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NOTE!—We are just in receipt of a few Grey Squirrel Throw-Over Scarfs, and intending purchasers had better see them at once. Also, we have a few Marmot Throw-Overs, at \$1.90 each. A special lot of Marmot Scarfs, at only \$1.00 each. And good value in Marmot Muffs, at \$1.80 each.

Henry Blair.

The Evening Telegram.

W. J. HERDER, Proprietor. . . . W. F. LLOYD, Editor.

St. John's, Newfoundland, January 12, 1910.

Lords vs. Commons.

Can the Liberal party at home keep the question of the rejection of the Budget by the House of Lords the one great dominating issue of the General Election?

This appears to us the crux of the electoral situation. The curbing of the House of Lords by statutory authority is a great plank in the Liberal platform. There are many difficulties in the way of doing it, and we hope shortly to discuss the Reform of the House of Lords, according to Conservative proposals with a view to strengthening it; and according to Liberal proposals with a view to weakening it, and the prevention of future aggrandisement of parliamentary power and the usurpation of the right of rejecting Budgets. Both parties are anxious for a change in the status of the House of Lords. The question is what the change shall be. Balfour wants to reform the House of Lords to strengthen it, and this is not surprising as the House of Lords becomes his chief party weapon of offence and defence whenever he loses the confidence of the Electorate and is put in a minority in the House of Commons. Asquith's declared policy is to take away from the House of Lords by statute the power of interfering with money bills.

A severe constitutional struggle is foreshadowed, and on its result will depend whether the centre of political gravity is to remain as it is at present with the people in the House of Commons, or is to shift to a ring of plutocrats in the House of Lords. By slow steps and continued struggles for the control of the purse, the constitution has developed into a party system, where the centre of political gravity is in the House of Commons and the ultimate political sovereignty is in the electorates. The House of Lords has thrown the constitution into the melting pot, and there will be much heat and other energy spent ere it comes out in its final form. How it does come out is a matter of moment to civilization. If the Lords win the final bout, then good by to the sovereignty of the electorates, for we shall have the worst form of an oligarchy dominant, viz., a plutocracy.

By the growth of control over the raising and expenditure of public moneys, the People's House obtained predominance in the state, and by that means the electorates has become the "political" sovereign. This feature of the constitution has been expounded by

Austin and Dicey and has now become common-place. But it is this very feature of the Constitution that is at stake at the present time. True it is that the House of Lords makes a show of consulting the electorate and finding out the will of the people as to the Budget. The House of Lords in form is bowing to the people for a time purely for the purpose of strengthening their own estate of the realm. Once permit them to acquire the usage of rejecting and amending Budgets, then the House of Lords will no longer be subordinate in power. They will not even be co-ordinate. They will become the dominating and controlling House of Parliament, and the discussion and debate in the House of Commons will be mere skirmishes preliminary to the decision that counts which will be made in the House of Lords.

Once let this state of affairs come about in Great Britain, then a Ring Rule worse than that which prevails in America will come about. Once let the Lords of land, like Westminster and Sutherland; the Lords of banking, like Rothschild, Averbury, Rosebery; the lords of alcohol, like Burton; and so on, become dominant, then the Commons will fall. Once upon a time the House of Lords represented birth; then it became the House of Landlord; then the Indian nabobs were added. At the present time it represents the lords of land, banking, manufacture, ship-building, mining, shipping, commerce, medicine, law, administration. It is truly a meeting house of the magnates in the land, especially of wealth. Never before did it represent affluence and standing so completely as it does today. Let such a body as this once obtain a mastery over the constitution, then the Trade rings in America will not be in it, with the control which such a group would exercise.

Never before has such a mighty issue been put to the electorates. Will Asquith be able to make the electorates realize what is at stake? Can he make it loom in the eyes of voters as big as it really is? If he can, we have no doubt as to the result. If he cannot and Balfour succeeds in making the German scare the issue of the campaign, Balfour may win, and the House of Lords will win the first round in a constitutional struggle which will dwarf into insignificance the Reform fight of the Early Thirties, as the work of centuries will have

been undone, and the last state of affairs will be worse than anything that has gone before, such as the autocracy of a King the dominance of a caste. Autocracies are bad enough. Aristocracies are worse. But plutocracies are the worst form of Government ever devised. May Asquith and his party avert the danger.

