

WHAT FIGHT IS ALL ABOUT

TEXT OF BILL THAT LORDS REJECTED

Measure Shows the Stand Taken by Government in Great Britain

Everyone knows that the present struggle in Great Britain is between the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The following is the text of the bill submitted to the House of Lords a fortnight ago and which they failed to pass, designed to be the first step towards sweeping away the great powers the Lords have always held in Great Britain.

Whereas it is expedient that provision should be made for regulating the relations between the two houses of parliament:

And whereas it is intended to substitute for the House of Lords as at present exists a second chamber constituted on a popular instead of hereditary basis, but such substitution cannot be immediately brought into operation:

And whereas provision will be made by the bill to be made by parliament in a measure effecting such substitution for the existing powers of the House of Lords:

Be it therefore enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords spiritual and temporal and Commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the House of Lords shall, unless the House of Commons direct to the contrary, be presented to his Majesty and become an act of parliament in the royal assent being signified, notwithstanding that the House of Lords have not consented to the bill.

(1) If a money bill, having been passed by the House of Commons and sent up to the House of Lords at least one month before the date of the session, is not passed by the House of Lords within one month after it is sent up to that House, the bill shall, unless the House of Commons direct to the contrary, be presented to his Majesty and become an act of parliament in the royal assent being signified, notwithstanding that the House of Lords have not consented to the bill.

(2) A money bill means a bill which, in the opinion of Speaker of the House of Commons contains only provisions dealing with all or any of the following subjects, namely: The imposition, repeal, remission, alteration, or regulation of taxation; charges on the consolidated fund or the provision of money by parliament; the appropriation, control, or regulation of public money; the raising or guarantee of any loan or the payment thereof; or matters incidental to those subjects or any of them.

(3) When a bill to which the House of Lords has not consented is presented to his Majesty for assent as a money bill, the bill shall be presented to him by a certificate of the Speaker of the House of Commons that it is a money bill.

(4) No amendment shall be allowed to a money bill in the opinion of the Speaker of the House of Commons, in such a manner as to prevent the bill retaining the character of a money bill.

(5) If any bill other than a money bill is passed by the House of Commons in three successive sessions, and is not passed by the House of Lords in each of those sessions, that bill shall, on the third day after the third time it is presented to the House of Lords, be presented to his Majesty and become an act of parliament in the royal assent being signified, notwithstanding that the House of Lords has not consented to the bill, provided that this provision shall not apply unless two years have elapsed between the date of the first introduction of the bill in the House of Commons and the date on which it passes the House of Commons for the third time.

(6) A bill shall be deemed to be rejected by the House of Lords if it is not passed by the House of Lords either without amendment or with such amendments only as may be agreed to by both Houses.

(7) A bill shall be deemed to be the same as a former bill sent up to the House of Lords in the preceding session, if, when it is sent up to the House of Lords, it is identical with the former bill or contains only such alterations as are certified by the Speaker of the House of Commons to be necessary owing to the time which has elapsed since the date of the former bill, or to represent amendments which have been made by the House of Lords in the former bill in the preceding session.

Provided that the House of Commons may, if they think fit, on the passage of such a bill through the House of Commons on a second or third session, suggest any further amendments without—

(a) amending the bill, and any such suggested amendments shall be considered by the House of Lords, and if agreed to by that House, shall be treated as amendments made by the House of Commons; or

(b) the exercise of this power by the House of Commons shall not affect the operation of this section in the event of the bill being rejected by the House of Lords.

3. Any certificate of the Speaker of the House of Commons given under this act shall be conclusive for all purposes, and shall not be questioned in any court of law.

4. Nothing in this act shall diminish or qualify the existing rights and privileges of the House of Commons.

5. Five years shall be substituted for seven years as the time fixed for the maximum duration of parliament under the Septennial Act, 1701.

