## BANNERMAN MAY RETIRE.

Report That Mr. Asquith May Succeed Him.

Alarmist Reports as to Labor Joining Socialists.

Pending Fight With the House of Lords in Prospect

London, Jan. 26 .- The absence of the Prime Minister from the Privy Council ting Saturday and the cancellation of the evening party that was to take place at his official residence next Tuesday is explained by the official an-nouncement that "Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is confined to his room by

But I understand that Sir Henry's health is so bad that his retirement from active political life may be expected at any moment. He is suffering from angina pectoris, but this is not generally

In the event of the Prime Minister's retirement the conduct of affairs in the coming session, beginning Wednesday, would devolve upon Mr. Herbert Henry Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The promotion of Mr. Winston Churchill to the Cabinet is now regarded as a certainty, and there seems to be a good likelihood of the fulfillment of plan to give Mr. Herbert Gladstone a Peerage and a seat in the House of

Labor Party and Socialism.

In all the political movements of England possibly no such sudden and remarkable swing of the pendulum of public opinion has ever been witnessed as that recorded this week, when in a conference at Hull the representatives of ference at Hull the representatives of millions of British workingmen forming the Labor party hoisted the red flag of

Socialism.

The party put itself on record as accepting the Socialistic doctrine that production, distribution and exchange should be controlled by a democratic State in the interest of the entire community, and as favoring the establishment of social and economic equality between the services. en the sexes.

Persons who professed astonishment and fear when the lonesome figure of John Burns—since raised to a seat in the Cabinet—entered Parliament as a representative of a Labor constituency many years ago, have now a real reason to bear for the traditional conservative trend of British legislative institutions.

Among other things, the latest move of the Labor party really means that the cry of Socialism will not only be raised with a strong voice in the House of Commons, but that the present Labor members of Parliament who have so suddenly changed their political complexion will be backed in pushing the Socialistic propaganda by the strong organization and wealthy treasury of the Labor party, though it is true that since the Hull meeting some non-Socialist members of the party have condemned its action and threatened to break away. Nevertheless it now seems plain Socialism in Parliament.

Nevertheless it now seems plain enough that unless other political parties can succeed in breaking up the Socialist party, nothing short of a political revolution can be expected. There are already indications that the present Liberal Government will attempt to obtain the early support of the Socialists in the pending fight against the House of Lords, and that if this aid be forthcoming the next session of Parliament be-inning Wednesday is likely to be the nost exciting in many years.

Radial Liberal Programme. Even the Liberal Programme.

Even the Liberal Government itself has a programme that is rather startling to conservative British voters, including, as it does, rapid progress with the old age pension bill, to further improve the conditions of Ireland and other measures which will entail bitter fights.

Impartial observers in some quarters Impartial observers in some quarters declare that the middle and upper classes of England, who have such good ground to fear the present Socialistic movement, have only themselves to blame for the Labor party's sudden change of front. In other words, laboring men seem to be practically driven to take their latest radical step from sheer desperation at their present deplorable plight—the growing rarity of employment and the rise in the cost of living.

Flagstaffs Before Bread.

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The percentage of hungry men, women and children begging bread throughout England this winter is greater than for twenty years past, and the desolation in many towns and villages, to say nothing of the larger cities, is appalling. The labor leaders, while acknowledging the splendid efforts made to relieve the suffering, point to the utter impossibility of preventing starvation and to the utter indifference of the great mass of the people to the condition of their ground for resentment against the more fortunate portion of the community is found in London this week, where the County Council insisted on voting a liberal sum of money for the purchase of flagstaffs to be set up on the public schools rather than vote money toward school children who average less than one meal a day and always go to school hungry.

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The labor leaders have wisely taken into consideration the economic conditions of the country in framing their accusations, and by so doing they attentioned the country in framing their accusations, and by so doing they attention and there charge, that of "criminal callousness," against the prosperous sections that are always willing to open their cheque books for the aid of sentimental measures—monument funds, funds for the preservation of old buildings, etc.—but who defuse to interest themselves in the demands of charity.

Among those who have hailed with delight the Hull Socialistic avowals of the Labor party is the Countress of Warwick, who has since sent several telegrams to the newspapers on the subject.

New York, Jan. 26.—The Sun has re-ceived the following cable despatch from London: The programme demanding the accinitation of the means of produc-tion and their distribution and exchange voted for by the Labor conference last seek, is the full programme of coline-

tivism. It means Government land, Government crops, Government manufactures, Government railroads, Government commerce and Government employment except in domestic service; in fact, Socialism pure and simple.

