

THE STUMP IN BRITAIN.

The German Scare Worked Up by Lord Denbigh.

Willing to Test Labor Conditions in Germany.

Duchess of Buccleuch Talks—George's Speech.

London, Dec. 28.—The British campaign goes merrily on. "You cannot ignore the steady increase of a strong naval force across the North Sea," said Lord Denbigh at Finsbury. "It is designed for no other purpose but of tackling the British navy if occasion arises." (A voice: "Rot.")

"I wish it was not with all my heart. (Loud cheers.) We have no quarrel with the German people, and the German people have no quarrel with us; but the German people and the German Government are two very different things, and the German Government with regard to its foreign policy is not responsible to the people in the same way that the British Government is. You have a great country with most powerful engines of war on land, which has grown tremendously in spite of its system of protection."

"I have a great regard for Germany, and the spirit of the German people, and I think that if we had a little less self-conceit and a little more self-control and a little more self-discipline we should probably stand better in the eyes of foreign countries than we do at this moment."

TARIFF REFORM TEST.

At Ambleside, near Scarborough, Mr. Stavley Hill, M. P., addressed an enthusiastic meeting, which was remarkable for offers made by the chairman, Mr. H. S. Pitt, who is a coal master and firebrick manufacturer, employing 2,000 laborers.

The chairman said that he and his brother, Mr. G. P. Pitt, were prepared at their own expense to send two Liberals and two Conservatives to be selected by the party in the division, to study the conditions of living in Germany under a tariff. Those chosen would report to a public meeting, which would be held after the general election. Mr. Stavley Hill was asked if any manufacturer friend of his would be prepared to guarantee to his employees full work, more wages and no increase in the cost of living under tariff reform. Mr. Stavley Hill replied that he knew no business man who would give such a guarantee.

The chairman said he was prepared absolutely to guarantee to any of his employees that if their food should cost them more under tariff reform, he would raise their wages.

"TAIL HAS WAGGED THE DOG."

Mr. Haldane, speaking at Dunbar, said: The wild men have got possession of the Conservative party and forced it in the interests of tariff reform. The tail has wagged the dog. I am opposed to Socialism, and believe that the good sense of the people will lead them against Socialism. The one thing, however, that would lead the people to Socialism would be the taxation of the necessities of life, and that is why I am against tariff reform. I am strongly in favor of a reformed second chamber.

THE PARTY LEADERS.

The Duchess of Buccleuch at Edinburgh said: We must all realize with pride and admiration the courageous and self-sacrificing manner in which our two great leaders, one in the Lords and the other in the Commons, led their party to the fight. We must all consider ourselves as belonging to the great army and like all really good soldiers be ready to carry out the orders of our commanding officers.

"COUNTRY GETTING SANER."

Lord Denbigh, speaking at Rugby, said he believed that the country was coming to its senses and getting saner than it was a few weeks ago, because they saw a great fleet of army being silently and relentlessly accumulated, and that Prime Minister saying nothing about it in his speech.

GEORGE'S "MAD MULLAH" SPEECH.

I come here to-day not to preach a funeral oration. I am neither here to bury nor to praise the Budget. If it is buried it is in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection.

At last the cause between the Peers and the people has been set down for trial in the great assize of the people and the verdict will come soon. The Assembly which has delayed, denied, and mutilated justice for so long has at last been brought to justice.

Is this nation to be a free nation and to become a freer one, or is it for all time to be shackled and tethered by tariffs and trusts and monopolies and privileges? That is the issue, and no Liberal will shrink it.

The Budget was thrown out not by the wise men, not by the reflecting men of the Unionist Party, but by its Mad Mullahs.

The rights of the Commons of England to grant supplies and to make the redress of grievances a condition of that grant drenched England with blood. That right is the proud possession of Englishmen.

I will not believe that at the call of an effete oligarchy, without striking a single blow, Englishmen of to-day mean to surrender one of the finest and fairest provinces of freedom won by their ancestors.

Pigeons, Pigeons.

About one hundred pair plump pigeons at thirty cents the pair. Wild ducks from Long Point, blacks and pin tails, rabbits, nice large ones, turkeys, a few choice plump hen turkeys. Mince meat, the home-made kind. Cider, choice, clarified, made from pure apple juice. An endless variety of English biscuits. Tom Smith's crackers, some pretty ones at very reasonable prices. Bain & Adams.

—Rev. Dr. Lyle is in Toronto, attending the meeting of the Augmentation Fund Committee of the Presbyterian Church.



PRINCESS CHOTEK, WHO PLANS TO BE AUSTRIA'S EMPRESS.

