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LONDON, THURSDAY, NOV. 24.

THE BRITISH CONFLICT.

There is probably more politics than repentance in the offer of the House of Lords to reform itself at this juncture. It was so confident of its security until recently that it light-heartedly destroyed nearly every important measure sent up by the House of Commons from January, 1906, until the dissolution of Parliament four years later. Having torn the constitution into tatters by rejecting the budget last year, it cried "revolution!" when the Government asked the country for a mandate to prevent a repetition of the treatment the popular chamber had received for four years. Today the House of Lords pretends to bend to the storm it has provoked, but it is not likely that indignation will be appeased by such a reform as is proposed in the Rosebery resolutions. These provide in effect:

"That in future the House of Lords shall consist of lords of Parliament."
"Chosen by the whole body of hereditary peers from among themselves and by nomination by the crown."
"Sitting by virtue of offices and of qualifications held by them."
"Chosen from outside."

A House so constituted would be as emphatically and chronically one-sided as the present chamber has been. Today there are at least a few Liberal hereditary peers, who have unselfishly supported the Government's progressive programme, but there would be none if the whole body of hereditary peers had the choosing. Scotland voted overwhelmingly for the Government in January, but a few weeks later the Scottish peers met and elected sixteen of their number, all Unionists, to sit in the House of Lords. They refused re-election to the one peer who had dared to vote for the budget. This is an illustration of what would happen under the Rosebery plan. There would be a sprinkling of Liberals sitting by virtue of office, or elected from the county councils, but the bias of such a chamber would be as distinctly against the Liberal party as it has been at any time in the history of the House of Lords.

Lord Lansdowne has moved supplementary resolutions providing that in the case of a difference of opinion the House of Commons and the reformed House of Lords shall meet in joint conference, and that if they fail to reach an agreement by this process, there shall be a referendum. The House of Lords has never differed from a Conservative House of Commons, and, of course, there would be no joint conferences and no references to the people under a Conservative Government. But the House of Lords would continually obstruct a Liberal Government, and there would be a succession of plebiscites which could not be divorced from party politics, and which would be in reality a series of general elections, in which the House of Lords and the Conservative party, being in Opposition, would have nothing to lose. The referendum is wholly foreign to spirit of the British political system, of which ministerial and parliamentary responsibility is the corner-stone. Under the Rosebery-Lansdowne scheme, the dice would be always loaded against the Liberal party.

The House of Lords, even if its absolute veto were abolished, would retain a great measure of power, which legitimately belongs to a second chamber, especially if the parliamentary term were reduced to five years, as proposed by the Government. The peers would be able to retard any measure for three sessions or two years, during which public opinion would be crystallized. As a matter of fact the Government would be able to carry out measures brought forward in the first half of the parliamentary term—which would be normally four years, as in Canada—when the House of Commons would be fresh from the people. It is a gross misrepresentation, therefore, to say that the British Liberal party aims at single-chamber government.

FIXED ASSESSMENTS FOR MANUFACTURERS.
Applications for fixed assessments have been made by several manufacturers. There are considerations justifying a fixed assessment for a factory which do not apply to the assessment of any other class of property.

A factory is capital which must be put into the business by the proprietor himself and risked upon his success or failure. It is not a sound banking principle to lend capital to a manufacturer, except what may be required from time to time for specific business purposes. The advances are short date loans which the bank can call in. Loan companies, insurance companies and private money lenders who loan on the security of real estate are not supposed to loan on factories because of their uncertain value. As going concerns they may be very valuable, but in adverse circumstances the value suddenly shrinks or disappears. Two local instances may be given. For many years the Globe Agricultural Implement Works were highly prosperous, and the late James Durand, who was an expert, valued the land, buildings, and machinery at about \$110,000. Adversity came, and they were, after several years' delay, with difficulty sold for about \$26,000. The late John Elliott conducted the well-known Phoenix Agricultural Works on the corner of Wellington and Bathurst streets. He afterwards built the brick factory occupied by Dymott, Baker & Co. For many years London had no more successful industrial establishment. It was known from coast to coast. Mr. Elliott paid taxes on an assessment of over \$50,000, but when circumstances compelled the wheels to stop the property was sold for \$16,500. These are facts, which support the contention that a factory should not be assessed for the cost of erection or for its value as a going concern. Other municipalities are only too eager to tempt industries from London, and the city cannot afford to treat manufacturers less indulgently.

