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LONDON GOSSIP

Important Doings in the Capital

Lord Rosebery's Nose Is Out of Joint—Changes in British Engines.

London, Feb. 22, 1 a. m.—The morning-room of the Commons was a shopping gallery for political re-negotiations and gossip yesterday.

The Henry Campbell-Bannerman's supporters resented strongly Lord Rosebery's letter, and charged him with breaking up the Liberal party by an outburst of bad temper and a futile effort to bring about re-negotiations. Liberal Imperialists held Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman responsible for Lord Rosebery's abrupt and unceremonious separation from him, and deplored the mischievous influence of irreconcilable Radicals.

Members watched with cynical de-light the renewal of the strife between the Liberal factions, and assumed that the restoration of harmony was impossible. The wiser judgment of a disinterested spectator is that Lord Rosebery has now gone too far to retrace his steps, and that he must remain in the field as the successor of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman as the authoritative leader of the Liberal party.

LORD ROSEBERY'S MISTAKES.

The present crisis would not have come if Lord Rosebery had taken the chair at the Asquith dinner and had made a strenuous fight for the leadership. He strengthened Sir Henry by making Mr. Asquith, and enabled him to dictate terms at the Reform conference. Lord Rosebery is now compelled to challenge Sir Henry's authority, and to demonstrate that democratic reforms are impossible under the leadership of the Imperialist Peer. Lord Rosebery has been playing, since his Chester speech, with pro-Boers on the one side, and negotiating with Mr. Asquith. His real work, as all sound politicians admit, ought to be the elimination of progressive Radicals by proposing measures of social reform and domestic legislation on which Liberals can unite when the war ends.

THE KING VISITS LORD BURTON

Hampton, Lord Burton's country seat, where the King went yesterday for a visit, is the home of many art treasures. Lord Burton himself, as one of the Bass family of brewers, is a great personality in the Midlands. He is a bluff, genial man of 60, whose purpose is to go by special train to his only daughter, Mrs. White of Bathurst, Inverness.

ENGLISH RAILWAY REFORMS.

Lord Shaftesbury had a good deal to say about American railway methods at the meeting of the London & Northwestern Railway Company yesterday. He had to say that the American idea of big and powerful engines was the thing, and he confirmed the impression that has already been made in these despatches that the company is adopting the big wagon.

The London & Northwestern Railway is the premier line in England, and this new move on the part of the directors of the company is a very significant of a change in English railway methods, with regard to railway methods of operation on the other side of the Atlantic.

LIVERPOOL BANK GETS A REFUND.

It is believed that between £90,000 and £100,000 of the Liverpool Bank will probably be recovered. The bank to the shareholders will thus be about £70,000. Kelly, who is in prison, awaiting sentence, is reported to have signed a deed of attorney, transferring house and property and horses valued at £20,000 to his wife.

FINANCIAL SECURITIES DECLINE

Financial realizations took place in the London market yesterday on a somewhat account, owing to the gravity of the situation at Barcelona and the fact that the riots will spread to other cities. The position of the market at Madrid is precarious, and the outlook for financial reforms is very gloomy.

GALLUP'S EXTRA-VAGANCE.

Mr. Gallup's reply to her critics was the most destructive strictures upon the alleged Baconian cipher. Her claims are being expanded until the credulity of her supporters whom she has misled in England is staggered. They are virtually required to believe that Bacon was the only man of his time capable of any intellectual work.

OTHER LITERARY FOIBLES AND VAGARIES.

A more profitable controversy will be opened in the English Illustrated Magazine with a series of articles on the literary vagaries and foibles of the times. Mrs. Craigie leading off with a gently satirical article entitled "Kalliste in Exile." It will deal with the type of heroine known as Greek, and will expose the theatricality of the false classicism in art, literature and the theatre.

NEW BOOKS OF INTEREST.

The spring season in the book trade will be chiefly remarkable for solid books of scientific research respecting foreign countries. Macmillan, Longman, Heinemann and Unwin are taking the lead in works of this character. Heinemann will soon bring out "The Nearer East," a scientific work of comprehensive scope, dealing with the physical conditions of that important group of countries, their products, the natural line of communication, and their relations in economics to the greater world. The author is Mr. D. P. Hogarth, a geographer connected with the British school at Athens. Longman has a new book nearly ready, the "German Empire," full of information respecting the public services and the industrial and financial policies of the last 30 years. Unwin goes farther afield in publishing at an early day "The Buried Cities in Turkestan," and Professor Villario's "Barbarian Invasion of Italy." Lovers of old London will welcome a finely illustrated work, "White Hall Palace," by Dr. Edgar Shepherd, which Longman promises. A coronation season story outlined by Besant in the Westminster will be filled out in detail with all the romantic and historical associations.

IS THE DOMINION LINE SOLD?

It is rumored in Liverpool that American interests have now assumed something in the nature of control of the Dominion Line of steamers.