6. This act may be cited as the Parliament Act, 1910.

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VICTORIA WEST WOULD BE FREE

MOVE FOR SECESSION FROM VICTORIA CITY

Petitions Being Circulated Asking Power to Form Separate Municipality

(From Thursday's Daily.)

An agitation has been set afoot in Victoria West which, if its purpose be accomplished, will result in that district seceding from Victoria and forming a separate municipality with boundaries extending from the Victoria Arm, on the east, to Esquimalt harbor, on the West. The movement has developed into concrete shape, and petitions to the end indicated are being circulated and largely signed. A prominent resident of Victoria West said to the Times this morning:

"Yes, it is true that a large number of the residents of the district feel that the time has arrived when a separate municipality should be formed and there is every intention to press the matter to the decision of the rate-payers."

We feel that for many years the district has got but shabby treatment at the hands of the city council. We have suffered from inadequate lighting and police protection. We are now too late to try and conciliate public opinion in that quarter.

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"Oak Bay is conceded to be one of the most desirable residential communities on the coast in respect to the municipal facilities and the comforts and conveniences which are provided for its people. Why should Victoria West be denied what Oak Bay has and we mean to try to get it."

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BIG SAWMILL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Rat Portage Lumber Company Suffers Loss Estimated at Over \$150,000

Winnipeg, Dec. 8.—Fire broke out early yesterday morning in the engine room of the Rat Portage Lumber Co. on the St. Boniface side of the river, and so rapidly did the flames spread that within ninety minutes, despite the efforts of St. Boniface brigade, a Winnipeg detachment and the mill's own extensive fire apparatus, the flames had engulfed the entire sawmill, including engine house, box factory, in which the planer was working at the time, and the drying kiln. Serious fears were entertained for the extensive stables and a large number of horses were turned loose in the adjoining field of St. Boniface hospital. The firemen succeeded in saving the stables and also the ash and door factory, but a considerable amount of lumber was destroyed. Owing to the early hour there were but few employees in the building and consequently no casualties. Despite the heavy frost, it being below zero, which hampered the brigade, the spectacular blaze soon attracted a large crowd of sightseers.

President D. C. Cameron estimated the loss at between \$150,000 and \$200,000, with insurance about \$9 per cent.

COST OF JORDAN RIVER POWER

B. C. ELECTRIC CO. QUOTES CHEAP RATE

One and One-Tenth Cents Per Kilowatt Hour for City Street Lighting

At a lengthy conference yesterday afternoon between the city council and the B. C. Electric Lighting company, a tentative agreement was reached in respect to the charge which shall be made by the company for power when the plant at Jordan River shall have been placed in operation at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Goward offered a rate of one and one-tenth cents per kilowatt hour. This rate puts Victoria in the forefront of the cities on the continent of America which can boast of cheap power. In Vancouver the cost is about one and three-quarters cents per kilowatt hour.

Following the passing last year of the bylaw whereunder the company agreed to supply power for street lighting at one-half the amount it was then costing the city, Mr. Hutchison, electrical superintendent, has been busy making calculations to ascertain the exact cost of the latter for supplying power. He estimates that it is costing about two cents per kilowatt hour.

The present civic electric plant is taxed to the limit, and to enlarge the service would mean heavy expenditure for additional plant and equipment; while it is very doubtful if with this increase in plant power could be produced for any less than it is now costing, two cents per kilowatt hour. With cheap power available from Jordan river, however, large additions could be made, numerous requests for light having been received from outlying sections.

With the introduction of the modern street-lighting system of cluster lights, an unlimited supply of power is imperative, and the offer of the company, meaning as it does an unlimited supply at low cost, will work a revolution in city lighting facilities.

Next week another meeting of the committee will be held, when the matter will be further considered.

CHARGE AGAINST MEXICAN

Revolutionist Says Effort Is Being Made to Force Him to Return to Mexico

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Charged with obtaining money and a license, Juan Sanchez Azcona, a Mexican revolutionist, today declared the charge was trumped up in order to procure his return to Mexico to face punishment for insurrection.

