

FIRE CLAIMS  
PAPER BOX FACTORY  
AT NEWARK BURNED

Eighteen Persons Known to Be Dead and Score Are Missing

(Times' Leased Wire.) Newark, N. J., Nov. 28.—Eighteen persons perished to-day in a fire that destroyed the factory.

A score of persons are missing and it is believed their bodies lie in the ruins of the factory. No firemen were severely hurt, though a number of them had narrow escapes. A few bodies have been recovered from the ruins, blackened and charred, beyond the possibility of identification. Most of the dead are girls and women.

While the fire was at its height three priests, Fathers Kernan, Dillon and Brennan, St. Patrick's Catholic cathedral, which is near the scene of the fire, discharging the warnings and pleadings of the crowd, forced their way into the burning building to give consolation and absolution to the dying. They were dragged out later by the firemen, exhausted and overcome and nearly dead from the heat and smoke.

The fire, the cause of which has not yet been explained, broke out apparently in all parts of the building at once. The flames gained ground so rapidly that in a few minutes the whole structure was a mass of flames. Escape by the fire escapes was cut off, and within two minutes after the blaze was discovered the windows were filled with hysterical girls and men.

The firemen were rushed to the scene, but when they arrived the fire had gained such headway that they could do little to save those in the building. Ladders were pushed against the blazing walls, only to become ignited, break and fall before the firemen could reach the upper windows.

Life nets were hastily spread in the streets, and the frantic employees leaped for their lives. Some of them missed the nets and fell groaning to the sidewalks. Many were saved with only slight injuries, but some of the last to jump were terribly burned before they left the building. They were hurried to hospitals. Six of those who jumped from the upper windows were killed as they crashed to the pavement.

Some of the firemen who were tugging to hold the life nets in position, were struck by the falling bodies and were injured.

Most of the employees in the building were girls, and at least eight of the eighteen known dead are girls. It is believed that many girls whose bodies have not been recovered, perished in the fire.

Although the night was apparently hopeless, the firemen worked heroically to save the victims, and many of them were dragged insensible from the factory by their comrades. The firemen endeavored again and again to force their way into the building through the main entrance. A few persons were rescued in this way, but the work was too much for the men to face, and they were finally forced to retreat.

Survivors of the fire assert that it was caused by the explosion of a gasoline lamp on the third floor. Many of the employees, among them 15 girls, jumped from the fourth story windows. Twenty-four persons were injured in jumping, two of them dying en route to the hospitals.

The building occupied by the box company was very old. The police and firemen say the fire escapes were old and of an obsolete pattern. The stairway inside was crooked and the building was built of highly inflammable material.

Two minutes after the fire broke out, the whole building was in flames. The conflagration started on the top floor, according to the police. Firemen believe that many of the bodies of those who jumped were in flames.

Every ambulance in the city was hurried to the fire, and many private buggies and automobiles were used to take the dead and injured from the scene. The building was a four-story structure. The Newark Paper Box company occupied the first two floors, the Aetna Lamp Manufacturing company the third floor, and the Wolf company, underwear manufacturers, the fourth.

The heat in the building was so intense that many employees jumped from the windows before the firemen arrived. Employees on the first floor, some of whom rushed to the street when the fire started, and others from neighboring factories, improvised life nets from wagon covers and coats, and thus saved many lives of those who crowded to the upper windows.

In jumping many of the employees struck a network of telephone wires. One girl leaped from a fourth story window and struck a telephone pole. For a few minutes her body hung, swinging in the air, then plunged to the sidewalk. When the horrified spectators reached her she was dead.

AUTO FATALITY

Fresno, Cal., Nov. 26.—John Gardner is dead and Josie Kuge, Mrs. Gladys Harrel and Charles Tanner are seriously hurt following the wild plunge of an automobile in which they were riding into an irrigation ditch near this city. The machine capsized, pinning all four of its occupants underneath. They were in this condition for an hour before their cries attracted passersby.

LIVERY STABLES DESTROYED

Winnipeg, Nov. 28.—The Reed livery and harness barn at Carleton Place, has been destroyed by fire. Fifteen horses, most of their lives, many being valuable animals.

PREPARATIONS  
FOR ELECTIONS

LIBERALS CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS IN LONDON

Leader of Opposition Replies to Chancellor of the Exchequer

London, Nov. 28.—One can travel all over London without seeing any sign in the metropolis that a general election is at foot. Liberals are confident of success in London, but the central organization is passing round the word to beware of over-confidence.