NOMINATIONS IN OLD WENTWORTH.

Lively Contests in Many Townships—Lawson in Dundas by Acclamation.

Dundas, Dec. 28.—The nomination meeting in the Town Hall last evening was the largest attended for many years. This was probably to some extent the result of the local option contest now under way, as groups of both parties were noticeable. At promptly 7:30 proceedings began, the result of which follows: For Mayor—J. W. Lawson, re-elected by acclamation. For Reeve—Wm. Lawson, re-elected by acclamation. For Deputy Reeve—Nominated, L. P. Spittal, W. G. Mallett and J. W. Kerr, with a likelihood that the contest will be between the first two mentioned. Council nominations—Wm. Lunn, David Reynolds, John Ford, James Mason, W. J. Kerr, Jas. B. Bertram, John W. Newitt, Chas. Collins, W. A. Davidson, C. M. Jarvis, J. D. Pennington, W. H. Moss, Henry Bertram, W. H. Mount, David Towns, jun., S. J. Lemard, Remondus Hanks, W. F. Moore, F. J. Collins, Ernest Baileer, John R. Murray, swithin King.

School trustees: Mountain ward—W. H. Knowles and F. J. Collins. Canal ward—Charles E. Dickson, re-elected. Foundry ward—Henry Tyson, re-elected. Valley ward—W. J. Kerr and Robt. C. Clark. The nominations being over, Clerk Fry explained that any candidates nominated for the council must put in their qualifications by 10 p. m. to-day, or their names would not appear on the ballots. Any person nominated for school trustee not declining before the same time, their names would appear on the ballot. Addresses then began, Clerk Fry in the chair. Mayor-elect Lawson returned thanks for being elected unopposed for the second term, and then proceeded with an account of the past year's work of the council. He claimed that the 1908 council had been absolutely clean. No charge of graft could be laid at its door. He denounced anonymous scribbles to the press for their attacks on the council, which he characterized as cowardly and base. He proceeded to mention many matters dealt with during the year or to be dealt with in the near future, including the Hydro-Electric contract, the isolation hospital, cleaning the canal, etc. The citizens were urged to vote for the Hydro-Electric by-law, and the library by-law. The local option by-law he left to each voter to deal with as he or she saw fit.

Reeve Lawson thanked the electors for returning him for the fourth time by acclamation. W. J. Kerr, in a humorous manner, reminded the Mayor that he had strongly advised the electors concerning their duty in the matter of the Hydro-Electric and library by-laws, but was silent as to the local option by-law. He then devoted some time to an explanation of school matters, he having been a member of the school board.

This long-to-be-remembered greeting has come to hand: "To the year that has gone, hail and farewell. To the year which shall come, happy greetings." All good wishes to you and yours. The Long Lumber Co.

How is it that we always think of teams when we see Mr. S. Howard's name in the papers? There's a movement around the hotels to get up a banquet and testimonial to Santa Claus for his good work on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Out of the municipal whirl the doctor will have time to cultivate his Marshville whiskers again, and prune the genealogical tree. If Ald. Crerar has any more Jolley Cut improvements up his sleeve he better show them before election day.

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IN WINNIPEG. Wood Vallance Company Organize Million Dollar Company. Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The Wood-Vallance Company has been incorporated here with a capital of one million dollars, to take over the wholesale hardware business of G. D. Wood & Co. The directors are William A. Wood, of Hamilton, David Wood and Helen Marie Wood, of Winnipeg.

Shot Mother.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Entrenched at the home of a friend, desperate in the belief that he had killed his mother, James F. Roach, scarcely more than a youth, held a small posse at bay on the outskirts of Memphis for some hours early to-day.

At daylight Roach still held forth in the little dwelling house, well armed, it is believed, and a lone deputy sheriff with a number of citizens on guard awaiting the arrival of reinforcements. Besides Roach, it is stated an elderly man, his wife and daughter, are in the house. The shooting of the mother, Mrs. Sallie E. Miller, occurred at her suburban store yesterday, following an argument as to money matters. Mrs. Miller probably will recover.

The Man In Overalls

Acclaim Mayor McLaren. Stewart is a slick duck. But he may get a ducking.

Ald. Hopkins knew enough to go in out of the rain.

Draw up your resolutions. Thirteen Controller candidates. Ominous for some of them.

Here's to Angus Sutherland and his bonnie bride. May they long be spared to each other.

If that story of Dr. Hopkins' fighting ancestry is correct there must have been a sad decline in the race.

With the School Trustees it's as you were. The next move, I suppose, will be to make Dr. Carr a Controller Trustee.