Azcona admitted that he had political aspirations and added that if Francisco Madero were successful he would be secretary of state in the revolutionary government. Azcona declares that agents of President Diaz are attempting to force his return to Mexico. He says that the insurgents are daily gaining victories, and eventually will overthrow Diaz.

Azcona is seeking a congressional inquiry into his case, and Representative Weston, of Pennsylvania, is endeavoring to bring the matter before congress in the shape of a demand for a general investigation of the methods of the state department with reference to the treatment of Mexican refugees.

GOLD FROM NEW DIGGINGS.

Several Hundred Thousand Dollars Will Be Sent Out From Iditarod and Innoko.

Seward, Alaska, Dec. 8.—Over five hundred persons will come out of the Innoko and Iditarod districts over the trail this winter, according to a party of seven which has just arrived from the interior. The party, which includes one woman, made the trip in 15 days of actual traveling.

Members of the party report that several hundred thousand dollars in bullion will be brought out from Iditarod and Innoko during the winter and that several consignments of gold for Seattle banks have already been started over the trail by dog sled. The trail is reported to be in excellent shape and good time can be made.

SIMPLE RITES MARK FUNERAL

TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF MRS. MARY EDDY

Only the Family, Members of Household and Few Leaders of Church Present

(Times' Leased Wire.)

Boston, Dec. 8.—The body of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy was laid at rest today in Mount Auburn cemetery. After the reading of a simple funeral service in her Chestnut Hill home at Newton, the body was taken to the Christian Science church, where it was borne to the cemetery and placed in a receiving vault beside the body of her husband, who died in 1902. It is only within the last couple of years that the civic authorities have shown any disposition to grapple understandingly with the problems in Victoria West, but I fear that it is now too late to try and conciliate public opinion in that quarter.

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FRASER RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

DEPUTATION WAITS ON MINISTERS AT OTTAWA

Government Will Do Its Duty in Meeting Needs of Province

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—The representations of a big deputation which arrived in the capital yesterday to urge the government to make improvements to navigation on the North and South arms of the Fraser river were heard this morning by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. F. Oliver, Hon. W. Pugsley, and Hon. W. Templeman, in the Premier's office.

J. H. Sinclair, chairman of the deputation, said the North Arm improvements proposed would cost about \$1,000,000, and the South Arm improvements about \$400,000.

After hearing the arguments of nine speakers Hon. Mr. Pugsley said the deputation had already arranged for the immediate dredging on the North Arm and the dredge King Edward would be at work there before the deputation got back to the coast. It would be kept steadily at work until a uniform depth of 15 feet was provided. The total cost of this part of the scheme will be about \$250,000.

Sir Wilfrid said he thought the statement made by Hon. Mr. Pugsley should be satisfactory. The government, he said, viewed with favor the whole scheme of navigation improvement on the lower reaches of the Fraser river and would do its full duty by the needs of the province which was in natural resources and commercial potentialities the finest of the whole Dominion. He promised that all the requests of the deputation would be given due consideration.

MR. BALFOUR ON PREFERENCE

COLONIES MAY TURN TO OTHER NATIONS

Says Position of Radical Party May Necessitate Another Election

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 8.—Mr. Balfour, speaking at Wrexham, referring to colonial preference, said that as citizens of a rapidly-developing Empire, they would witness considerable changes. If they refused to accept the offer of preference from their colonies, those colonies would turn to other nations for trade.

Concluding, he said it was perfectly clear that the Radical party would not go back to power sufficiently strong to carry out their policy independent of their Irish allies, who were using them as pawns and before long another appeal to the electorate would have to be made.

CENSUS RETURNS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The population of the state of North Dakota is 577,506 according to the census bureau. This is an increase of 80.3 per cent. over the last census. The state gets an additional congressman.

The population of South Dakota is 588,888, an increase of 46 per cent.

