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MAY DEFER DISSOLUTION IN ENGLAND

Government Being Urged To Postpone Date Of Dissolution—Snowballs In Budget Fight—Asquith The Victim.

LLOYD-GEORGE MAKES GREAT SPEECH

London, Dec. 2.—The following are some striking points from yesterday's political spheres:—

The Duke of Norfolk:—"When the electors record their votes, let them remember it was the House of Lords who gave them the opportunity."

Lord Desborough:—"The House of Lords is becoming more and more under the rule of a small committee of the cabinet."

Lord Donoughmore:—"They could not say they are going to rob the hen roost without frightening the hens."

Rt. Hon. George Windham:—"The Government have tried to revive home rule which is dead in order to kill tariff reform, which is alive."

Rt. Hon. Sydney Buxton:—"Any Government, whatever it may be, will continue to pay old age pensions."

The date of dissolution has not yet been officially announced. It is uncertain whether it will be Jan. 8th, the day originally selected. The Government is being urged to defer dissolution until Jan. 10th, so that the first election may take place on Jan. 15. In many Liberal candidates' opinion, if the first elections took place on Saturday, Jan. 10, it would be a great benefit to the cause.

Expected Decision.

Keir Hardie says the labor party expected the decision of the House of Lords that trades unions levies for the payment of labor members of Parliament are illegal. Mr. Keir Hardie has grave doubts of the Labor party's position in regard to the pursuit of candidatures which they had arranged. There is no doubt that the decision of the Lords will lead to the abandonment of several labor candidates.

When Prime Minister Asquith drove up to the Reform Club at Liverpool to deliver an address yesterday, a dozen suffragettes, one of whom was disguised as an orange seller, attempted to approach him. The police were too vigilant, however, and frustrated the attempt.

Two of the suffragettes were subsequently arrested. It was alleged that one of them threw a ginger ale bottle at the Prime Minister, while the other had in her possession a catapult containing pieces of iron.

Later the suffragettes themselves were glad to accept police protection. Mr. Asquith went to make a speech at Birkenhead in the evening, and the suffragettes followed him. The women tried to make a demonstration outside the hall, but the crowd there snowballed them mercilessly. Other women appealed to the police, who conveyed them to the railway station under a torrent of snowballs. They took the first train back to Liverpool.

Vera Wentworth and Elsie McKenzie, two suffragettes, were arrested in Swansea on Monday night and arraigned in court yesterday on the charge of having been found by night on enclosed premises and with having in their possession certain house breaking implements.

Two women were found concealed in Albert Hall, Swansea, where Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was scheduled to speak last night. The "housebreaking implements" consisted of a screw driver, a nail driver and a toy pistol. The women were remanded.

Unionists Gloomy.

The Unionists are gloomy over the indisposition of Mr. A. J. Balfour, the one great speaker on their side. His silence is an irreparable loss to the party. Mr. Balfour is saving himself for the heavy work in January.

A Unionist candidate tells me their campaign for tariff reform will take on redoubled energy after the new year. It needs to, if way is to be made against the sweeping enthusiasm of the Liberals.

Lloyd George is receiving welcomes no public man since Gladstone has argoed. Winston Churchill is a good second.

Premier Asquith, speaking last night at Birkenhead, paid a compliment to Winston Churchill's fine speeches during the past fortnight. He laughed at the story that he had been hypnotized by his daring colleagues and said that there was not a line in the budget he did not approve of, and was not prepared to defend. The budget, he said, was being fought because it rendered a resort to tariff reform unnecessary.

Never Better Equipped.

Never in the history of the kingdom were the army and navy better equipped than now, to maintain the supremacy of the sea and defend the Empire, said Mr. Asquith. The Liberals would squarely defend free trade against the retrograde follies and fancies of tariff reform. There would be no hedging on this question.

Although an attempt to make the tariff the chief issue so far fails, the Lords and the land question being what people are thinking about. Among banking and business circles in London one meets many who believe that tariff reform must be resorted to for offence and defence. The unusual sight of the Lords on the political stump everywhere, cutting a figure half heroic and half ridiculous, aids the Liberals in making the peers an issue. It is evident the peer can

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COOK MAY KEEP HONORS STATES COPENHAGEN

Not Likely That Either University Or Royal Geographical Society Will Withdraw Laurels—Nansen Speaks.