"Thelma."

Owing to the enormous success of "Michael Strogoff" being presented by the Robinson-Allworth Dramatic Co. and the time it takes to prepare "Thelma" properly, and the many requests for "Strogoff" another night, the management has decided to continue the piece for to-night as enormous crowds are seeing the play nightly. "Thelma," Marie Corelli's wonderful play of Nova and English life, will be given by the Robinson-Allworth Dramatic Co. at the People's Theatre, on Thursday and Friday nights. Had Miss Corelli sought a heroine for this drama she could not have found an actress better fitted for the title role than Miss Julia Morton, whose Northern beauty and rare poise and ability and exquisite art make her the ideal selection for this complex character, with its mystic moments, its childish purity of mind and physical beauty; Miss Morton has earned much praise for her performance of this role in the principal cities of the United States, and an artistic treat awaits those who will witness this performance. W. D. Steadman should be delighted as the frank, manly Errington, and one can easily sympathize with Thelma in her love for Errington, played by this stirring actor, who has become so strong a favorite in St. John's. Mr. Jess Sydney will be the Viking father of Thelma, a role of great strength, which will afford him opportunity for strong dramatic work. Algernon Eden will be seen as the villain who tries to separate Thelma from Errington, and Miss Margaret Lee as his duped and accomplice should give excellent satisfaction. E. E. Horton and Cecil Magnus will be the English and French friends of Errington, and will furnish the comedy of the play. Miss Ardis Allworth, as Britta, will have a sprightly role, which should fit her personality and make her a thing of joy in the excellent comedy scenes. The organization is working very hard to make this play one of the most enjoyable yet presented at the People's Theatre. Three new specialties between the acts by the Crews, Miss Ardis Allworth and Mr. Jess Sydney, who will repeat his famous Italian song that made such a great hit on Christmas, "My Brud Sylvest."

The story from which the above Drama is taken was published in the Evening Telegram a few years ago.

Personal Notes.

Sir Robert Bond arrived from White-bourne to-day.
J. P. Hearn arrived from Brigus to-day.
Mr. M. F. O'Toole arrived in town from Conception Harbor to-day.
Mr. Joseph Cantwell, of Brigus, is in town and staying at the Crosbie.
Mr. P. Mansfield arrived in town last night.
Hon. James Angel celebrated his 72nd birthday to-day. He was born at Halifax in 1838 and is yet hale and hearty. We extend congratulations. May he celebrate many more.
Mr. A. S. and Mrs. Rendell went to England by the express last evening.
Rev. L. Burrows, who had been conducting service at St. Andrew's Church, returned to Halifax by the express yesterday.
Hon. S. Milley left by the express for England yesterday to buy spring goods.
Capt. Eli Dave returned from Bay Roberts by train last night.

Marine Notes.

The s.s. Louise will sail for the north at midnight.
The Mackey-Bennett will sail tomorrow to continue cable work.
The s.s. Uddus sailed for Liverpool to-day, taking a large freight.
The D. M. Hilton, with a load of fish for A. Goodridge & Sons from Nipper's Harbor, is supposed to have left Catalina to-day for St. John's.
The H. R. Silver hauled up to Goodridge's wharf to-day to load fish for market.

Coastal Boats.

The Argyle arrived here from Piacentia this forenoon.
The Dundee is due from Bonavita Bay this evening, having left King's Cove at 5.30 a.m. to-day.
The Glencoe left Harbor Breton at 3.10 p.m. yesterday and is due at Port aux Basques to-day.
The Home left Piacentia at 4.20 p.m. yesterday on the Red Island route.
The Invermore arrived at Port aux Basques at 10.40 a.m. to-day.
The Clyde, left Lewisport to-day coming south.

Russia's 'Mutton King.'

