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CREW BARELY RESCUED

American Fishing Schooner Lost Off the Nova Scotia Coast.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20. — The Gloucester, Mass., schooner, Dora A. Lawson, has been lost. The schooner had been on the Banks for several weeks and four days ago was ready to return home with 90,000 pounds of fish, when she sprung a leak. Canso was the nearest harbor, so Capt. Wilson shaped his course for that port. Night and day the seventeen members of the crew kept at the pumps, but the water gained great headway, and when Canso was sighted the vessel was almost covered by water.

A snowstorm set in and it was with great difficulty the harbor was reached.

ed, and while going up to a wharf the schooner ran hard and fast on Grass Island shoals.

It was with the greatest difficulty that the crew was rescued.

CHRISTMAS BRIDES

Fourteen Bound for Canada by the Allan Line Tunisian.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Along with 200 tons of Christmas boxes which came out on the Tunisian for Canada are 14 blushing brides. They are all from England, and are on their way to all parts of Canada. In most cases their husbands have been here one year, and have made good in that time.

NOW AN HEIRESS BY DECISION OF COURTS

Young Montreal Couple Will Be Worth Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—A fortune of \$900,000 has fallen to Mrs. Arthur Young, who lived with her young husband in the east end of Montreal. Mrs. Young's maiden name was White, and the money was left her by a relative of that name who died in Baltimore. His will was contested in the courts, but, thanks to the recent decision of a New York judge, Mrs. Young is declared the real legatee. Mr. and Mrs. Young are barely 20 years of age, and were delighted to learn the successful outcome of the long legal battle.

LIBERALS WILL WIN IN BRITISH ELECTIONS

Mr. F. E. Perrin's Interesting Talk on British Politics Before Epworth League.

A very interesting evening was spent at the Dundas Centre Epworth League last night, when the present situation in England and the probability of a number of able speakers. Mr. E. Kyle Simpson presided.

In opening his address on the "British Budget," Mr. F. E. Perrin said that the position in England at the present time is similar to that of Canada previous to the election of 1878, and that Hon. Joseph Chamberlain is in a similar position, and is advocating the same tariff reform as Sir John Macdonald did in his famous "National Policy."

In Mr. Dalry's opinion it was doubtful if even the proposed budget would remedy the conditions that exist at the present time. The taxation in Britain falls on comparatively few shoulders, and even the budget does not altogether remedy this fact, for there are a large number of wealthy people who are not landowners, yet have the same moral right to support the revenues of the Government as do the great landed aristocracy.

Abolish Inequalities.

Mr. F. W. C. McCutcheon, the president of the league, spoke of the imperative necessity for the abolition of the inequalities that have existed in the social, educational and religious life between the nonconformists and the established churches.

Mr. F. E. Perrin gave a very masterly presentation of both sides of the budget question.

"In the present situation," he said, "the country is face to face with a great constitutional crisis. But this is only a part of the great struggle that has followed the growth of power of the people in political and social life. The principal causes of this struggle could be traced directly back to Germany, who was at the present time the closest rival Great Britain for the world's markets. The appropriations made for naval extension by the German Reichstag were not novel, but on an equal footing with Britain, if she should make no additions to her present fleet."

Mr. Perrin stated positively that if Britain was to maintain her present naval supremacy it was absolutely essential that she should have an increased naval appropriation.

Mr. Perrin then went on to discuss the different forms of taxation, which divided themselves naturally into two groups—the income tax, death duties, succession duties, and taxes on luxuries. These were not novel, but they had been part of the budget for eight or nine years. It was the other variety of taxes, those on the land, that were causing the trouble.

Mr. Perrin pointed out that the proposal of Mr. Chamberlain to tax all food stuffs entering the country, had met with a storm of disapproval from the workmen and poorer classes.

Liberals Will Win.

The threats of Lloyd-George and the defiant reply of the Lords that the issue had been forced upon them by sending their revolutionary principles embodied in the budget, were, according to the allegations made by Conservative leaders, but a socialist trick to endeavor to oust them from power.

Mr. Perrin gave it as his opinion that the Liberals would be returned to power. This opinion seemed to be endorsed by the press and the public men in general.

Dr. Manning also spoke briefly on the subject, as did also Miss Blinn and Mr. Lowe.

LLOYD-GEORGE SENDS A MESSAGE

Says the Budget Gains Daily and January Polling Will See Victory.

KING FOR A COMPROMISE

Had the Leaders of Both Sides "On the Carpet," But Ministers Stand By the Bill.

London, Dec. 20.—A special to the Toronto Star says: David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, author of the financial budget which the House of Lords rejected, and the chief figure in English politics, in fighting for a favorable vote for the budget in the coming general election, gave to your correspondent today a "Christmas message" for Canada and the United States on the status of the budget.

"The budget is gaining in popularity at an enormous rate," the chancellor said, "and the outlook in the January election grows more sanguine every day. There is now no possibility, as I see it, for the budget to be defeated."

Asked as to the application of the budget principles to America, Mr. Lloyd-George replied:

"I would not attempt specifically to apply our programme to America, because I am unwilling to give the impression of interference in the affairs of another nation. The American politicians would be the first to resent the opinions of a foreign cabinet minister with respect to their internal affairs."

Unearned Land Increment.

"There are, however, a number of essential features in the budget that could be of international application. The first of these is the taxation of unearned land increment. This principle is defensible in any nation. Another is the Liberal's policy of enlarging the country's resources by a Government subsidy for afforestation, or the development of timber lands. The reclamation of waste land and the Liberal party's plan to improve the local government exchanges are two other principles that would work to the advantage of any nation. These schemes vitally affect the great mass of the people, and strive for a better distribution of national wealth without working a serious injury to any class."