ARCTIC CLUB TO ACT ON CHARGES

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—It is not believed that either the University of Copenhagen or the Royal Geographical Society will withdraw the honors which they conferred on Dr. Frederick A. Cook. Officials of the University say that the institution did not bestow the degree as a reward for the discovery of the Pole, but merely in recognition of Dr. Cook's Arctic explorations. The Royal Geographical Society takes the same ground.

Christiania, Dec. 22.—Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian Arctic explorer broke his long silence and talked of the Peary-Cook controversy.

"It is my opinion," he said, "that Cook is no longer interesting. He is practically a dead man and ought to vanish from the consideration of the world. I never trusted him, for the first report which he made did not inspire confidence, especially his statement concerning the distance of fourteen seconds from the Pole. This proved that Cook was ignorant of the simplest principles of astronomical observations. Even his later reports contained nothing of value. On the contrary, they were filled with improbabilities and contradictions.

"From the first, I was unable to support Dr. Cook. I therefore preferred to keep silent. As for Peary, I never doubted his veracity, although I did not approve of his behavior after his return. However, it is easy to understand his indignation. At least he is a man and there is no comparison between him and Cook."

New York, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The members of the Arctic Club of America, at a meeting tonight adopted a resolution to refer the question of further membership of Dr. Frederick A. Cook to the Board of Directors with power to act. It was said that charges would be preferred against Dr. Cook by some of the members and presented to the directors for consideration.

Cook is a member of the executive committee of the club.

NAVAL BASE STORY WITHOUT FOUNDATION

Ottawa Is Not Prepared To Spend $10,000,000 In Pacific Coast Arsenals As Rumored In England.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The statement contained in a cabled despatch from Birmingham to the effect that Canada is ready to provide ten million dollars for the establishment of a naval base at Vancouver Island, is without foundation.

Hon. W. S. Fielding stated in the House of Commons that the Canadian policy would be financed from current revenue and there will be no special appropriation.

The broad lines of Canada's naval policy are distinctly set forth in the estimate as follows: "Naval service, including the purchase, construction and maintenance of ships, the maintence and upkeep of dock yards at Esquimalt and Halifax and the establishment and maintenance of training schools, 1909-1910, $280,500; 1910-1911, $3,000,000.

TURKEYS JUMP TO HIGH WATER MARK IN MONCTON

Railroad Town Will Have To Pay Down For Its Christmas Dinner This Year—A Miraculous Escape.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 22.—Turkeys took a big jump in the country market today selling at 28 cents per pound. Previously a rate of 20 to 23 cents had ruled. Scarcity in the supply is said to be the cause of the increase. It is stated that most of the turkeys in this district were brought up in advance by buyers from the United States. Three tons destined for that market have been shipped over the Moncton and Buctouche railway and buyers are also operating in Salisbury and other parts.

William Irving of Buctouche was struck by the incoming Maritime express from Halifax near the Main street crossing tonight and experienced a miraculous escape.

Schooner S. J. Lindsey, from Rockland, Maine, with a cargo of lime, took fire by her cargo igniting Monday night. The fireboat extinguished the flames, but the Lindsey subsequently sank at her berth. Arrangements are being made to float her.

Something Rotten In Denmark!

WARRINER TO GO TO PRISON

Big Four Treasurer Pleads Guilty To Charge Of Embezzlement And Is Sentenced To Six Years.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 22.—With a hysterical plea today that sentence be pronounced immediately Chas. L. Warriner, defaulting local treasurer of the Big Four R. R., pleaded guilty to embezzlement and was sentenced to six years' hard labor in the state penitentiary.

The sentence brings to a close one chapter at least of the story of a theft of $643,000 with its attendant charges of years of blackmail by a woman as the alleged dominant figure.

Warriner will make one more public appearance before the doors of the penitentiary close behind him. On Monday next, Mrs. Jeanette Stewart Ford, the woman in the case, will be brought to trial on a charge of blackmail and the principal witness against her will be the man whom she is alleged to have driven from crime to crime for ten years.

Warriner may be brought to trial on numerous other counts, but Prosecutor Hunt said that this would not be done unless it were found later that the prisoner had concealed part of the proceeds of his thefts.