A QUESTION OF PARTY PRINCIPLE.

Here is an extract from a speech by Mr. Blondin, M. P. for Champlain, Que., delivered on Wednesday, Nov. 2:

"England did not take Canada for love, or to plant the cross of religion, as the French did, but in order to plant their trading posts, and make money. The only liberties we have are those we won by force, and today England tries to dominate its colonies as Imperial Rome once did."

And this is what Mr. Blondin said yesterday in the House of Commons, in reference to the part played by himself and other anti-Government speakers in Drummond.

"We remained true, faithful to our King, our country, and our party, and to what we think are the principles of the Liberal-Conservative party."

How do Ontario Conservatives like it?

This city ought to be nearly ripe for some change in the system of municipal government. Heavy and continued snowfalls will be welcomed as a means of hiding the Dundas and Richmond street pavements.

The suffragettes may have been trying to disprove the theory that women should be disqualified from governing the state because the security of the state rests upon force.

If the Senate of Canada had behaved as the House of Lords has done, it wouldn't have been as leniently treated as the British Liberals propose to treat the hereditary chamber.

The Hamilton Herald favors a Senate elected by large constituencies, with a voters' age limit of 30. Undoubtedly this would confer greater power on the Senate, but at the expense of the House of Commons. The election methods of the Nationalists in Drummond were fully exposed in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Brodeur and Dr. Beland. The exposure serves to emphasize the hypocrisy of Mr. Laverge's speech in Toronto.

The beautiful and brilliant Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of the M. P. for Blackburn, England, is coming to the city to lecture on the mother of parliaments and the woman's movement. Mrs. Snowden is a suffragist, not a suffragette, so that she will have no apologies to make.

TOLSTOI'S LIFE.
[Montreal Witness.]
Summed up, Tolstoy's life has been one of the great things of the century. We are too near him yet to realize his influence. But his "discovery" that the welfare of the individual and of the world is to be found in obedience to the Gospel teaching is a truth to which all society must come sometime. He interpreted the teaching with a literalness to which few of us can give adhesion, but this is the way with prophets, and without it his life would have lacked much of its starting influence on the world—the vision of a man, in an age of expediency, living upon the height of his highest convictions would have lost its tremendous meaning.

FRIGHTFULLY VAIN.
[Philadelphia Record.]
Polly-Mollie's fiancée is awfully con-cited.
Dolly-In what way?
Polly-He has never told her how unworthy he was of her.

EVERYTHING IN RELATIVE.
[Chicago News.]
First Microbe—I come of a very powerful race.
Second Microbe—You haven't got anything on me. I had a grandfather who was almost big enough to be seen by the naked eye.

THE SELFISH VIEW.
[Washington Star.]
"Do you want cheaper postage?"
"I don't know," replied the man who considers only his own interests. "I don't write many letters myself, and I don't see why I should be eager to make it easier for the men who send me bills."

UNHAPPY TITLE.
[Catholic Standard and Times.]
Tess—Mad at him? Why, he wrote a lovely poem to her.
Jess—Yes, but she never read it. When she saw the title of it she tore the whole thing up in a fit of anger. You see, he called it "Lines on Mabel's face."

WHAT WAS LACKING.
[Cleveland Leader.]
The Hobo—Please, mum, I'm a sick man. De doctor gimme dis medicine, but I needs assistance in takin' it.
The Lady—Poor fellow! Do you want a spoon and a glass of water?
The Hobo—No, mum, I wouldn't trou-

ble yer. But dis medicine haster be took before meals. Have yer got a meat handy?

AWFUL WASTE.
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"Wasn't it awful for that poet to commit suicide the way he did?"
"Yes," replied the wife of the hotel-keeper. "It was. The gas was turned on full-head all night."

MOTHER OF PARLIAMENTS.