The conference which voted this programme presented ostensibly a membership of about 1,000,000 voters. They expect to add another half million next month, when the Miners' Union will vote on the question of joining the Labor party. They represent also a great body of Socialist sentiment in the country outside of those officially identified with the movement. Nevertheless, they do not represent the majority sentiment of Englishmen as it would be recorded if they could declare it at the polls in the near future.

Socialism has become, however, a great power in the land and it dominates the present Government. It is not a case of the tail wagging the dog, but it means the death of the dog. The Liberal party can no longer exist as at present constituted. The party contains many members to whom Socialism is an anatehma. Protection and other Unionist doctrines are trifling abhorrences to them in comparison with the vital question of national self-representation.

## TWO MEN'S SAD END

BURNED TO DEATH IN A FORT FRANCES SHOP.

J. Stevenson, Shoemaker, and James McKinnon, Tailor, Both Sober and Reliable Men, Smothered to Death in a Fire That Destroyed Stevenson's Shoe Shop.

Fort Frances, Jan. 26.-Fire was discovered this morning at 2 o'clock in a small building used as a shoemaker's

covered this morning at 2 o clock in a small building used as a shoemaker's shop on Church street, opposite the post-office. Inside of half an hour the fire was subdued, and the firemen were horrified to find on the floor the remains of two men. They were J. Stevenson, owner of the shop, and a tailor by the name of James McKinnon, who was employed by W. A. Baker. McKinnon had evidently tried to reach the rear door, but fell, overcome by the smoke, with his head within a foot of the window. Both legs were burned off, and he was otherwise badly burned. Stevenson had tried to get out by the front part. McKinnon was a quiet, steady, hardworking man, about forty, and leaves a wife residing at 629 Ballantyne avenue, Winnipeg. Prior to coming here, two years ago, he was employed at Rainy River. Stevenson, who had not been long out from Belfast, was 67. years of age, and leaves two daughters in Winnipeg and a son in Vancouver. Both men roomed together at the back of the shop divided off from the front by a wooden partition. It is supposed they had retired as usual for the night and the fire resulted from the stove igniting the partition.

partition.

Both men were evidently suffocated men were evidently suffocated efore they discovered the fire, and conquently perished in the flames. Corner Moore will hold an inquest to-morner. Meantime the relatives have been
unmunicated with regarding the dissition of the bodies.

The store adjoining, owned by Conith, was also badly damaged. Loss

## ARMY FOR INDIA.

BRITAIN PREPARING FOR POS-SIBLE TROUBLE IN THE EAST.

Officers of the Auxiliary Forces Throughout the Country Ordered to Hold Themselves in Readiness Must Not Go Beyond Reach of Telegrams.

New York, Jan. 26.—The Sun has re-eived the following cable despatch from London: Orders have been issued from the War Office to the officers of the

the War Office to the officers of the auxiliary forces throughout Great Britain asking that they state whether mobilization is immediately possible. The recipients are instructed to be prepared to join the forces on receipt of telegraphic orders. They must keep their adjutants informed of their movements, and must not go beyond the reach of telegrams. The ground for this extraordinary action is the fact that the Government is seriously alarmed by the growing unrest in India. The War Office has completed a scheme for throwing a large force into Hindostan, amounting, if necessary, to the entire regular army. The auxiliary forces will then be used for garrison duty in all parts of the Empire from which regulars may be withdrawn. A sinister turn has been given to the situation by certain home comments. It has been hinted during the nast few cessary, to the entire regular accessary, and the entire took one suit of blaces. The thief took one suit of bla

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THE REVOLUTION OVER.

Chief of Haytien Insurgents Captured and Shet.

and Shot.

Port au Prince, Jan. 25:—The revolution has been suppressed. Jean Jumeau, the leader of the movement, has been captured at Dessalines, a little handlet close to Gonaives, and was at once shot to death by the Government troops that made him prisoner.

Gonaives has been occupied by a Government force.

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## Fun for Times' Readers

An Enthusiasm "I'm very fond of literature,"
Said Maggie MacGaneca,
"Although I scarcely can endure
The dullness in between
The picture pages where they tell
Of things that people have to sell,
And how it's safe to insure—
I'm very fond of literature!"
—Washington Star.

Grandma's Way. When an elderly woman begins a conversation by saving, "I raised my children without help," it is an intimation that she is tired taking care of grand-children.—Atchison Globe.



THOSE PATHETIC SONGS.

1. Wife (singing in vaudeville)—
"Father, dear father, come home from the shop!"



hour later when father re ing again, you good for nothing lob-

Appreciation. Mrs. Fourthly-The members of the

ROME'S AURELIAN WALLS. Plet by Which Their Demolition Was

Accomplished. Rome, Jan. 26.—The Mayor has decided to prevent any further demolition of the Aurelian walls. The Giornale points out that it is not Italians, but foreigners, who are responsible for the vandalism already perpetrated. It declares that two English women and an American are the culturity and proceeds to unveil Engish women and an American are the culprits, and proceeds to unveil the following little plot of these An-glo-American conspirators. The ladies occupy houses inside and outside the walls. Thus, although they were close neighbors, they were unable to visit each other without a long walk around.

around.

