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LONDON, FRIDAY, MAY 13.

THE BRITISH POLITICAL CRISIS.

The political situation in Great Britain derives a new interest, not only from the death of the King, but from the complete statement of the Government's policy contained in the text of the veto bill which has been just issued.

It is made plain that the present settlement of the question for which the Government are pressing is to be regarded as something quite temporary. The Government propose to restrict the veto of the House of Lords, so that a measure sent up by the House of Commons can be delayed only two years by the upper chamber, but this provision is to apply only so long as the House of Lords is constituted on a hereditary basis.

The Government express their intention of placing the House of Lords on a "popular basis." When this is accomplished the whole question of the balance of power, between the two houses will be reopened.

This proposal had no place in the veto resolutions which were adopted by the House of Commons some time ago, and its incorporation in the bill has come as a surprise to all parties. It will to a certain extent disarm the Unionists, as it destroys their contention that the Government are aiming at the destruction of the two-chamber principle. The issue will not be between a unicameral and bicameral system, but between an elective second chamber and a second chamber on the Rosebery model.

The Rosebery chamber would differ from the House of Lords, chiefly in size. It would be composed mainly of peers elected exclusively by members of the peerage. No Liberal peer would have a chance of election by such a constituency. If he got into the upper chamber it would be as one of the small minority whom Lord Rosebery would graciously permit to be elected by municipal councils and certain other ancient corporations, or to be appointed by the Government of the day.

The Liberals would never accept a second chamber so constituted, and the Unionists will not consent to the elective principle unless under compulsion.

SALVATION ARMY EMIGRATION WORK.

If an estimate made by Col. Howell, secretary of the emigration department of the Salvation Army, is borne out, 150,000 people will leave the British Isles for Canada this year, of whom 5,000 will come under the army's auspices. Profiting by experience, the army is now careful to select only such persons as are likely to be self-supporting when they come to this country. The restriction laws now are such that it is impossible for any organization to dump on Canada's shores immigrants who are likely to become a public burden. The plight of such individuals, even if admitted, would be no better than it was before they left home.

The present policy of the army is to elicit to Canada only people who measure up to certain standards. They must either be skilled artisans, qualified as farm hands, or be able to fill the demand for domestic service. They must also be able to pay their own traveling expenses, instead of looking to the Army for assistance, exception in this particular being made only in "cases of unforeseen emergency arising after arrival in Canada." Persons not meeting these requirements will be assisted by the Army at home, and not sent away.

Other British charitable organizations might well follow the example set by the Salvation Army in emigration matters, instead of protesting against Canada's policy of excluding immigrants whose condition would not be improved here, and who would only prove an additional tax on Canadian charity.

THE MAINE TO BE RAISED.

There is a prospect of an early and definite settlement of the question whether the sinking of the United States battleship Maine in Havana harbor, with the loss of most of her crew, just before the outbreak of the war with Spain, was due to an internal accident or was the deliberate work of Spainiards. The destruction of the Maine undoubtedly hastened the outbreak of hostilities. The Washington Government, even if it had been so disposed, could not have withstood the wave of feeling that swept over the country. The American people, as a whole, believed that the disaster was caused by Spanish treachery, though even at the time a few Americans of high station intimated that the evidence was not conclusive.

Since the war, internal explosions

on warships have been of such frequent occurrence in other navies that increasing doubt has been cast on the anti-bellum theory. To settle the point Congress has passed a bill directing the secretary of war and board of engineers to have the wreck raised with all convenient speed. If the examination should reveal that the explosion was from within, the reflection cast upon the honor of Spain as a civilized nation will be removed. But even before the destruction of the Maine the relations of the two countries had become so strained that war was inevitable.

KING EDWARD'S ILLNESS.

The official statement of the royal physicians shows that King Edward had for years suffered from the disorders which culminated in his death. Signs of emphysema, they say, were permanently present at the bases of the lungs. It is a disease in which the cells of the lungs are distended and their partition walls ruptured by abnormal pressure of the air contained in them. This was attended by bronchial catarrh. On several occasions digestive disturbances caused the King's medical attendant to realize that he no longer had the reserve constitutional power which stood him in such splendid stead after the operation in 1902. "Any intercurrent catarrhal or bronchitic attack of a serious kind," they say, "would at once call upon both heart and lungs for their fullest effort." On his recent journey to the south, he had a severe attack of indigestion at Paris, with shortness of breath, and a bronchitic attack at Biarritz. After his return to England he contracted a chill while inspecting the gardens at Sandringham.