[Stratford Beacon.]
There must be a high principle behind the members of the British Parliament who cheered the announcement of a new election, notwithstanding that they knew it meant to them a very personal expenditure, probably \$5,000 or more, with the possibility of their not being returned to the House—and that on top of an equal expenditure less than a year ago. This action, taken in connection with the fact that the members receive no salary or indemnity for their parliamentary services, is strong proof that their hearts are in the work. No other such self-sacrificing body of legislators exists in the world. It is well named the Mother of Parliaments, and it is a high example to all the nations of the earth in self-sacrifice.

CARRIES IT LIGHTLY.

[Hamilton Herald.]
Sir Wilfrid Laurier has entered upon his 70th year, but is still able to carry a heavier burden of responsibility than any other man in the country, and to carry it with apparent ease.

TOO FEVERISH.

[Toronto Star.]
If Britain is to have its parliamentary crisis forever it should put the thing on ice.

REVENGE.

[Chicago News.]
Morrison—I bet the man who ran his auto over Snodgrass is a bad fellow.
Harrison—Why do you think so?
Morrison—Snodgrass was wearing a scarf-pin that punctured the fellow's tire.

LONDON.

[Times Spectator.]
For me no dark, deserted lane
With muddy footprints, leafless banks,
But shops that shine the more for rain,
The friendly flashing window pane,
The watchful cabs in glittering ranks,
Those country lamps burn thick and brown.

Beside the lights of London Town.
That heavy golden plume, flung high
As though to challenge peering stars;
The whir of light where "taxis" fly,
And grave Big Ben against the sky;
The moving lines of broadland cars,
The great lights meaning up and down—
All these are ours in London Town.

Like captured moons the pale arcs flare,
Flicker a moment, and blaze;
Above each quiet, sombre square,
Through evening wind or morning air,
The distant drone of traffic strays;
Let other cities smile or frown,
Their magic fades by London Town.

No other voice our souls can fret
With such desire when memory calls;
The empire circle widens, yet
Its furthest bounds are stayed and set.
Here, where the flying message falls,
And all that empire's fair renown
Beats in the heart of London Town.

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY.

[Cleveland Leader.]
First Doctor—I've discovered a sure cure for a rare disease.
Second Doctor—Great! How can we make the rare disease prevalent?

WHO KNOWS?

[Popular Education.]
A boy in a C. I. C. refused to sew, evidently considering it beneath the dignity of a 19-year-old man. "George Washington sewed," said the principal, taking it for granted that a soldier must "and do you, you little fellow, better than George Washington?"
"I don't know; time will tell," said he, seriously.

WANTED HIM TO SPECIFY.

[Chicago News.]
"Will you always be true?" asked the mother's suspicious daughter, when young Sportleigh laid down his hand at her feet and begged for her hand.
"As true as steel," he cried.
"Common or preferred?" she inquired, still suspicious.

THE TRUTH WILL OUT.

[Fliegende Blätter.]
Rich Banker to his daughter's suitors: "I can tell you much of love; you know that what really attracts you is the fact that my daughter will get when she marries."
Suitors—What! No more than that?

POPE WILL DECIDE

Catholic Society Submits Three Names For New President.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—Under the new constitution granted by the Vatican, the final selection of president of the Catholic church Extension Society of Canada will be made by the pope. Three names, which have just been chosen by the board of governors, and will be forwarded to Rome, are necessary documents in connection with the nominations are prepared.

This is the suitors to whom that has been in vogue in the selection of bishops, and the conferring thereof on the society is considered a grave disservice. Spiritual favor has also been bestowed by his holiness the Pope on the members and supporters of the organization. A pontifical chancellor, who will always be the Archbishop of Toronto, and a cardinal protector at Rome, and a papal legate to the society, are also necessary documents in connection with the nominations are prepared.

It is expected that the name of the new president will be announced in about two months, and the result of the papal choice will have been converted to the secretary of the society. The new chief officer will hold office for five years.

GET MORE PAY.
Montreal Police Were Granted a General Increase in Salary.

Montreal, Nov. 23.—The board of control has decided to increase the police force by 50, and also to increase the pay of the men. Chief Campaneau attended the session, and made the statement that the pay of the third-class men was so poor that it was impossible for him to get cap and frock. He stated that the poorest paid on the continent. He also intimated that if proper police protection was to be given he must have at least two hundred additional men. The following new scale was decided upon: Third-class men, from \$500 to \$575 a year; second-class men, from \$550 to \$700; first-class men, from \$750 to \$775.