CHATEAU LAURIER AT OTTAWA.

The first of the Grand Trunk Pacific hotels, just completed at the federal capital, the general design of which it is intended shall be followed in the hotel which the company is to erect on Government street, facing the Parliament Buildings.

ELEVATOR DESTROYED.

(Special to the Times.)

St. Catharines, Dec. 8.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Grand Trunk railway elevator at Port Dalhousie. There was no grain in the building. The flames spread to Powell's coal shed, causing heavy loss. The Grand Trunk railway depot, and agent's residence were saved after a hard fight. The loss is over \$100,000.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL CONTRACT.

(Special to the Times.)

Melbourne, Dec. 8.—Merchants are protesting against the proposed mail contract with Canada, because it does not include Melbourne as a port of call.

STEAMER SINKS AFTER COLLISION

THIRTY-NINE PERSONS ADRIFT IN SMALL BOATS

Warships Ordered to Search for Missing Passengers and Crew of Vessel

(Times' Leased Wire.)

London, Dec. 8.—Thirty-nine persons, members of the crew and passengers of the steamship "Blackburn," are adrift on the open sea off Sheringham, Norfolk, today, following the sinking of the "Blackburn" in collision with the steamer "Rook."

The "Rook" picked up 17 of the passengers and crew, but the fate of the others is not known.

British warships have been ordered to seek the missing small boats of the "Blackburn."

The "Blackburn," with a hole in her port side, settled in deep water following the collision.

NEW ZEALAND'S COMPLAINT

Receives Inadequate News Regarding Progress of Elections in the Old Country.

(Special to the Times.)

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 8.—Inadequate election news is causing complaints and has raised the whole question of cable rates. Objection is made to the flavor of the news received via Vancouver. Secretary Harrison, of the Newspaper Association, is going to England to investigate the question of news gathering for cable service. The opinion here is unanimous in favor of laying an Atlantic cable by partners in the Pacific cable.

BURNED TO DEATH.

New York, Dec. 8.—Inattention to her own safety while concerned for the well-being of her pet collie dog cost Miss Ellen F. Francis, of East Quogue, Long Island, her life.

The young woman brought the animal in the house to extract a piece of wire from its foot. While intent on the operation her dress ignited at an open grate fire, and in an instant she was flame from head to foot.

Her mother, an invalid, was barely able to raise herself from bed, and threw a blanket about the girl, who was so badly burned that death soon followed.

MUST PAY OVER FUNDS.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The Imperial Supreme court yesterday ordered the Imperial Bank of Berlin to pay to Abdul Hamid, deposed sultan of Turkey, \$5,000,000, deposited by the deposed ruler several years ago. It is believed that the young Turks worked political capital out of the money.

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Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—The police are searching today for a pair of bandits who operate with an automobile. B. G. Wilkiss was their first victim. Wilkiss was halted in the street about midnight and invited to get into the car.

After a ten-minute auto toward the country he found himself looking into a revolver. He was relieved of \$10 and compelled to dismount and walk home. The number of the machine had been removed.

STRIKE CAUSES MUCH SUFFERING

Five Thousand Families Are Near Actual Starvation in Chicago

(Times' Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 8.—With indications that the garment workers' strike will continue all winter, the situation of the strikers and their families is daily becoming more desperate. Five thousand families are reported as near actual starvation. Unionists assert that 25,000 of the 40,000 strikers are receiving their only food from the commissary store established by labor organizations.

The Women's Trade Union league today issued an appeal for funds. A movement has been inaugurated to assess every union man in Chicago 25c per week in addition to the amounts contributed by every union organization.

The only hope of averting dire suffering among the strikers seems to lie in the possibility that the offer of peace by Hart, Schaffner & Marx will include the "closed shop." If it does, it is predicted that the strikers will reject the offer.