CANADIAN MEMBERS MAY AID AMERICAN BROTHERS

Canvass Now Being Made Of Canadian Railway Men To End That Forces Be Joined In Ending Struggle.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 22.—The demand of the 75,000 railway men in the United States for an increase of wages early in the new year, has been taken up by the men in Canada and an active canvass is going on now with a view to finding out how many of the men are willing to stand behind such a proposition, and if they would, if necessary, go out on strike in defence of their demand. This canvass covers every branch of the railway service except the locomotive engineers.

What the Canadian members decision will be it is impossible to say at this time, but the general impression is that they will join the men in the United States.

RUSHING CONSTRUCTION OF ONTARIO RAILROAD

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 22.—The Hamilton Waterloo and Guelph Railway Company today set at rest doubts as to the road being built next year by ordering the property owners on the private right of way through the city to vacate by April 1. Construction work will be begun with the first breath of spring and the road completed to Galt before the end of next year.

SPERRY WINS IN LUNENBURG

Dr. C. S. Marshall Puts Up Great Fight Against Influences Of Two Governments—Conservatives Make Gains.

Lunenburg, N. S., Dec. 22.—A rather short campaign marked by the absence of political meetings, John R. Sperry, Liberal of Petite Riviere was elected by a majority of 268 over his opponent, Dr. C. S. Marshall of Bridgewater. The totals are Sperry 3132, Marshall 2864.

The Liberals expected a majority of between 800 and 900 and tonight are utterly crestfallen at their narrow escape. Marked changes took place in the towns of Bridgewater and Lunenburg. The former town in 1908 gave the Liberals 93 majority, today it gave them one. Last year the Liberals carried Lunenburg town by 27, today the Conservatives came out on top by 52 votes.

First south the Conservatives stronghold remained true, rolling up the record majority of 86, an increase of 20 over last year. The Conservatives made a splendid fight against the influences of two governments and are quite satisfied with the splendid showing they made. They feel certain that in a general election they can carry the county.

New Cornwall a small Conservative poll, has not yet been heard from.

WIFE MURDERER IS HANGED IN WEST

Henry Hulay, a Pole Who Came To Canada In 1900, Pays Extreme Penalty For Killing His Wife.

Special to The Standard.

Fort Saskatchewan, Dec. 22.—In the carpenter shop of the mounted police barracks here, at 8 this morning, the execution took place of Henry Z. Y. Heelay, for the murder of his wife at Mundare, on Sunday, September 20 last. A man giving the name of Holmes of Winnipeg, acted as hangman, being the same who conducted the execution of Barrot in Edmonton penitentiary last July.

The condemned man was attended by the Polish missionary of the Mundare district and declared his adhesion to the orthodox Greek Church. He expressed no regret at dying, having asked for a speedy end ever since his arrest. He gave his age as 69, but the records place it at 62.

Heelay came to Canada with his wife in 1900.

TWO ARRESTS IN DYSON CASE

Train Despatcher Killed At His Post In Ontario Town—His Assailants Brought To North Bay.

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 22.—Two section men, named Morin and Cornish, were arrested and brought here today charged with the murder of W. J. Dyson, the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway night operator at Redwater. Cornish says he had words with Dyson over certain orders given by the latter and a fight resulted. Dyson threw Cornish on the floor and was pounding him when Morin rushed in and struck Dyson over the head with a club until he rolled over unconscious and bleeding, upon the floor. Morin admits using the club, but claims he was only helping his chum, with no thought of causing death.

The despatcher at North Bay reports that about the time Dyson was assaulted a queer jumble of letters, half formed and incorrect came over the wire after which the Redwater key opened, and remained open for two hours. This would indicate that Dyson crawled to the key in an endeavor to warn his chief of his condition, but death came before he could accomplish his purpose.

ALL THREE SISTERS MUST FACE MUSIC

Grand Jury Finds Two Indictments Against Each Of Three Women Accused Of Mrs. Snead's Murder.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The three mysterious Wardlaw sisters must face trial in Essex County, N. J., all charged with the murder of Ocey W. M. Snead, the East Orange bathtub victim. Much as a matter of course, the Essex County grand jury filed into court at Newark today and reported that two indictments had been found against all three.