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quickly stops coughs, cures colds, heals the throat and lungs. 25 cents.

THOUGHT COURT ORDERED
A FINE OF FIFTY DOLLARS

Started to Count It Over But the Court Had Only Threatened.

John Grayson, a drayman, who appeared in the police court today on the charge of leaving his horse to wander in the street, while he was in a hotel, was quite prepared to pay a \$50 fine if it had been imposed. He was, however, merely threatened to inflict such a penalty on him should he appear again, but Grayson thought that amount was to be the fine this time, and straightway commenced to flip the greenbacks over to Police Clerk Moule. He took the money back without the slightest emotion when informed that no fine would be imposed this time, and left the court after promising to take the total abstinence pledge. His case was adjourned one week.

Jerry Brown, the man who sold an overcoat worth \$25 to a Levy for \$10, told the court that a tall, slim stranger had given him the coat to sell, and that he had used the money to obtain liquor. Magistrate Love didn't like the story, and the detectives are still endeavoring to discover just how the coat came into Brown's possession. The case was further adjourned.

GRAFT INVESTIGATIONS
STARTED AT WOODSTOCK

Judge Snider Will Make a Very Thorough Inquiry.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Woodstock, Nov. 24.—There were no doings in the Oxford gaff investigation this morning. Judge Snider, George T. Blackstock and Mr. Cameron will hold a consultation this afternoon in Toronto to decide on a course of action. Some cases, in which complete evidence has been obtained, will likely be heard first, and in two of these the witnesses are close to the city and will be at any time.

The transactions to be gone into cover over a dozen years, and many witnesses who would have been most valuable in disclosing the truth have died or left for parts unknown.

This investigation was partly gone into before County Judge Finkle about eighteen months ago, but nothing then came of it. The present county council resolved to find out the truth, and got a promise from Premier Whitney that if they gathered together sufficient evidence to justify it the Government would issue a royal commission to pay all expenses, with the exception of a solicitor to prepare the evidence to be put before the attorney-general when deciding on the wisdom of issuing a commission.

How many are implicated in the alleged crooked dealings is not known, but a king of the road is about that punishment shall be meted out to all the guilty. Detectives employed by the investigation are said to have evidence enough to put some behind bars. Graft is said to have occurred in the purchase of all the machinery and implements used on the county roads, even to shovels, on which a take-off of almost one hundred per cent has been received.

Judge Snider has not yet arrived, but advises are that he, Messrs. Blackstock and Cameron, the latter employed by the county, were in consultation in Toronto, and would be here by morning. Difficulties may be experienced in getting some of the witnesses, who are scattered all over the Dominion and the United States, but every effort will be made to have all available in the hall.

Chairman Stauffer, of the investigation committee, says the desire is either to prove the alleged graft, or to clear all concerned, and leave the character of Oxford County clean once more.

MORE SMALLPOX

Fifteen New Cases of Plague Reported in Michigan.

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 23.—The state board of health states that fifteen smallpox cases have been reported in several localities during the past 24 hours.

Brady Township, Saginaw County, reports two cases; St. Johns, Clinton County, one case; Ellsworth Township, Huron County, one case; Huron Township, Huron County, five cases. Three more cases are reported from Carrollton Township, Saginaw County, and three from the state home near Lapeer. According to the report, in the state department there have been 27 cases reported from the Lapeer institution.

Lapeer, Mich., Nov. 23.—There was one death from smallpox and one new case reported Wednesday at the state home for the feeble-minded near this city.

Dr. Frazier, health officer, of Lapeer, said, however, that several more deaths will occur before many hours. There are several patients who are ill with the malignant type and no hope is held for their recovery.

Owosso, Mich., Nov. 23.—One case of smallpox, which had previously been declared chickenpox, has been discovered in St. Johns. There is another case of suspicious illness which has also been quarantined. Moving picture shows have been closed, and all school children ordered vaccinated. The school board is debating whether to close the schools.

Gladwin, Mich., Nov. 23.—John Snyder, father of a boy named Marshall, of Saginaw, who died here of smallpox, was stricken on Wednesday with the disease. His home has been in quarantine since Mrs. Marshall became ill. This is the only case here.