CANADA'S PLACE IN THE EMPIRE

GEN. LAKE'S TRIBUTE TO MILITIA FORCES

Judge Grantham Urges British Statesmen to Change Attitude Toward Dominion

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 8.—Lord Strathcona presided at the Canadian Club dinner last evening and presented two handsome loving cups to the club.

In doing so Lord Strathcona alluded to the fact that the club had originated at the time that it took sixty days to cross the Atlantic and the few members then had toasted themselves with the old fashioned toddy bowl.

At that time the west, which now sent one hundred millions of bushels of grain, did not produce one million and the only dealings of the merchant were in furs in the Northwest and timber in the east, and British Columbia was only known as the sea of great mountains. He emphasized the contract of potentialities, so great that their sons should look upon the present prosperity as a mere bagatelle.

The toast to the Imperial forces was responded to by Admiral Douglas and General Sir Percy Lake.

Sir Percy said that he had reason to be proud of his connection with the Canadian militia. It is now possible, he stated, to make a comparison of the value of the force to-day with ten years ago and in future it will have an influence on the future of the Empire. He closed with a peroration on Daniel Webster's words that the British drum would be heard at sunrise throughout the world.

The toast to the Dominion was responded to by Hon. Price Ellison, M. P., who said that any man who was a Manchester man by birth and a Canadian by adoption, Chamberlainite and Imperialist by choice. Amid much laughter and cheering he stated that Canada wanted the Old Country to get a move on. "We don't want to have any dealings with the United States, which made Britain its dumping ground," he added. The preference for Great Britain had been endorsed by all parties.

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TIDE AGAIN FAVORS UNIONISTS

WIN SEVERAL SEATS FROM OPPOSITION

Liberals Now Hold Majority of Constituencies in the Metropolis

(Times' Leased Wire.)

London, Dec. 8.—The standing of the parties to date is as follows:

Unionists 169
Liberals 124
Nationalists 38
Laborites 22

The vote cast for the coalition number 1,174,612, as against 1,294,738 in 1910 for a similar period. The Unionists polled 1,080,050, while against them were registered 1,171,535.

Fluctuations in the fortunes of the elections yesterday favored the opposition, who are now three up. The Liberals have won two more seats in London, thus putting them in the majority as far as the metropolis is concerned, but they lost six seats in the country, greatly to their surprise.

Cardiff, where Lord Crichton Stuart, brother of the Marquis of Bute, with powerful family influence, won handsomely, was a great surprise to the Liberals. The subscriptions of the victor to the party funds are recent, as he has only been in the constituency a fortnight, while his opponent has nursed the riding assiduously. It is not thought, however, that the result in the cosmopolitan seaport will affect the rest of Wales.

Lord Crichton-Stuart overcame a Liberal majority of 155, winning by 299, and the withdrawal from politics of the old member, D. A. Thomas, who was replaced in the Liberal interest by Sir C. Hyde.

Another Surprise

There was an even greater surprise, however, in the capture of Plymouth by "Waldorf Astor" and A. Shirley, who took Mr. Durand's place as the running mate of the young Anglo-American. They proved a good tough and the work that Mr. Astor had done in the constituency was shown in his success in replacing C. E. Mallet, financial secretary of the war office, who is the first minister to be defeated in a naval port.

In the Metropolis

In East London the influence of the campaigning of Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was well shown in the Labor gain in Bow and Bromley and the Liberal gain in Stepney, but the Unionists scored a gain in Newton, Lancashire, which is always regarded as the most important county in England in political sense. Almost everywhere in the country the Labor and Liberal vote decreased and the Unionists were more placed, while their gains here than anywhere else.

The Right Hon. Sydney Buxton, president of the Board of Trade, like John Burns, the other member of the cabinet, sitting in 2 London seat, greatly increased his majority.

Predicts Large Majority

Lloyd-George, speaking at Nevins yesterday, estimated a government majority of from 120 to 140. The first thing the Government would do when they got back would be to settle the House of Lords veto.