On the other hand the Unionists claim that the vote of the working classes will be more in their favor than for a long time past. Neither party seem yet to have got up steam and the enthusiasm to be noticed a year ago prior to the elections is now lacking. A great number of uncontented seats will mark the contest as compared with a year ago for good judges say both sides are reluctant to throw away time and energy in contesting hopeless seats.

London is the lively hive of the Conservatives and their metropolitan organization is determined not to be caught napping on this occasion.

Much is expected from Mr. Balfour's speech at the demonstration on November 29th.

Liberals are making every effort to draft some of their strongest candidates into London constituencies now represented by Unionists.

Speaking at a meeting Mr. A. J. Balfour replied to the speeches made by Hon. Lloyd George during the past few days. The leader of the opposition said: "When the duty is thrown upon those who call themselves a democrat, when a man tells me he is a democrat, when he goes to the platform and says 'I am proud to call myself a democrat, when he goes to the duty, I am proud to call myself a democrat, when he goes to the duty, I am proud to call myself a democrat."

He knows not what popular government is, nor has he grasped the very conditions upon which alone it can be made a success in this or any other period of history. Let us treat differences of opinion as men, with reason and moderation. Let us appeal to great principles, rather than to the violent passions of those who have had little opportunity of considering the problems upon which they are asked to decide."

Hon. Lloyd George, in alluding to this speech of Mr. Balfour said: "The people's grievances against the House of Lords are not to be redressed by unctuous vapid irrelevances like those of Mr. Balfour. Lord Lansdown's plan is simply meant to keep democracy at the end of a long pole so that it shall not bite. If Mr. Balfour is a democrat, why does he and Lord Lansdown place hurdles, ditches and wire entanglements in the path which the government by the people must travel along?"

Leading free trade Unionists—members of both Houses of Parliament—have issued the following appeal: "While adhering to the opinions on the fiscal question which we always held, we think in the present crisis it is the duty of all who are opposed to a single chamber constitution, the adoption of which would involve the destruction of the Union, to throw the weight of their influence in the scale against the dangerous policy of the present government. We, therefore, venture to appeal to the moderate men, whether free traders or not, to support the Unionist candidates in every constituency in the impending election."

Some light has at length been thrown on the nature of the secret pact between the Liberal government and the Nationalist party. John Redmond, in a message to the Irish people in Australia, says "Victory means for Ireland immediate Home Rule."

This is taken as an indication not only that the Liberal leaders are standing by their pledges on the Irish question, but that Premier Asquith has promised Mr. Redmond in return for Nationalist support that the Liberals will introduce a Home Rule bill at the earliest possible opportunity after the veto power of the Lords has been swept away.

Funds From United States. Boston, Nov. 28.—T. B. Fitzpatrick, national treasurer of the United Irish League, yesterday cabled \$10,000 to John Redmond, leader of the Nationalists in the British parliament, for the furtherance of the cause. This makes the total sent since the recent annual meeting of the league at Buffalo \$50,000.

TEN MINERS ENTOMBED

Hope of Rescuing Imprisoned Men Has Been Abandoned. Evansville, Ind., Nov. 28.—Rescuers emerging from the mine of the Providence Coal company at Providence, Ky., to-day reported the mine filled with gas, and that the ten miners entombed in mine number 3 have been given up as dead.

The men have been shut in for 24 hours, and unless the gases are worked out rescuers will not be able to reach them. The entombed men are in the lowest level of the mine.

REVISIONS OFFICE

Resigns, Nov. 28.—Deputy Attorney-General Frank Ford will sever his connection with the department next month, when he will leave for Edmonton, where he will join a local law firm.



MISS VICTORIA—My gardens and lawns. I really expected to get rid of all that junk.

ALD. BANNERMAN AND THE MAYOR

Former Charges His Worship With Having Embarked on Vote-Catching Voyage

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A lively tilt between Ald. Bannerman and Mayor Morley was the feature of the proceedings at last evening's meeting of the Streets committee of the city council.

The former charged the mayor with having embarked on a vote-catching expedition, and this was strenuously denied by his worship.

The incident arose when Ald. Bannerman, chairman of the committee, reported that it was costing 20 per cent. extra to proceed with local improvement works during unfavorable weather.

In his opinion it was not fair to the property owners to be charged with this extra cost, and he was favorable to completing the works now in hand and not initiating any new ones.