Condor's Condition.

Victoria, Feb. 28.—Referring to the disappearance of H. M. S. Condor, the Naval and Military Record just to hand says: "It is, of course, too soon yet to attempt to judge the wisdom of the authorities in sending a sloop of the Condor class to the Pacific, but should it unhappily be found that the Condor has been lost that question will have to be investigated. As a matter of fact, naval officers, whose opinions are supposed to have some weight with the admiralty, have long since condemned such ships as absolutely useless, as they can neither fight nor run, and are death-traps in a heavy gale. Meanwhile all hope is not yet dead, and the relatives of the crew need not yet despair."

The Condor's condition has also been brought up in the Imperial Commons.

Mr. Arnold-Foster, secretary of the admiralty, answering Mr. Harmsworth, said there was no record of one or more guns of any vessel of the Condor class breaking loose in a heavy sea. There was no information that any deck cargo was put on board the Condor before she left Esquimaux.

Mr. W. Allan asked whether any quantity of stores was put on board the deck of the Condor.

Mr. Arnold-Foster replied that he had personally examined the log, and could find no trace of any stores having been so carried.

Murderer Known

Special to the Daily Nugget.

Fort William, March 11.—A tramp arrested in this city has been identified as Kaufmann, a murderer who is known to have killed at least seven people. His last crime was the murder of Policeman Robinson of San Francisco.

England Dejected

Special to the Daily Nugget.

London, March 11.—Fears are entertained that Gen. Grenfell's column has been taken by the Boers. The capture of Methuen has created the utmost dejection.

Close Vote

Special to the Daily Nugget.

Victoria, March 11.—In the by-election yesterday Prior, Dunsmuir's candidate, defeated Bodwell by a majority of 32 votes in a total poll of 3,034.

Earthquake

Special to the Daily Nugget.

London, March 11.—Earthquake disturbances still continue at Sham-aka in the Trans-Caucasian country. Twelve thousand people are destitute.

Homeward Bound

Special to the Daily Nugget.

New York, March 11.—Prince Henry sails for home this afternoon.

NEWS OF TWO CREEKS

Eldorado and Bonanza Happenings

Woman Loses All By Fire—Considerable Work Is Now Being Done

Mr. A. Brown of Adam's Hill came to town yesterday to be treated for rheumatism, and intends to go to St. Mary's hospital.

Miss Hollingsworth has left No. 33 above on Bonanza, where she has been cooking for Agnew & Co. Her position has been filled by Miss Rhoda Nesbet.

Mrs. Primus, who has been at St. Mary's Hospital several weeks, returned to her home on No. 33 above Bonanza yesterday. Mrs. Primus is glad to get back home, and speaks very highly of the treatment she received at the hands of the good sisters at the hospital.

Mr. H. Douglas of Dawson was shaking hands with old friends at the Forks and on Eldorado last Saturday. He also visited Gay Gulch, the first time he had been up the creek for eight months.

Sibbit Bros., laymen on No. 43 above Bonanza, recently broke the record for shaft sinking by making a twenty foot shaft in one-half day. In doing so they reversed the usual mode of procedure and commenced at the bottom and worked up. The work was done with a syphon with a one and one-quarter inch discharge, which they reduced to one-half inch to give pressure.

The Kangaroo hotel on No. 24 Eldorado, owned by Mrs. Thompson, was burned to the ground last Saturday about 5 p. m. It is a heavy loss to Mrs. Thompson, as she had the building moved from Bonanza about two months ago, and all the contents were a total loss.

The hop given last Friday evening by the Grand Forks Social Club was a repetition of the dances which the club have been so successful in giving this winter. Sociable people, excellent music, a polished floor, and a committee to look after the interests of Strangers is the key-note which has made the dances so popular this winter.

Grand Forks, not to be outdone in the observance of holidays, will celebrate St. Patrick's day, March 17th, by giving a grand ball on that evening, at the social hall. Special efforts are being put forth to make this a grand affair and a most enjoyable time is looked forward to by all.

Last Saturday evening the cosy home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard was the scene of a very enjoyable party, given to a number of their friends. Whist and music, interspersed with singing and recitations, was the feature of the evening. At 12 o'clock a fine luncheon was served, with the result that Mrs. Willard was the recipient of many pretty compliments. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Willard, Mrs. McDevitt, Miss Daisy and Mammie McDevitt, Messrs. A. Jones of Dawson, Acheson, Gladwin, Link, Whisman, Truitt and Anderson.

