the Parliament Act of 1911, which cut the claws of the peers, and put an end to their old power of delaying indefinitely legislation of which they did not approve.

Today the House of Lords stands higher in the public estimation than ever before in modern times. In part this is due to the opportunity it was given during the war, the Upper House is a much freer form of discussion than is the House of Commons.

But a larger reason for the growth of the Upper House in the public estimation is the fact that it has become greatly altered in character and personnel. It is no longer a closed preserve of the old nobility and the landed interests.

Things Done Differently Then. A century or so ago, it would have been looked upon as something of a constitutional outrage to have conferred a peerage on a man who, like Lord Riddell, was a lawyer.

But other than business men have found their way into what was, of old, "the preserve of birth." The "taint of honor" is not so pure a stream as one could desire; it is too often worked for the replenishment of party chests.

It used to be said of a certain club in London—not the Athenaeum—that if you joined its dinner table any evening, you would be sure to rub shoulders with someone who was an expert in his particular line.

But if the House has thus risen in estimation, why, it will be asked, do Conservatives, of all people, want to reform it? "Why not leave it alone?"

### IS THIS A "LOVING-PIPE?"



We've all heard of Loving-Cups, out here we see Harold Lloyd and Mildred Davis trying to enjoy a "Loving-Pipe" in the big Associated Exhibitors' comedy, "A Father-Made Man."

### RUSSIANS ACT LIKE LIZARDS; MOVE LIKE ANTS, SAY ALLIES

#### British See Them Crawling Into Holes and Popping Out Unexpectedly—Italians Say, "Like Ants They Wander in Different Directions, But Get There."

Genoa, April 28.—"Oriental bargaining" is the way the British delegation describes the tactics of the Russian experts.

"The Russians are like so many lizards," say the British. "They crawl into their holes, then come out in unexpected places. It isn't the written proposals which are so remarkable, but the amazing explanations and interpretations of these."

"Russian tactics when discussing any subject may be compared to the movement of an ant," said the Italian spokesman today. "The ant goes slowly, wanders in different directions, but finally gets there. The Russians do likewise; they are the opposite of the businesslike, straightforward Anglo-Saxons."

### GERMANS SEE WAR IN SPEECH OF POINCARE

#### Believe France Will Not Hesitate to Carry Out Military Programme.

Berlin, April 28.—The Germans have weighed every word of Premier Poincare's speech, particularly that part dealing with possible sanctions (penalties) should Germany not fulfill the conditions of the last note of the Reparations Commission.

The Tag asserts that "France stands isolated before the world. The time has come for England and the Powers to use vigorous measures against this disturber of the peace of the world."

For Passive Resistance. They look for outside political events to turn in their favor. Also, there is a growing passive resistance toward the catastrophic policy which the French would impose.

### TORIES USE GENOA TO HIT LLOYD GEORGE

#### Die-Hards Hope to Use Discard as Base for Attacking Premier.

London, April 28.—The reconvening of the House of Commons today will be the signal for the reopening of the fight on Premier Lloyd George by the scattered Tory "die hards," using the troubles at Genoa as a new club against the Government.

It is expected that they will proclaim that the Prime Minister already has failed at Genoa and that it is useless to go on when he is only leading Europe deeper and deeper into the mire of misunderstanding.

The tremendous home interest in the budget programme, it is regarded, will soon quiet complaints about the trend of the Genoa conference.

### CANT EVACUATE SIBERIA AT THE PRESENT TIME

#### More Troops Needed, Says Japanese Delegate—Blames Chita for Dairen Failure.

Tokyo, April 27.—M. Matsumura, the Japanese delegate at the Dairen Conference, insists that the evacuation of Siberia is now impossible and that the present troops are insufficient and should be strengthened.

The Chita version of Article X is that "the Government of the Far East, respecting the interests of the republic, will grant the Japanese subjects concessions in mining and forestry industries," and also "the right to participate in Russian companies."

The funeral of Cecil Jordan was held Saturday afternoon from his home in Hilliard street to Cedar Hill. Rev. Dr. D. Hutchinson conducted service.

### Women of Sweden May Be On Equal Footing With Men

#### Bill Introduced Into Riksdag Would Give Them Right to Hold Office.

Stockholm, April 30.—Admission of women to nearly all public offices on an equal footing with men is provided in a bill soon to be submitted to the Riksdag by the government.

The principle of equality of the sexes in public service was virtually accepted by the Riksdag last year and the purpose of the present bill is to put it into practice from January 1, 1922.

There will be nothing to bar women from other high executive offices in public life heretofore regarded as reserved for men alone.

### Once Great Military Dump Reverts To Wilderness of Sand

#### Passing of El Kantara Marks Demise of "War Baby" Soldier City.

Cairo, April 30.—What was once considered the greatest military dump in the world, El Kantara, the British army base on the east side of the Suez Canal, has now almost entirely reverted to the wilderness of sand and silence whence it rose.

There were erected enclosures for cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, fodder, for great guns and small caliber carts. Later there appeared enclosures for prisoners and the miscellaneous quarters and barracks that made up a great war center.

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Product of British Manufacturers and Industries to be Shown to World. London, April 30.—Under the auspices of the British World Trade Expedition, the 9,000 ton steamship known as British Trade, will sail in June from the port of London on a cruise around the world.

The cruise will occupy 257 days of which 118 will be exhibition days at the various ports. In a voyage of 28,000 miles, the steamer will visit thirty ports, including Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo, Buenos Ayres, and the chief ports in South America, Australia, Tasmania, the South Sea Islands, Japan, the Straits of Settlements, Ceylon, India, Egypt and the Mediterranean.

### Obituary

Joanna Adam. The death of Joanna Adam occurred suddenly at the Provincial Hospital yesterday. The deceased had been in failing health for some years.

Timothy L. Daly. Roselle Park, April 26.—Timothy L. Daly, 63 years old, a resident here for the past twelve years, died last night at his home, 106 Union Street.

George H. McEllan. St. Stephen, April 30.—George H. McEllan, one of our most respected citizens, died at illness of about two weeks. He was for many years a well known and popular engineer on the C. P. R. running between St. Stephen and Woodstock and retired on pension about three years ago because of failing health.

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