There is only one man in the world who owns 35,000 sheep dogs, and he is a Russian. Some people call him the "Russian Mutton King." He is the largest owner of sheep anywhere. They written the Siberian plains for hundreds of square miles, and the whole of the flocks which he owns total up to 1,750,000 sheep. Gustav Jovanovich is his name. We are not in the habit of thinking of Russian millionaires, and yet a man whose flocks necessitate 35,000 sheep dogs to keep them in order (one dog to fifty sheep) must be a millionaire or more.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

S.S. Bloomfield Arrives Short of Coal.

The s.s. Bloomfield, Capt. Thos. O'Neill, arrived here this morning from Manchester short of coal. The steamer was on the way to New Orleans via Norfolk, S.C., with a load of creosote. She left Manchester on the 26th of December and met very stormy weather, high seas and head winds. Capt. O'Neill finding the coal running short attempted to get to Halifax but had to abandon that idea and make for St. John's. She had the usual supply of coal for an Atlantic voyage, but the quality was inferior and it burned out very quickly. Bowring Bros. are the agents and Harvey & Co. will supply her with 350 tons of coal. Tasker Cook will supply the provisions. The Bloomfield is 4,450 tons gross, 4,163 tons net, and is a three-masted steel screw steamer, built in 1899 by the Tyne Iron Steamship Building Co. and is owned by Hunting & Son, Registered at Newcastle. She flies the British flag and carries petroleum and other oils in bulk. She is 350 feet long, 50.2 feet width of beam, 22.5 depth and 430 N.H.P. She is lighted throughout with electricity.

Here and There.

The s.s. Bonaventure is due from Sydney.
WIRES DOWN.—The telegraph wires to Old Perlican are down to-day.
THE BOARD OF TRADE.—The annual meeting of the Board of Trade will take place next Monday.
ARGYLE ARRIVED.—The Argyle arrived here from Piacentia at 11 a.m. to-day to be overhauled and repaired.
ON THE CALYPSO.—There are now 70 Reservists on board the Calypso. They are joining every day, five or six coming in by each train.
TEA MEETING.—The ladies of St. Patrick's Catechism Class will give a tea to the children of the classes in the British Hall shortly.
LIVE WIRE.—There was a live wire down at the head of Deles Square this morning. A policeman was there guarding it and warning passers-by.
MEN GOING TO SYDNEY.—A large number of men came from Carbonear by train to Piacentia to-day to join the s.s. Coban for Sydney, where they will go to work with the Coal Companies.

Drawing Course.

Professor Nichols yesterday delivered a practical lecture on the teaching of drawing to some 40 city teachers who assembled in Parade Street Methodist School. The course is eminently practical and Mr. Nichols and the teachers were both busy with chalk and pencil for an hour and a half.

Train Notes.

The shore train arrived on time last night bringing Mr. Summers and bride, P. Mansfield, S. Thomey, S. Thompson, Capt. E. Dawe, D. J. Cantwell, Mrs. Sheppard and 20 others.
The new rotary plough was out yesterday and ran from Bay of Islands to Howley. There is not enough snow down to test its powers.
The local arrived from Carbonear at 12.40 p.m. to-day bringing 40 passengers, including Sir Robert Bond, M. F. O'Toole and J. P. Hearn.
The west bound express left Benton at 7.25 a.m. to-day.
The incoming express left Port aux Basques at 11.10 a.m. to-day and is due here at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

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The Mayflower sailed for Gibraltar to-day with 4,000 qts. of fish for A. Goodridge & Son.
The s.s. Coban finished discharging her coal cargo to-day at Piacentia and will sail for Sydney to-night.
The s.s. Florizel is supposed to have left New York to-day for St. John's.
The Rosina sailed for Pernambuco to-day with 4,074 qts. of fish for A. Goodridge & Sons.
The Gladys B. sailed for Barbados to-day with 750 qts. fish.
The Empire, Capt. Scanlan, is ready to sail for Oporto to-day with 2,800 qts. of fish.

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This morning, Susan Brooking, beloved wife of James Jardine; funeral from her late residence, Cochrane Street, on Friday, at 2.30 p.m. Friends will please accept this, the only, intimation.