He pointed out that deputations after deputations had waited on the committee, protesting against the excessive cost of civic works. If twenty per cent. extra cost continued to be incurred it ought to be paid out of general revenue and not charged against the property owners.

Mayor Morley said there was another side to the question. It would be better to keep the men employed than to shut them off and have many applications made to the city for charity during the winter months.

Ald. Bannerman retorted that the mayor, earlier in the year, had been exceedingly profuse in his concrete work with the street works weather. But that was just after an election, and now the mayor took an entirely different stand just on the eve of the election.

The mayor retorted what he termed an uncalled for insinuation, contending that the situation today was entirely different to what it was a few months ago.

"Oh, we know very well that you are trying to catch votes," remarked Ald. Bannerman.

"No, I am not trying to catch votes, but I am doing my best in the interests of the city," replied the mayor.

"Perhaps you think you have enough votes already," retorted Ald. Bannerman, amid laughter.

Mayor Morley challenged Ald. Bannerman to put to a vote a proposal that the committee, letting improvements should be suspended during the winter months, but after some further cross-firing the question of proceeding with the work was left to the discretion of the city engineer.

BYE-ELECTION RETURNS

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Nov. 28.—The clerk of the crown in chancery has received the writ for the bye-election in the riding of Crummond-Arthabaska, where the bye-election was recently held. Mr. Gilbert, Nationalist, has an official majority of 20 out of a poll of 6,886. Mr. Gilbert will probably take his seat in the House on Monday.

AUSTRALIAN DESTROYERS

Melbourne, Nov. 28.—The new Australian destroyers have arrived at Perth. Their machinery is in perfect condition, and an average speed of fourteen knots an hour was maintained. At times a speed of 18 knots was reached. The men got a great reception at Perth, and the people showed in unmistakable fashion that they were proud of their fleet.

MR. OLIVER WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE

Writes Letter Explaining of His Position in the Mayorality Contest

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The following self-explanatory letter has been received by the Times: "I have been asked by many voters in Victoria city to offer myself as a candidate for the office of mayor at the next civic election."

"Those who have asked me have been so sincere and genuine in their request, that, greatly against my own personal wishes, I half promised that I would do so, provided, however, that the water by-law passed. As the water by-law did not pass I must ask to be excused. Allow me at the same time to thank my friends for honoring me with the invitation."

"W. E. OLIVER."

GOVERNMENT AT SAILORS' MERCY

FORCED TO GRANT MUTINEERS IMMUNITY

Brazilian Officials Declare They Cannot Place Reliance on the Army

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 26.—Brazil's runaway warships reappeared in Rio de Janeiro harbor today, and negotiations for their surrender to the government by the mutinous sailors, on board, were resumed. An emissary of the government, sent to arrange for the surrender, was courteously received on board, the mutineers' flag, which flew a red banner, from its main mast.

Indignant expressions which followed the announcement that the senate and chamber of deputies had extended the olive branch to the rebellious sailors and had guaranteed them immunity from punishment if they would surrender their ships, were met today by the explanation of high officials, who said the government distrusted its army and had no other way out of the difficulty.

It is held here that the success of the Portuguese rebellion was responsible for the outbreak here. The battleship San Paolo was in Lisbon harbor at the time of the Portuguese uprising, and the ease with which the Portuguese revolutionists overthrew their supposed oppressors, it is believed, turned the sailors' heads. Arriving at Rio de Janeiro they learned that the soldiers thought the sailors were poorly treated, and the mutiny was the result.

POPULATION OF STATES

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—According to the census bureau the population of the United States is approximately 90,000,000. The rate of increase for the nation at large will exceed the rate of separate states, the states having averaged 2800 increase.

COST OF WIDENING OF YATES STREET

City Engineer's Estimate is Sum of Over Two Hundred Thousand Dollars

(From Saturday's Daily.)

On motion of Ald. Bishop, seconded by Ald. Raymond, it was decided at last evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council to recommend the introduction of a by-law providing for the widening of Yates street, between Broad and Government streets.

In this connection the city engineer, at the request of the committee, had prepared the following preliminary report: "The widening of Yates street between Government and Broad streets. Yates street is 100 feet in width from Douglas street easterly. It is 86 feet in width between Douglas and Broad Streets, and 75 feet west of Government street, increasing to 85 at Wharf street. If 20 feet were taken off the north side of Yates between Broad and Government streets, that side of Yates would be nearly in line between Douglas and Wharf Streets. The city assessor estimates that it will cost \$203,770 to appropriate a strip 20 feet in width from the north side of Yates street between Broad and Government streets. If your committee decide to do this, a by-law will be required for the expropriation and another for the street improvement. The street improvement will cost approximately \$200. The proportion of the cost of the expropriation should be determined by your committee. Attached herewith is a map of this portion of Yates street." The report was tabled for one week.