BRAKESMAN KILLED

Coupling Broke and He Was Hurled From Car.

Lindsay, Nov. 23.—Cass Seaton, of this town, brakeman on the Grand Trunk Railway, died today from injuries received by being thrown from his train during a shunting process.

It appears that the top of one of the cars, and while bringing two sections together the coupling broke. The consequences were serious, causing serious injuries to his skull and other parts of his body. He was taken to the hospital and received prompt medical skill, but did not rally. He died a few hours after entering the hospital.

FATAL SHOOTING.

Gloucester, N. S., Nov. 24.—A fatal shooting accident occurred at New Waterford yesterday, which caused the death of James J. McLean. The brother of the deceased, Dan, McLean, was in one room examining an automatic revolver and thinking it unloaded, snapped the trigger.

The deceased was in an adjoining room, only a thin partition dividing. The shot went through the partition, striking McLean in the forehead, coming out at the back of the head. Deceased was 23 years old.

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WELL-TO-DO FARMER
SHOOTS HIMSELF

Arthur Brown Near Tillsonburg Found Dying in His Barn.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Tillsonburg, Nov. 23.—Arthur Brown, a well-to-do farmer living on the 10th concession, shot himself through the head in the barn at his home here today, and cannot possibly recover. Brown went out before breakfast, saying he would do up the chores. When he did not come in his little son went out to call him for breakfast and was horrified to find him in a pool of blood. Brown is about 50 years old, and had recently been very nervous. This is the only reason that can be assigned for the shooting, as he was in no financial difficulties. He has a wife and two sons.

BAKED ALIVE

Two Little Children Meet Terrible Death at Home.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Nov. 23.—Literally baked to death, the two little children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Riley, owners of the Central Hotel, were found in the living-room of the place shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon. The mother has gone insane. A coal stove that the mother had failed to shut off when she went down town to do some shopping had become so intensely hot that three-year-old Edgar and Mabel, a year and a half old, fell to the floor unconscious from the heat. So hot was the room that paint peeled from the woodwork and paper fell down from the wall, but the place did not catch fire.

The plight of the children was discovered by a roomer, who upon entering his room felt the wall. It was so hot that he thought the building was on fire. Running out into the hall, he broke in the door of the room and discovered the little children lying on the floor. Both were breathing. Grabbing both children from the floor, he carried them to the hospital. A surgeon arrived and found the children dead. The boy had been lying on his back, and the girl on her side. The heat was so great that the cloth fell apart when the two were carried out.

The mother when called home went suddenly insane when she saw the two children lying on the floor of the hall—her condition is so serious that she has been taken to a hospital.

The father is unable to say how long the children were left alone in the room. They were found near the door. The boy had apparently tried to open the door, but failed. The babe lay by the side of her brother.

BROKE RABIES BYLAW

Blair Man Heavily Fined For Shipping Dogs Out of District.

Galt, Nov. 24.—John N. Sipes, of Blair, ex-reeve of Waterloo Township, was fined \$35 and costs, amounting to \$41.10, by Magistrate Blake on a charge of sending two hounds to Farry Sound, thus breaking the rabies bylaw enacted by the Government, which forbids the shipping of dogs to uninfected districts.

J. J. Jennings, of Toronto, prosecuted for the Dominion Government, and L. L. Cook, inspector of the department of agriculture, was present. R. Flanning, of Preston, pleaded guilty for the defendant. A fine of \$35 and costs, amounting to \$41.10, was imposed.

Mr. Sipes was then charged with cruelty to animals on an information sworn out by Manager L. Harris, of the Humane Society, of Toronto, and to which defendant also pleaded guilty, and was fined \$10 and costs, amounting to \$13.30, making a total fine of \$54.40.

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Otherwise we would go out of business in a few months. "Little Digesters" will only aid the process of digestion—they will not force it.

They promote sufficient secretion of gastric juices—mildly stimulate the stomach walls, thereby causing easy, healthy and invigorating digestion.

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They are simply a scientific compound of the purest and best drugs money will buy—drugs that are famed for the promotion of proper digestion.

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