Ivey Was Defiant.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Some time ago the secretary of the treasury received un-official information that J. W. Ivey, the collector of customs at Sitka, had instructed his deputy at Alaska not to permit Canadian vessels, presumably about to engage in pelagic sealing, to obtain supplies at that port. The collector was directed to send a statement of the facts to the department, and was informed that such orders, if given, must be rescinded. The department received a telegram from Ivey today, saying: "My instructions were not against vessels engaged in alleged illegal seal fishing, but against Canadian vessels actually engaged in pelagic sealing, which is illegal and criminal, when committed within the marine jurisdiction of the United States. If there is an ancient treaty between the United States and Great Britain by which British subjects can commit depredations, destroying American property and depleting our revenue of tens of thousands of dollars annually, while our own citizens are denied these privileges, the sooner such treaty is abrogated the better. "Your solicitude regarding international complications with Great Britain need not cause you uneasiness, as the poaching season is not yet opened. Your new collector will arrive in time to enforce your orders."

My Americanism will not allow me to rescind an order which gives British subjects privileges within our marine jurisdiction which are denied our own people.

"There is another matter that may attract your attention. I have recently issued orders to the deputy at Skagway, a copy of which has been sent you, which has put the Canadian officers located there out of business, and sent them to their own territory. You are aware of the fact that the chief Canadian officer there became so offensive that he interfered with American officers in the discharge of their official duty, opened United States customs mail, dominated over the railway officials, discriminated in the order of shipment in favor of Canadian merchandise against that shipped from Seattle, established a Canadian quarantine at Skagway, collected moneys and performed other acts of British sovereignty in a part of the United States, such as hoisting with bravado the cross of St. George from the flagstaff of his custom house. I have sent the concern-bag, baggage, flag and other paraphernalia—flying out of the country. You may fear the shadow of international complications and rescind this order, but a Reed, an Olney, or a Blaine would not."

Epidemic of Bad Boys.

Victoria, March 1.—This city is suffering from an epidemic of bad boys these days. A quartette of them are being tried for the theft of nearly five hundred pounds of chain; another, Young Bates, has pleaded guilty to the theft of a watch and a Confederate bill; two others, Peter Hansen and Young Atkinson, are in duance vile awaiting hearing for removing enamelled letters from office windows. There are others due at the police station, and if the eagle eyes of the blue-coated peace guardians alight on them they will join the batch now enjoying the hospitality of the city at the Cormorant street station.

A number of incorrigible juveniles have been committing acts of vandalism at the new High school building. They have been removing plaster, throwing nails down the vents, and in other ways leaving their marks on the structure. The "coop" as the reformatory is irreverently termed by the Hansen gang, holds no terrors for the majority of them. Measures of a more drastic nature are required. Anybody who has been annoyed by the depredations of these youngsters can appreciate this truth.

THE LATE J. P. BOOTH

Speaker of British Columbia Legislature

Was a Pioneer of the Northwest and Most Highly Respected Citizen.

A note to the Times from its correspondent on Salt Spring island, received last night, conveys the following mournful intelligence: "Hon. John Paton Booth, M. P. for North Victoria, and speaker of the British Columbia legislature, died at his home, Salt Spring island, at 9 p. m. on Tuesday, February 25, aged 64 years."

Thus passes away one of the fathers of the British Columbia House, and a most highly respected member of that body. His labors for this province, in which he resided long enough to be regarded as a pioneer, date from Confederation. In the first provincial parliament after that event, namely that of 1871-75, he performed his first duties as a provincial representative, taking his seat from Cowichan. Although a native of England he removed to the county of Wellington, Ont., when young in years, and in 1859 came to Victoria. Afterwards he removed to Salt Spring island and there he surrounded himself with domestic delights. In that pearl of Gulf islands, and on the fine ranch which he acquired there, the late member found the principal pleasures of his life, and it was always with a sigh of satisfaction that he concluded his labors in the House here and returned to the quiet of his island home.

In 1890 he was returned for the island and for Victoria district from 1894 to 1898. Thereafter he sat continuously, being returned at each of the general elections. On the resignation of Mr. Higgins as Speaker of the House, the late Mr. Booth was selected for that position and held it up to the time of his death.

Nearly two years ago he was seized with Bright's disease, and was finally obliged to go into the Pro-

vincial Royal Jubilee hospital in Victoria. Here he remained for a long time, making slow progress toward recovery, but always cheerful and hopeful, and delighted to see his colleagues of the legislature. On recovering sufficiently to return home it was hoped that he would rally from the disease, but its hold upon him became too pronounced to shake off and he succumbed on Tuesday to its effects.

A few days before the opening of the House the sergeant-at-arms, D. O'Hara, received a letter from him in which to the surprise of all who heard the news, he stated that his medical advisers believed he might be able to come down to the capital in two weeks. This was but an indication of the indomitable pluck and cheerfulness of the man.

The deceased speaker was a Liberal in politics, but so moderate and fair in his treatment of public questions and of his fellow members, that he numbered no enemies among the provincial legislators. While not possessed of conspicuous talents, he manifested a strong common sense in his treatment of public questions, which lent to his views considerable weight. Personally he was one of the most estimable of men, one who never allowed the bitterness of political warfare to color his private relationships. Habitués of the House will recall the benevolent and kindly smile which almost invariably mantled his features when addressing the House.

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