The Greater Hamilton movement got a nasty slap from Mr. Stewart. He is laying up lots of trouble for himself.

That was a fine Christmas gift Rev. Mr. Howitt received. We are all glad to see him thus re-animated.

Trustee Booker's skating rink at the Collegiate is now open for business. A band of music would add to the hilarity of the scene.

The unsuccessful Controller candidates may find consolation on some of the independent boards.

What are the temperance people going to do about those "wholesale" licenses? Pass a vote of thanks to Whitney.

Next comes Hogmanay—a grand night for pair auld Scotland.

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Poisoned Candy.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The arrest here of a young saleswoman in a department store has uncovered a poison-by-mail mystery. According to the police, chocolates containing arsenic were sent through the mails to a person who failed to partake of them, but an inoffensive guest, a tenor at the opera at Esseval, did, and died a few hours later. The sender of the poisoned candy, it is stated, was discovered by pure accident. The police refuse to divulge the names.

THREE DIE.

While Mother Talked Children Burned to Death. Pratt, Kan., Dec. 28.—While Mrs. Henry Blanton was across the street talking to a neighbor yesterday she looked at her home to see it a mass of fire, with her three children inside burning to death. It was impossible to save the children after the flames were discovered.

KERNEY INQUEST.

After viewing the body the jury appointed to inquire into how William Kearney came to his death visited the Bridge Works yesterday afternoon. After the visit they adjourned till Thursday night, to meet in No. 3 Police Station, at 8:15 o'clock.

HYDRO CLIQUE IS IN SORE STRAITS.

Even Controllers' Nominee Desert It—Stewart Made a Sad Blunder.

The consensus of opinion in the City Hall to-day is that the power question will cut no figure in the election and that the license reduction movement will be a clear-cut issue. The Hydro slate for Controllers is a joke. In fact, it is doubtful if there will be any slate by election day. As an illustration of how little weight the small clique behind this movement carries, Ald. Cooper and ex-Ald. Bailey, according to report in the City Hall to-day, have withdrawn from it. This leaves only Alf. Wright and Frank Quinn as endorsed candidates of that august body, the Hydro-Electric Campaign Committee. It also makes room for Jim Miller and Dan Mahoney. Even this pair are apparently not anxious to be mixed up with the slate row.

The death of the poor old power horse is a sad blow to a clique of politicians and aldermanic candidates who found it a very trustworthy steed to carry them into office during the last three years. As light has gradually flickered through the mist of misrepresentation that surrounded the power issue it has been growing weaker, and the elections next Monday will likely see the weeding out of some aspirants for municipal honors who have depended upon the power city to elect them.

Politicians are of the opinion that T. J. Stewart, M. P., made a bad tactical blunder when he "batted in" at the nominations yesterday and that he used a boomerang that will prove disastrous at the next election in West Hamilton. Mayor McLaren outmaneuvered him at every point, and the ex-Mayor's attempt to discredit the good record of this year's Council proved a miserable failure.

Some difficulty will be experienced finding places in the Council chamber for the Controllers. It is likely a table will be placed in front of the Mayor's desk for them. This will be only a temporary arrangement, as it is expected that the people will vote in January to reduce the number of aldermen to two from each ward.

RING FRAUD BEING USED.

Supposed Toronto Fellow Makes Victims of Young Men.

For some days past a man, claiming to be from Toronto, has been pulling off a slick game in which credulous youths have been the victims. The man's depredations have been carried on along James street north, and more than one youth is bemoaning the loss of \$1 from his Christmas money.

This stranger has approached the youths and asked them if they would like a bargain in a gold ring. Then on the request that the ring be shown, he has produced a bright gold colored ring which he represented to be the real stuff, and assigned lack of funds as his reason for selling it at \$1, saying he needed the money to get back to Toronto.

One youth who bought one took the trouble to go to a jeweller, after his purchase, to get the ring valued, and was told it was brass.

The youth in question fell a prey to the scheme on Christmas night, and last night was approached by the same man with a similar ring.

The police have been notified and the alleged Torontonian sought after.

CALL CAME.

Rev. Mr. VanWyck Will Discuss It With Officials.

Rev. J. Roy VanWyck, under whose able direction Westminster Church has made such splendid progress, was called up over the long distance line last night and officially notified that St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, had met that night and had extended a unanimous call to him; also that his was the only name mentioned.

Rev. Mr. VanWyck at once sent out notices for a meeting of the officials of his church, to be held on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at which the matter will be discussed and he will announce to them his decision. In the meantime he is not in a position to say what he will do.

GOOD PLACE.