INCREASING CAPITAL

Toronto, Nov. 26.—A big melon is being cut by the Ontario Jockey club. The Ontario Gazette issued today announces the issue of supplementary letters to patents to the Ontario Jockey club, increasing the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$200,000. The new stock is to consist of 200 shares of \$1,000 each, and is to be allotted to present members according to their present holdings of stock.

MUST STAND TRIAL

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 26.—Clarence D. Hillman, the Seattle millionaire real estate operator, must plead to the charges of conspiracy to defraud, by the use of the mails, December 1. This is the decision of Judge Donworth who has just declared that Hillman's motion to quash the indictments. The indictments are sustained and Hillman must go to trial.

TANGLE IN MANCHURIA

Tokyo, Nov. 25.—Japanese and Chinese officials here are engaged to-day in an endeavor to straighten out a tangle that has resulted from the selection of the same districts in Manchuria for the autumn manoeuvres of the Japanese and Chinese troops in the northern Chinese province.

As it would be dangerous to have two large bodies of Chinese and Japanese troops operating simultaneously in the same region, the Chinese government has temporarily abandoned its plan.

In connection with the manoeuvres the Japanese commander reports the capture of a Chinese spy in the railroad yards at Mukden. Nothing incriminating was found on his person, however, and at the request of the Chinese authorities he was allowed his freedom.

FILE PLANS FOR ISLAND LINE

PROGRESS REPORTED BY CANADIAN NORTHERN

D. D. Returns East—Hearty Endorsement of Canada's Naval Policy

After having filed with the government plans for the first twenty miles of the Canadian Northern Pacific railway on Vancouver Island, D. D. Mann left for the mainland last evening en route east. General Manager McLeod and T. C. Holt, executive agent, went with him, although the latter expects to be back in Victoria very shortly.

As soon as the government accepts the plans tenders will be called for and contracts let. Contractors who may desire to put in bids may inspect the plans and profiles at the company's offices in this city. Construction will begin from Victoria towards Sooke Harbor, and thence via Sooke river and lake towards Shawnigan.

During the course of an interview prior to his departure, Mr. Mann gave expression to views which are tantamount to a hearty endorsement of Canada's island policy. He was in favor of the Dominion today occupying a unique and significant position in the eyes of British investors. It is a noteworthy fact that they are financing our railway enterprises, floating our industrial propositions and buying our municipal bond issues. This is in marked contrast to their attitude towards all kinds of American railway securities. The unwillingness of the British investor to buy them has had a somewhat demoralizing effect in the United States. It has virtually curtailed railway extensions and improvements for months past, and across the border, according to the press, there are today over four and one-half million people out of employment. It is not the superior situation which exists in Canada worth all the contributions we can make directly or indirectly in the cause of imperial defence. As Canadians we should all rejoice that both political parties favor the principle, even though they may differ as to the best methods of applying it. No patience should be shown anybody who is engaged in granting any form of assistance towards imperial defence."

MILITARY SERVICE IN SPAIN. Even Clergy Not Exempt Under Government Proposals.

Madrid, Nov. 25.—The new project of obligatory military service now under discussion in the Senate threatens to complicate the relations between the Spanish government and the Vatican further, as it does not exempt either the secular or the monastic clergy.

The Bishop of Madrid, voting the clerical protest, which characterizes the bill as the most anti-clerical feature of the ministerial program, extends his protest to the canonical law authorizing ecclesiastical immunity, and is especially offensive in that it would depose the pope of the clergy.

The measure also arouses a protest in the circles of the press on the ground that instead of abolishing the abuses of the old regime, under which substitute could be purchased which was the cause of the rising in Catalonia last year, it proposes to try and dispose of it to another purchaser.

HELD IN CITY JAIL

Chief Witness in Seattle Investigation Found by Members of Council Committee.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 25.—Held for forty-two days in the city jail with no charge placed against him, and unable to send a note outside his cell or hold any communication, Marion B. Miller, said to be the chief missing witness in the investigation, has been released by the members of the city council. The committee will make a formal demand upon Miller's release.