The proceedings before the grand jury were brief. Chief of Police Bell of East Orange, told of finding the body; William J. Kinsler, a handwriting expert told of the "suicide notes," he examined, but just what he swore to was not made public, while physicians testified as to the condition of the body.

DECISION IN VAUGHAN CASE IS DUE TODAY

Pontoise, France, Dec. 22.—The petition of Baroness Vaughan for the cancellation of the order placing seals upon the property at Balincourt which was given her by the late King Leopold, was argued before the court today. The decision will be handed down tomorrow.

ZELAYA HAS LAST FLING AT UNITED STATES

Declares In Manifesto That Surrender Of Presidency Was Caused By Desire To Save Nicaraguan Situation.

WASHINGTON LEARNS OF NOTHING NEW

Managua, Dec. 22.—Ex-president Zelaya issued a manifesto today declaring that his surrender of the presidency was caused by a desire to save Nicaragua the humiliation of outrages threatened by a powerful foreign nation, which was now inaugurating a decisive influence over the destiny of Nicaragua. Because of his resistance to the imposition of tutelage which was the forerunner of the conversion of the Latin nations on this continent into dependencies of the United States, he incurred the hatred of that government and when the defeat of the revolutionists appeared certain, the United States government inexplicably severed relations with Nicaragua through Secretary Knox's letter to the charge d'affaires. He protested before the world against the meddling by the United States and the threat to land marines.

Another Story.

In his manifesto Zelaya takes up various clauses of the Knox letter in an attempt to refute certain charges with copies of letters he received from John Gardner Coolidge, the former American minister at Managua, thanking him for his courteous treatment in the matter of the claims of Guatemala and Salvador.

The former president declares that the Americans, Cannon and Groce, were executed according to law. This pretext for intervention, he asserts, is similar to that employed when the United States first intervened in Cuba, for there was no proof that the Maine was blown up by Spaniards; yet this was taken as a cause for action. Nor is there any proof that Cannon and Groce were put to death unlawfully.

There are persistent rumors here that a force of Hondurans, now refugees in Guatemala, are preparing for a revolution and propose to invade Honduras at Ocotepeque.

General Gonzales, in comamnd of the government troops at Rama in an official despatch received here this morning, claims to have won a victory over the revolutionists. He admits having suffered severe losses. The battle began at noon on Monday, the government's right wing being attacked by Chamorro and the left wing by Matuty. These positions were defended until six o'clock in the evening by Gonzales and Castillo.

Washington Hears Nothing.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Up to late tonight no official news of events in Nicaragua had been received here by Dr. Castrillo, the representative in Washington of the Estrada government. There was general rejoicing, however, over the reported extent of the victory. Practically all of the Central American diplomats joined in the celebration which marked the downfall of Zelaya, who long has been recognized as a disturbing factor in Central America.

It is believed here that Estrada will proceed next to Greytown and compel the surrender of the government troops which have been bottled up in that place for more than a month. This may take some time. The country between Bluefields and Greytown is swampy and difficult to negotiate especially for an army. As the crow flies it is only a matter of about sixty miles but a wide detour probably will have to be taken, extending the march almost twice the distance.

Estrada's Next Move.

Once the news of the defeat of the Zelayan troops at Bluefields is conveyed to the Greytown garrison, the defeat of that force, it is expected by the revolutionists' supporters here, will be easy. When this is accomplished the next move of Estrada will be to capture the small towns along the San Juan River, which flows past Greytown and connects Lake Nicaragua with the sea. In this manner, the revolutionists will have a clear line from their base on the seaboard and will then move swiftly toward Managua.

In the opinion of those who have traversed the country, the march of the victorious Estrada army, even if it is not opposed will take from six to seven days before Managua is within hailing distance. Most of the journey, it is expected, will be made in boats drawn by steamers or launches and the landing will be made at the nearest point to the capital, or in a territory in which fairly good roads are.

No news of the reported gathering of Honduran malcontents in Nicaraguan territory had been received by either the Guatemalan or the Honduran ministers tonight. The alleged revolutionary movement is not taken seriously especially since the United States has so forcefully and firmly marked out its policy with regard to the necessity of keeping the peace among the Central American republics.