This intelligence shows that the King was not as physically sound as his appearance indicated during the past few years. The suggestion of his physicians that his earnest concern over the political situation "should not be lost sight of in an all-round consideration of the King's health," is, of course, largely based on conjecture. He died of maladies which had afflicted him for years. The political situation only became intense when the Lords threw out the budget in November of last year. The King would have been unworthy of the crown if he had not followed with concern the development of the crisis, but it could not involve the monarchy unless the monarch chose to involve himself, and there is no proof that it so depressed his spirits as to aggravate his illness. If it were a contributory cause, the responsibility would rest upon the peers, who raised the constitution. The King is censured by a writer in the Contemporary Review for not bringing pressure upon the peers to prevent the rejection of the budget, but this interference would have been as blame-worthy as if he had tried to induce the Government to frame a budget which the Lords would accept. The issue of the Contemporary Review containing the article has been called in since the King's death.

A discovery of coal in Ontario would be worth more than the discovery of another silver district. Coal is the one mineral the Province lacks.

There is a Wall Street report that the C. P. R. is buying Wabash stock. We are not nearly so interested in that as in the fact that the C. P. R. is buying land in this city.

The King has sent a birthday greeting to Florence Nightingale, who yesterday entered her 91st year. The King honors not only Florence Nightingale, but himself. There is no living person more deserving of a homage of mankind than the angel of the Crimea.

The recent deaths of John Cameron, John Dewar, Malcolm Bremner and Archibald Bremner have sadly depleted the ranks of the old guard of journalists, who grew up with The Advertiser and the Free Press.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review records the fact that Rev. Mr. Ames, of that town, has lived from George the Fourth to George the Fifth. Two residents of this city, Mrs. McCully and Mr. Deacon, who died within the past fortnight, would have lived from George the Third to George the Fifth if they had lived a few days longer.

The ordinary level-headed Weekly Sun of Toronto lost its head the other day when it accused Earl Grey of exercising a baleful influence in Canada and of "forcing upon the young people the building of a Canadian navy." Earl Grey has had no more to do with Canada's naval policy than Neptune himself.

LAURIER'S POPULARITY.

Prime Minister Laurier is held in the highest esteem in this country, as was so well testified by comment here during the last Canadian general election. If the Duke of Connaught, as Governor-General of Canada, should prove half as popular in this country, the promised establishment of better relations between the two countries would be still further facilitated.

MAKING THE BEST OF IT.

The most philosophical man I ever knew, just fairly breeds it. When crops are in an 'come a spell of rain, he rests an 'figgers "Well, Now I suppose there's someone needs it!"

BIG ONES AT THE TOP.

The world is all a strawberry box, And if to think you'll stop, You'll find the very biggest men Are always on the top.

NO DIVING FOR HIM.

There was a small job of diving to be done, and as the divers were all absent an Irishman who had just been engaged to work the air pump volunteered to go down. He was told how to signal when he wished to be brought to the surface. He had been down barely long enough

to begin work when he signalled that he wanted to come up. As soon as he was on the boat he motioned to have the helmet taken off. "Begob," he said, when his head was free, "I'll not wor-r-k where I can't spit on me hands."

SUFFICIENT REASON.

[Chicago News.]
 "What do you sell for, young man?" asked the old lady of a new clerk in the corner grocery.
 "Cause I can't get anything else to do, ma'am," replied the young man, who was not altogether satisfied with his job.

A PERILOUS NAP.

[Baltimore American.]
 She—That new maid of mine is as lazy as she can be. Do you know, last evening she fell into a sound nap as she was dressing my hair.
 He—A terrible dereliction of duty. Asleep at the switch!

THE TRUTH AT LAST.

[Punch.]
 Caller—Is Mrs. Brown at home?
 Artless Parlor Maid (smiling confidentially)—No, ma'am; she really is out this afternoon.

A STRANGE MYSTERY.

[Mr. Dooley.]
 Wan iv th' strangest things about life is th' th' poor, who need th' money most, ar-re the very wans that niver have it.

A TRIBUTE TO EDWARD.

[Washington Star.]
 The quality of his work proved even more surprising than the physical strength he showed in performing it. The man of fashion and sport developed into the greatest English diplomat of his generation. In mingling cordially with all classes of representative men, he had familiarized himself with all the needs and enterprises of the empire. He knew what was afoot, and what was contemplated, and he was able to serve all because he had the confidence of all. In a very short time it was plain that the man on the throne had every qualification for its many exacting requirements, and was strengthening his country in all of its foreign relations.

The record, made by a man after passing the three-score mark, and in an age of wide unrest, in which his own people were sharing, is extraordinary, and insures its author a high place in history.

HIS CHOICE.