Miller got word two or three days ago by discharge prisoners, who had shared his cell and to whom he told his story.

Miller says he was arrested by Waples' men in police garb charges started. He has since been held.

STUDENTS SUSPENDED

Pitched Battle Between Freshmen and Sophomores at Western Medical College.

As a result of the war declared between students of the first and second year at the Western Medical College, London, Ontario, nearly 100 men of the first and second years have been suspended indefinitely. The trouble started over the attitude of the freshmen, who, on account of their large numbers, were very naughty to ward the sophs. This was keenly resented, and a pitched battle occurred. When the men came back this year the faculty made them sign an agreement not to engage in any kind of a fight, and the penalty of forfeiting their term fees. The students were unable to keep quiet. Now they declare they will go to work in local factories until they are taken back.

TRAGEDY IN LUMBER CAMP

Blind River, Ont., Nov. 25.—Word has been received here of a tragedy in Waldie Bros' lumber camp, 32 miles from here. Some clothing had been stolen, and William Carroll suspected Joseph Tallon, who was really not the man. While Tallon was removing shoes packed, Carroll snatched his skull with the end of an axe. Carroll then struck at another man, but Foreman Ritchie grappled with him and prevented further bloodshed. Tallon died in a few hours. Carroll was tied up with ropes and arrived in town Thursday night, where he was placed under arrest by Provincial Constable Taylor and placed in jail here. The prisoner is 61 years old, 5 feet 2 inches in height, and very powerful.

The average period for which a silver remains in currency is twenty-seven years.

STILL RUSH WORK ON BASTION STREET

EVERY DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN ADJUSTED

City Engineer and Aldermen Speak in Praise of Asphalt Laid

(From Saturday's Daily.) The work of repaving Bastion street may be taken in hand immediately. The Worswick company, which the contract will be awarded. At last evening's meeting of the streets committee the city solicitor reported that the petition was now all in order, and advised that instructions be given to the engineer to notify the contractors to commence the work immediately.

Mayor Macdonald, who is particularly giner if the type of pavement proposed to be laid on Bastion street would take into account the grade and the necessity for seeing that it be not rendered slippery for horses.

The city engineer replied that the surface of the asphalt pavement proposed putting down was intended to meet this situation. There need be no fear that the pavement would be unsatisfactory, as it would be so faced as to prevent any slipping by horses, even in the most unfavorable weather.

Ald. Raymond spoke in terms of the highest praise of the pavement which had been laid by the Worswick company on Linden avenue. In bad weather he had seen horses go on the steep grade on that thoroughfare without the slightest difficulty. The report of the city solicitor was received, the recommendation adopted, and the city engineer will be immediately by the Worswick company.

Ex-Ald. Gleason headed a deputation from Belmont avenue who protested against the high assessment levied for the work of local improvement. The city engineer and Ald. Fullerton were appointed a committee to determine the actual cost of the various materials etc. for that part of the piece of work and report back to the committee.

At the request of a deputation of owners from Belmont, the suggestion of Port street and Fairview, between the city engineer will submit a report as to the cost of laying an asphalt pavement on that street.

W. J. Hanna headed a deputation of owners on Pandora avenue, and outlined his scheme for the extension of that street through from Harrison to Oak Bay avenue, part of which project were given in last evening's Times. It was decided that a committee of the owners should meet the city engineer and outline some working plan for the extension of the street.

The city solicitor recommended that an effort be made to settle the claim of the Producer, Sand and Gravel company against the city, in its judgment it being clear that the city must stand by its contract to take 5000 cubic yards of sand and gravel for the works, as it is the intention of the city to try and dispose of it to another purchaser.

EASTERN RUGBY

Attendance at Hamilton Game Will Probably Set New Record.

Hamilton, Nov. 25.—Football enthusiasts are arriving on every train for the game between Hamilton and Toronto to-day. The entire police force on duty to preserve order. Grand stand seats are selling as high as \$3 each. Even at that they are in demand. The Varsity team stands favorite with odds of 7 to 5.

Toronto, Nov. 25.—All roads lead to Hamilton to-day. Toronto is sending up train loads and boat loads filled with fans to see the game. The Varsity team is sending its quota to the game, and the attendance will mark a new limit for Canadian Rugby.

From early this morning crowds began to wend their way towards the grounds, and the accommodation for 10,000 will be taxed, and if weather is favorable probably that many more will be in attendance.