King Sought Compromise.

The present situation is interesting, because it marks a great constitutional crisis, and that the action of the Lords may spell nothing short of the end of the present system, no one pretends to doubt. The King is believed to have sought a compromise. He had the Prime Minister and Mr. Balfour and Lord Lansdowne, in leading of the Conservative party, in the House of Commons and House of Lords, all "on the carpet" in one day; but nothing happened. Ministers refused to entertain any sort of compromise over the bill. The financial press has been loud and even hysterical in its denunciation of what is described as the disloyal obstinacy of the upper chamber. Two Liberal newspapers, by common consent, announced the rejection of the budget with the headline, "Suicide of the House of Lords." There is not the slightest reason to believe that the Conservative leaders are blind to the gravity of the step which they have taken. No bolder or more decisive act can well be imagined. Over and over again the House of Lords has rejected or has modified Liberal measures, and Liberal governments have always submitted, wondering, perhaps, that the Peers did not do it a little earlier. But for over half a century no one has questioned the axiom of our unwritten constitution that the House of Lords may not touch money bills. Within quite recent months, Mr. Balfour himself stoutly declared that the House of Lords has no power in finance. The speech from the throne, with which each session of Parliament is opened and is closed, begins with the words: "The budget of the elective chamber in the control of the purse. 'Gentlemen of the House of Commons, I thank you for the supplies which you have voted for the carrying on of my Government. My lords and gentlemen, I have given my assent to several bills.'"

Test for Candidates.

The National Society today issued a reply to the manifesto of the Free Church Council, and as its policy of the Established Church to the defence of their position in regard to education.

The Free Church Council suggests a test for candidates for office being endorsed by Nonconformists:

1. Are you in favor of immediate legislation to secure popular control of state schools, abolition of tests for teachers, omission of sectarian teaching from the public curriculum of state-supported schools, unsectarian secondary education, and colleges for teachers?

2. Are you in favor of the main principles of the licensing bill?

3. Are you in favor of the abolition of the veto of the House of Lords, and will you do your utmost to effect it?

The licensing bill, by the way, seems to have dropped out of sight as a point of discussion. Indeed, argument against the budget, which taxes land and liquor, and the poor man's burden have been more or less indirect. The Opposition speakers naturally do not feel like arguing that the budget taxes the rich unduly, because the great mass of voters do not care how much the rich are taxed. Thus they are compelled to fall back on tariff reform as the issue.

A vote for a Unionist is a vote for the Lords; a vote for a Liberal is a vote for the people. Mr. Herbert Samuel is reported as saying in an address at Leeds. "This Parliament will be a Christmas Eve for the Unionist party will be allowed to frustrate measures desired by the nation."

CHURCH UNION VOTE

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The first real decisive action taken by the Congregational Church to ascertain the feelings of its members towards church union was decided upon by the Congregational Union at its annual meeting, when it was arranged that all individual members should be asked to vote on the question.

It was announced yesterday at the meeting of the Ministerial Association that the ballots are now on the way and the voting will take place next month.

Just before the voting takes place the ministers will address their congregations on the subject.

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A SHORTAGE OF MEN FOR CANADA'S PLANT

Canadian Manufacturers' Ass'n Says Country Faces Labor Famine.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—"A labor famine is among the possibilities of the coming year, according to reports received at this office during the past week," says a statement issued by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

"To obtain an estimate of the labor market, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association has circulated its members, asking for particulars as to the situation now and the outlook for the near future."

"The replies indicate that all along the line industry is swinging into its old stride, that the depleted ranks of employees are filling up, machines which have lain idle since the depression of two years ago are coming into operation, and generally that we are on the threshold of an era of prosperity which will advance far beyond all records which the country has yet enjoyed."

"Out of a total of 463 manufacturers from whom replies have so far received, 156 are already in need of more help. This is a remarkable showing in view of the fact that with the approach of winter and the closing of outdoor work there is ordinarily a big influx of men into factory plants, and in consequence an abundance of labor. The need of help on the part of 32 per cent of the manufacturers heard from indicates that at least among skilled workmen there will be a lack of employment for the year to come."

"These 156 manufacturers say they require 5,962 employees, 2,254 male and 3,708 female. Of the 156 employers that need labor, one in British Columbia, four in Manitoba, two in New Brunswick, three in Nova Scotia, 30 in Quebec and 116 in Ontario. Of the highest need, one in British Columbia, 42 in Manitoba, 29 in New Brunswick, 32 in Nova Scotia, 2,216 in Quebec and 3,502 in Ontario."

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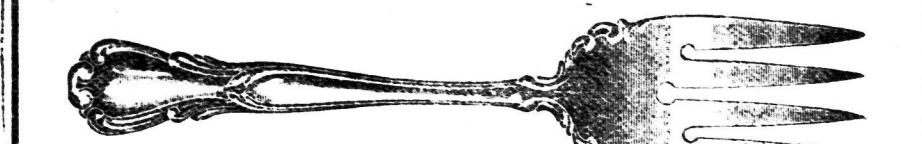
Plaintiff further charges that the defendant obtained the grant from the department of the interior through false and fraudulent misrepresentation, and he asks \$1,000 damages, the value of the said land warrant.

It is alleged that many other people in London and the district, whose veteran land claims were bought up by Mr. Buchanan, will also bring action against him.

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