Liberal Club Rooms Fine Place For Young Men.

Entries for the Liberal Club New Year pool tournament are now being received by club secretary Joe Arnold, at the rooms, Arcade building. This promises to be the best tournament yet given there. Valuable prizes are being offered and it is expected that a large number of players will compete. The event will begin next week.

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HERE'S A CHANCE.

The Times has an opening for a good boy about 15 or 16. Must read and spell well. Apply at editorial rooms.

FOR HIS WIFE AND BAIRNS.

Bedell Given a Chance to be Better Man.

But Mulholland and McShane Go to Stone Pile.

Bunch of Vagrants Before the Magistrate Again To-day.

The chicken stealers, George Bedell, Sam Mulholland and Joseph McShane, were arraigned for sentence before Magistrate Jelis this morning.

Over in the witness' chairs sat little Mrs. Bedell, weeping. She is the mother of several helpless children; though she looks a mere girl yet, Uneducated she may be, like her husband, yet within her little bosom burns the unquenchable fire of love for him and her offspring. She proved it yesterday for she took the stand on his behalf and tried to build up a wall of evidence that would establish her husband's innocence. All the time tears rolled down her thin cheeks. When the three stood up for sentence Bedell begged leave to say a few words. His worship granted the request and he asked for leniency on account of his wife and bairns. Then the king of the court cast a glance at the prisoner, then at the wife, then leaned back and what were the inner workings of the Magistrate's mind? To Bedell he said: "You can go on deferred sentence; Mulholland and McShane will go to jail for six months."

Outside the court there was a reunion that was touching to see.

The Detroit young man who heard he was wanted on a charge of theft when he arrived at the parental home for Christmas, and who gave himself up, was acquitted. He was accused of stealing an overcoat belonging to W. L. Robb. It was shown that Robb had left the coat at his companion's mother's house 18 months ago and months later had telegraphed for it. As he was then far away and the express charges were high she did not send it as she was asked to guarantee payment. She gave the coat to her son to give to its owner when he should be in Detroit, but they never met. Geo. S. Kerr, K.C., decried.

John Thompson walked from Hespeler a few days ago and since he arrived here has slept on a bench or any old place. He was a pitiable sight when Constables Cameron and Barrett found him last night. He had scarcely any boots to his feet and had been frost bitten about the legs and feet. He was fortunate the police picked him up, as he would probably have died from exposure. He was fined \$5 or three months. He took the latter and wept. It was a hard Christmas for him.

Like the prodigal son of old, Walter Eggar spent his money as he pleased living and faint would eat anything he could beg. He called at No. 3 Police Station last night tired, hungry, remorseful and penniless. He said he had spent \$80 in three weeks. Almost every cent of that nice fat little sum had swayed the coffers of local booze depot. His visit to the station was to seek shelter from the cold for the night.

That's how he came to be charged with vagrancy, and pleaded guilty. Three months or \$5, was the sentence.

Old John Jackson, a redskin from the reserve near Caledonia, sat in the pen looking the most dejected piece of red stuff possible.

Acting Sergeant Campbell gathered John in last night on Stuart street where the old fellow was wandering aimlessly. He desired the court to give him one month down where the gladioli grow in summer. He got it.

Thomas Hawkins, Roseland avenue, will appear to-morrow to answer a charge of assault laid by Emma Slack, of Crown Point. An army of children will be subpoenaed as witnesses.

Harry Kuart came to court with a bandaged foot, and under that roof settled a lot of indignation against Gerald Vallean, 351 James street north, who stood, charged with assaulting and threatening.

Complainant said defendant offered gratuitously to furnish an undertaker with his lifeless corpse. Kuart said he went to his work at Adam Clark's, 7 Main street west. They started quarrelling and exchanged a very undignified brand of language and Kuart said Gerald hammered a nail by brick wall with his sense depot and accompanied that performance with a threat to take away his life.

Vallean was fined \$5 and bound over in the sum of \$50 to keep the peace.

George Jarvis, 199 Hunter street east, brought a diagram to court. He was summoned by P. C. Hill for a breach of the cab by-law. The officer said the follower of Jarvis drove the wrong side of the street at the corner of King and James streets. P. C. Hill had a diagram also which was evidently more effective than the one Mr. Jarvis had, for defendant paid a \$1 fine.

GIVES THE TIMES THE CREDIT.

Your early shopping campaign made this the best Christmas season we have ever had. Thus spoke a prominent King street merchant this morning, when referring to the Christmas trade. He unhesitatingly gave the Times credit for instituting the early shopping educational campaign, which has given such excellent results to citizens and storekeepers alike.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.