This is only one change announced in the line-up. Hamilton playing Barron on line in place of Scott. The Varsity may be forced to make a change early in play. Bulls at quarter has a bad knee, and it is feared that he will not go far. There is a good substitute for him, however, in Campbell.

The field, naturally wet, is very boggy and slippery, not to mention slushy at one end. The weather is bright and clear. The few snowflakes last night. These conditions favor Hamilton with their weight, besides handicapping the Varsity in their special kicking and blocking plays.

Hamilton, Nov. 25.—Final score: Varsity, 16; Tigers, 7.

PIGULIST'S DEATH

Presque Isle, Maine, Nov. 26.—Coroner Moore has ordered an investigation into the death of Billy Burns, a heavy-weight boxer, who died here early to-day after having engaged in a prize fight. Dunning's opponent was Jack Leon.

Leon knocked Dunning out with a right cross to the jaw. Dunning struck the ring with his head in falling. He never regained consciousness.

THE CORONATION

Eighteen Members of Australian Parliament Will Attend Ceremony.

Melbourne, Nov. 26.—Parliamentary delegates to the Coronation next June, now number 18. \$2,500 has been voted to pay expenses.

MANY LIBERALS DESERT ASQUITH

CAMPAIGN IN PROGRESS IN OLD COUNTRY

House of Commons Adjourns—Lords Ignore Government's Veto Bill

London, Nov. 25.—Sir John See Liberal member, crossed the floor of the Commons on Wednesday night deserting the government. J. Will Redmond asked the Speaker if he was in order for Rees to cross the floor on the last day of the session against the government. "That is silly enough to make him a knave," said Redmond.

The speaker replied amid laughter "It is never too late to mend."

Lord Ribblesdale, formerly Lib. Lord-in-waiting, supported Lord Lansdowne. Other Liberals who revolted include the following: Lord Portsmouth, Durham, Temple, Parnley, Monson, Northborne and John Lubbock. The Liberal member of the Commons: Mark Beaufort, Captain Allen, Sir A. Pease, Captain J. Chance and E. N. Buxton Bonar Law.

The House of Lords yesterday voted a division adopted the resolution of Lord Lansdowne, the opposition leader, and decided to send them together with Lord Rosebery's plan for the reformation of the members of the Lords, to the House of Commons. The upper chamber then adjourned until Monday, when the solution of parliament will take place. Thus the government's veto bill has been ignored by the House of Lords. A noticeable feature of the day has been the number of Liberals who supported Lord Lansdowne's scheme and opposed the government veto bill.

The Campaign. All eyes are on Lansdowne, who under the leadership of Bonar Law and the Radicals are making a spirited defence. All Manchester pollings, except the one at Lyne, where Mr. Atkins, of Monmouth, is running, take place the first day of the elections, Saturday, December 3rd, thus giving a cue to the three kingdoms.

Different Conservative free traders who voted for Mr. Churchill in 1906 also show an inclination to come over to the Liberal side. The Liberal member for Salford, who refuses to sit again in support of the ministry, is S. S. Amery is contesting the London working class constituency of St. Pancras, the Conservative member for Salford, who refuses to sit again in support of the ministry, is S. S. Amery is contesting the London working class constituency of St. Pancras, the Conservative member for Salford, who refuses to sit again in support of the ministry, is S. S. Amery is contesting the London working class constituency of St. Pancras.

Mr. Hopkins, who is associated with the Argentine meat trade, is opposing Mr. Martin.

A. J. Balfour, speaking at a meeting of the City of London Conservative association, said: "Let every Liberal realize that the house of lords is to be destroyed not in the least by the electors of the United Kingdom who value the British constitution. The house of lords is to be destroyed because that is the wish of the electors who do not want the British constitution to be home rule. That is the whole truth. It is the whole truth of the whole story of the called veto bill."

Speaking in North London Winston Churchill pleaded eloquently for home rule and warmly praised the Nationalist as the "truest and most disinterested part in British history."

James Parker, the Labor member for Halifax, writing in the Christian Commonwealth, says the new party of the lords in the direction of reform has caused disquietude among government supporters. Mr. Parker goes on to assume that Mr. Asquith has the King's promise to create new peers if necessary, and adds this is not so, then the election force and a waste of time and money. It is noteworthy that Messrs. Asquith, Lloyd George and Mr. Churchill, and the authoritative ministerial officials, are maintaining silence on vital points.

It is announced that William Redmond will contest William O'Brien's seat for Cork.