[Metropolitan Magazine.]
 Judge—You are privileged to challenge any member of the Jury now being empanelled.
 "Well, thin, yer honor, O'll I fight the small mon wid wan eye, in the corner there fermin' ye."

THEN AND NOW.

[Toronto Star.]
 The span of a single life sees many changes. At the time of Queen Victoria's coronation it was a little and care-free Goldwin Smith who ran behind her carriage from Eton to Windsor. Today, a prisoner within the confines of his home, the Sage of the Grange mourns the death of him who was Victoria's son and his own pupil.

STARCHY VERSES.

[Washington Star.]
 A man was thoughtfully gazing in a drawer of his dressing-case. Not an old-time picture.
 Nor a kerchief of fine lace.
 His mood was not sentimental.
 Nor his accent of sad repose.
 As he said, "I wonder where in thunder, 'The laundryman sends my clothes!'"

"I wonder who's wearing my collars, My fancy shirts were better.
 Than these calico-colored stuffs.
 Yet I think of that other fellow With a sort of satanic glee:
 I know he's swearing, 'For what he's wearing Fits him like his clothes fit me.'"

UNCOMMON WANTS.

[Youth's Companion.]
 Curiously worded advertisements, which are funny without the author's intent, are to be found in almost any number of newspapers. The following announcements were printed in all good faith in the advertising columns of various English newspapers, and, as a whole, they won a prize offered by a London periodical for the best collection of such specimens of unconscious humor:

Annual sale now on. Don't go elsewhere to be cheated—come in here—
 A lady wants to sell her piano, as she is going away in a strong iron frame.
 Wanted—Experienced nurse for bottled baby.

Furnished apartments suitable for gentlemen with folding doors.
 Two sisters want washing.
 Wanted—A room by two gentlemen about thirty feet long and twenty feet broad.

Wanted, by a respectable girl, her passage to New York; willing to take care of children and a good sailor.
 Respectable widow wants washing on Tuesdays.

Mr. Brown, furrier, begs to announce that he will make up gowns, capes, etc., for ladies, and, as a whole, they won a prize offered by a London periodical for the best collection of such specimens of unconscious humor:

A boy who can open oysters with reference.
 Bulldog for sale: will eat anything; very fond of children.
 Wanted—An organist and a boy to blow the same.
 Wanted—A boy to be partly outside and partly behind the counter.

REGULAR DRILLS WILL BE RESUMED MONDAY

The Officers and Men of the 7th Regiment Must Be Sworn in Again.

The regular training drills of the Seventh Regiment, which have been discontinued this week owing to the death of King Edward, will be resumed on Monday evening next, when a parade will be held in the armories. All the officers and former members will be sworn in, and will take the oath of allegiance to King George V. All the new recruits will take a similar oath.

The regiment will not have any outing on May 24, but will probably go to Sarnia on July 1. A number of places have been mentioned for going into camp for a couple of days, but Sarnia is favored very strongly.

BILL AGAINST FIGHT PICTURES THE LATEST.

Washington, May 12.—Representative Smith, of Iowa, introduced in the House today a bill to prohibit interstate transportation of pictures of any kind of prize fights. The bill also prohibits the importation of such pictures.

Catspaw Rubber Heels

Are better than Accident Insurance. They don't slip; no slip, no fall; no fall, no accident. Wear Catspaws. All shoemen.

Saturday at Chapman's

Fine Mull Embroideries for Summer Dresses

A shipment of very fine high-class Embroideries for summer dresses, has just been opened, and those waiting for flouncings, allovers, frontings and insertions for an embroidery dress, are asked to see these.

SKIRTINGS AND FLOUNCINGS—48 inches wide, in soiled and Roman embroidery, with baby Irish, at a yard..... \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.25 and \$2.50
 BLOUSE FRONTINGS—In beautiful baby Irish effects, at a yard..... 88¢, 95¢, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50
 Embroidery Insertions, a yard..... 20¢ to 40¢

Ladies' Motor Coats

A special day's selling in Ladies' Long Rubber Motor Coats is offered for Saturday. Stylish-looking Coats in fawn or olive shades. Just the coat for motoring, driving and rainy day wear. Regular \$8.50 to \$10.00. Saturday, only..... \$5.75

Handsome Dress Skirts

Including a table of our high-priced Panama and Broadcloth Skirts, in the latest models. Black and colors. Regular \$8.50 and \$10.00. Saturday..... \$6.25

Attend Our Big Sale of Linen Seconds on Saturday If You Cannot Do So Today. TABLE CLOTHS and TABLE NAPKINS, With Slight Mill Imperfections, AT ALMOST HALF-PRICE.