Recital at Cochrane Street Church.

The Recital at Cochrane St. Church to-morrow evening promises to be an enjoyable event. A comfortable church, a magnificent organ and a good choir make a splendid combination. A selection of the best of the music prepared for Christmas will be given. Mr. Mews will play two organ solos; Miss Herder sings "Noel," and Miss Webb gives a violin selection, "Adoration" by Borowaki. The Recital commences at eight o'clock. Admission is free and ushers will be present to welcome those who desire to attend. Collection in aid of the choir fund.

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Austrian Cabinet Crisis

VIENNA, Jan. 11. The proposed cabinet of Dr. Ledebauer von Lukacs having failed to meet the approval of Emperor Francis, the latter in audience to-day entrusted Count Kuenen von Pardarffy with the responsibility of forming a new ministry.

Dangerously Ill.

LONDON, Jan. 11. A rumour has been current to-day that the aged Emperor of Austria, Francis Joseph, is dangerously ill. So far, no confirmation of the rumour has been received.

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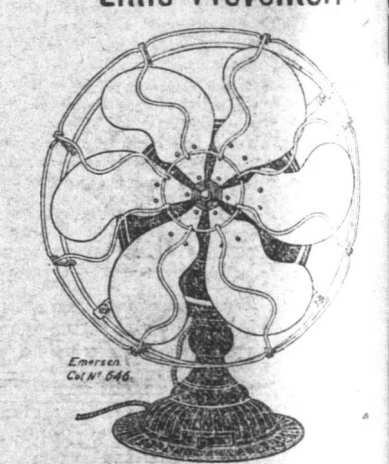
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Veteran Editor Deplores Tendency Towards Confounding Newspaper Men With the Police and the Scavenger.

Deprecating the tendency of the newspaper profession of to-day toward sensationalism, Colonel Henry Watterson, the venerable editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, addressed the members of the national Press Club in this city at a reception in his honour, on the personal relation of the newspaper toward the public. Mr. Watterson is on his way home after an extensive European trip.

"Pretending to be the especial defenders of liberty we are becoming the invaders of private right," continued Colonel Watterson. "No household seems any longer safe against intrusion. Our reporters are being turned into detectives. As surely as this be not checked we shall grow to be the objects of fear and hatred, instead of trust and respect. Some one ought to organize an intelligent and definite movement toward the bettering of what has reached alarming proportions. I say this in your interest as well as the interest of the public and the profession, for I am sure that you are gentlemen and want to be considered so, whereas the work you are often set to do is the reverse of gentlemanly. It subjects you to aversion and contempt—brings you and a high and mighty calling into disrepute—by confusing the purpose and functions of the newspaper with those of the police and the scavenger. I have been proud of that calling all my life, and when I go to my account I want to see a clean and honored flag flying from the masthead."

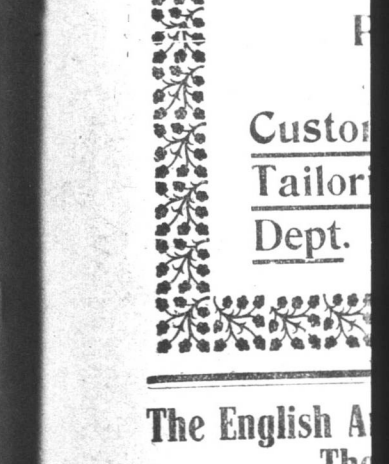
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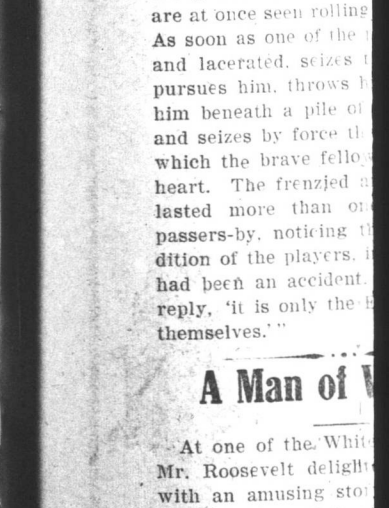
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