OPPOSITION FOUND FOR HAMILTON'S MAYOR

Hamilton, Dec. 22.—Alderman Dr. Hopkins announced this morning that he would oppose Mayor McLaren next month. Dr. Hopkins will be the standard-bearer of the Hydro Electric advocates and the election is expected to prove a spectacular one.

TILLINGHAST AIRSHIP SEEN AT WORCESTER

Mysterious Aeroplane In Remarkable Flight While City Gapes — Attains Speed Of Forty Miles Per Hour.

SWEEPS HEAVENS WITH SEARCHLIGHT

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22.—Flying through the night at an average speed of thirty to forty miles an hour, a mysterious airship tonight appeared over Worcester shortly before six o'clock, hovered over the city for a few minutes, disappeared and then returned to cut four circles above the gasping town, meanwhile sweeping the heavens with a searchlight of tremendous power. The news of its presence spread like wildfire and thousands thronged the streets to watch the liner of the sky.

The airship remained over the city for about fifteen minutes, all the time at a height that most observers set at about 2,000 feet, too far to enable its precise shape to be seen. The glaring rays of its great searchlight, however, were sharply defined by reflection against the light snowfall which was covering the city at the time. The dark mass of the ship could be dimly seen behind the light, which flashed in all directions.

Tillinghast Absent.

At the time of the airship's visit, Wallace E. Tillinghast, the Worcester man who claims to have invented a marvelous aeroplane capable of almost incredible feats was absent from his home and could not be found in Worcester.

The visitor from the clouds was first sighted over Marlboro at 5.20 about the same time that reports say it has been seen on other nights this week and last. The sixteen miles between this city and Marlboro it covered in 30 minutes. In the heart of the city it was first sighted by an employe of a prominent restaurant who shouted out the news of his discovery. The 75 diners in the restaurant, many of them prominent business men of the city, deserted their tables and rushed into the street.

Coming up from the southeast the sky voyager veered to the west, remained in sight a few moments and then disappeared to the northwest. Meanwhile the streets filled with thousands of people, all with their faces upturned. In five minutes the searchlight was again seen glowing in the distance like a monster star and the ship came up, hovered over the city a short time and disappeared to the southeast.

At 8.40 an eager shout from the crowds announced its return. Slowly its light sweeping the heavens, it circled four times above the city and then disappeared for the night, heading first southeasterly and then to the east.

Its searchlight appeared to the watching thousands about the size of a bucket.

Although Wallace E. Tillinghast claims to have made over 100 successful aeroplane trips in machines of his own construction, of which a score have been made in the machine, which it is believed, navigated the air over Worcester and vicinity tonight, it was not until December 12 that the story of his achievements became public. On that day aeronauts and others were surprised by the announcement that Mr. Tillinghast had on September 8 made a trip in his aeroplane to the statute of liberty in New York city thence to Boston and back to his starting point in the vicinity of Worcester, a distance of 600 miles, without once alighting. In connection with the statement Mr. Tillinghast asserts that when near Fire Island one of the cylinders missed fire, the motors were stopped while the machine was 4000 feet in the air and his two mechanics repaired it while it remained forty-five minutes in the air without motive power. This statement is in wide contradiction of all the established records of the gravity of such machines.

Mr. Tillinghast says that he will make his first competitive test during the airship exhibition in Boston next summer. He described his machine as being of the monoplane type with a spread of 72 feet and weighing 1,550 pounds, furnished with a gasoline engine of 120 horsepower, made from particular specifications. An average speed of 20 miles an hour has been gained from its power, he says. Three persons are usually carried, two mechanics and Mr. Tillinghast. He claims that its performances exceed the best announced records for speed and altitude.

Mr. Tillinghast is a business man of good standing in this city. He is an experienced mechanic and has invented several devices which are the foundation of the company of which he is vice-president. He has made a specialty of airships for 11 years he says.

JOHN A. BEST ELECTED TO DUFFERIN SEAT

Orangeville, Ont., Dec. 22.—John A. Best, of Mulmur, was elected by acclamation today, as a member for the Dominion House for Dufferin. The seat was formerly held by Dr. Barr, who died suddenly recently. No Liberal candidate was nominated.