Every size in Table Cloths, from 1 yard to 5 yards long; 2x2 yard Cloths at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 2x2½ and 2x3 yard Cloths at \$1.50 and upwards. Larger sizes range up to..... \$8.00
 Table Napkins at each..... 12½¢, 15¢, 18¢, 25¢, 32¢ and 38¢

We specially invite out-of-town customers to share in this sale's offerings.

Could Anything Be Nicer Than These New Patterns?

Saturday we will show you a tableful of brand New Suits, fresh from the maker's hands, and we'll ask you, "Could anything be nicer than these new patterns?" Besides being the newest and nobbiest patterns, they are tailored with a skill that equals custom tailoring, and are without doubt the best regular value we have offered this season. Many are in medium weight fancy worsteds, and just what the businessman is looking for for summer wear. Shades of grey, fawn and olive. WE GUARANTEE A PERFECT FIT IN THESE NEW MODELS. \$15, \$16.50, \$18

An Unusual Opportunity in Men's Trousers

Made of English worsteds, in grey and other dark stripes, perfect hanging and well tailored. Sizes 32 to 44. Regular \$4.00; Saturday..... \$2.95

BOYS' SUITS for School Wear, Saturday .. \$2.25
 Also a Large Range of \$5.50 Suits, Saturday for \$3.95

J. H. Chapman & Co., 126, 128, 128½ Dundas St.

CLINTON.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Clinton, May 13.—Mr. Wm. W. Cook

and Miss Ellen J. McNeil were united in marriage on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Murray, Rattenbury street, in the presence of the intimate friends and relatives. Rev. W. J. Joliffe performed the ceremony.

Chief Wheatley is confined to the house with an attack of la grippe.

Mrs. (Rev.) T. W. Cosens is attending the W. M. S. convention in Windsor as a delegate from Ontario Street auxiliary.

Mr. Frank McCaughey has taken a position in Tozer & Brown's store.

Mrs. R. A. Downs has been called to Stratford, owing to the serious illness of her brother.

Mr. George Brown, of Brussels, was a Clinton visitor this week.

Mrs. J. S. Young has returned from a visit to Whitby.

Best of All Our Oranges and Lemons Are 'Sunkist'

We pick, pack and ship over 20,000 cars of California oranges and lemons each season from our 5,000 groves. These are of varying grades. From all this vast quantity we select the finest—the superior grades—which we wrap in tissue paper bearing the famous "Sunkist" label so that you may know them as the choicest fruit. So be sure to get "Sunkist" oranges and lemons at your dealer's.

He has a fresh supply today. "Sunkist" oranges ripen on the tree. The warm California sunshine gives a tender, sweet pulp, matured and made exquisitely juicy by Nature.

"Sunkist" Navel Oranges Are Seedless These oranges are distinct, full-flavor, thin-skinned, They are picked by gloved hands; thoroughly cleaned, wrapped in "Sunkist" tissue paper; packed carefully to insure firm, unbruised fruit.

How to Tell "Sunkist" Each "Sunkist" orange and lemon is wrapped in tissue paper upon which is printed the "Sunkist" label. Lemons or oranges without "Sunkist" wrappers are not "Sunkist" brand.

Free—Best Rogers' Orange Spoons—Send us 12 "Sunkist" orange or lemon wrappers and 12 cents in coin or postage free, for postage, packing, etc., and we will send free, a William Rogers & Son full standard, AA plate orange spoon. For each additional spoon send 12 cents and 12 wrappers. You can easily have a full set. Get a dozen "Sunkist" oranges or lemons and send for your first spoon. Address

California Fruit Growers' Exchange 32 Church St., Toronto, Ont.



WHY make yourself uncomfortable with an old-fashioned corset when you can have the latest physique effect and be comfortable with the New La Diva Renaissance Corset.

"A pudding bag with a string around it." An old-time description which applies to many figures today—thanks to the ordinary corset. This "pudding string" effect is bad both for health and for style.

The corset to wear is one which gives that smooth flowing physique—that holds one together comfortably—healthfully.

On these lines Madam the new La Diva Renaissance Corset will be a revelation to you, as to style, comfort—health—it will give you a physique no other corset can give. We spent thousands of dollars perfecting this corset. Our designer studied correct styles where they are created, Rue de la Paix—where they are worn—the tea rooms, Rue de Rivoli, the race-track at Long-champs, the promenades of London and New York, and, finally, moulded on the human form, we evolved the La Diva Renaissance a corset that will give you all the "Chic" and "Svelte" appearance of the most stylish French and American women.

La Diva Corset

We're anxious to see how Canadian women will appreciate our endeavour to obtain for them a really wonderful corset. For that reason we have made the price of "La Diva" only \$2.50—it's a \$3.50 corset.

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