An American gentleman lives on the outside. He, with the foresight characteristic of his nation, saw how the land in the neighborhood would increase in value if the walls were pierced, so he joined forces with the English Indies to bring about the piercing of the walls, first purchasing the lands on each side of the wall for a considerable distance.

LEFT HIS OLD CLOTHES.

Burglar at St. Catharines Got a Brand New Outfit.

London, Jan. 26.—A monarch and a man of business is a more frequent combination than many imagine. Emperor William owns a well-equipped pottery, which brings him \$50,000 a year. The King of Wurtemburg is the proprietor of two large hotels, which yield a similar amount. The King of Saxony owns a porcelain factory at Meisser.

Meisser.

The Regent of Lippe (Detmold) runs a large model farm and sells butter, and eggs. The King of the Belgians investment of \$25,000,000 in the Congo Free State yields him about 20 per cent, interest, while the King of Seru owns a barber shop and an apothecary shop, in addition to being the agent for motor cars.

Queen's Property Stolen.

London, Jan. 26. — Three valuable ministures of the Duchess of Fife, the Queen of Norway, and Princess Victoria, all belonging to Queen Alexandra. have been stolen by burglars from the studies of an engraver in London, to which they had been sent for reproductive.

Brockville, Ont., Jan. 26. — Mns. Eli Baskins, of March Township, a woman 75 years of age, committed suicide by hanging herself from a beam so low that her feet touched the ground.

CASTORIA.

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Signature of the Minister Burght Signature of the Min

Manslaughter in Second Degree.
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congregation have voted to increase your salary, have they, Flavius? Well, I'm thankful for that, and sincerely hope they never will regret it."

The Rev. Dr. Fourthly—I shall see that they don't, Ahanda. I am going to preach shorter sermons from now on."

Told Pa to Drap in.
"My daughter is to be married soon."
"Then the young man has spoken to

place, and told me if I happened to be in the neighborhood to drop in and l'd find myself welcome,"—Washington Herald, The Esoteric Prune.

Mentioned the time and

All hail the esoteric prune,
A winner in the list.
By any one who ever boards
His presence won't be missed,
Some people like him with the juice,
Some like him eaten plain,
White lots and lots of others treat
His pruneship with disdain.
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A Question of Class.

"They are constantly catching more grafters," said the hopeful citizen. "Not regular grafters," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "Those who get caught are only amateurs."—Washington Star.

A Word From Josh Wise.

"I've noticed no one ever raises th' question when a woman's usefulness ends. It simply doesn't."—Chicago Jour-nal.

The Melodrama.

Like to see a melodrama, Something doing all the time, Loot and plunder, blood and thunder, And a medley of -rime;
There's the hero in distraction,
With his fortunes running slow,
And the killing of the villain
To the music soft and low.

Out the heroine steps lightly,
To the centre of the stage,
Sweet sixteen, or the demeanor
Of a maiden of that age.
Then the plot begins to thicken hen the plot begins to thick As the villain sails in view, inder cover of her lover He begins the girl to woo.

Nothing doing for the hero At this section of the plot. His intentions have dimen But they do not take the po: For the villain does a murder, Burns a will he doesn't need, And he nearly proves it clearly That the hero did the deed,

Ah, but right turns up triumphant,
And the wrong is put to row,
Just as certain as the curtum,
And the villain loses out.
And the hero takes the law
By the dainty little mitt,
And the audience in rapture.
Rises up and throws a fit.

JAPAN TO REDUCE TARIFF. Will Encourage the Introduction of

Raw Materials. London, Jan. 20.—Advices from Tokio to, official quarters suggest the possibility that the Japanese Government, in the course of the next two months, may induce the tariff on raw materials, while raising it on all manufactured, goods. Japan apparently desires to encourage as much as possible the introduction of raw cotton, flax and jute from India and the Philippine Islands as necessary to the Japanese growing native industry.

DIED AT A MEETING.

Sudden End of Belleville Doctor in the City Hall.

Belleville, Ont., Jan. 26.—Dr. W. E. Sprague, a well-known practitioner of this city, dropped dead yesterday afternoon in the office of the City Clerk. He was attending a meeting to discuss matters relative to the proposed bill before Parliament to increase toll on the Bay bridge, which connects Prince Edward County with the city. While giving some figures he sank to the floor, expiring immediately.

Heart disease was the cause of death.

Deceased was 60 years of age, and for
years was in the teaching profession. He
was a member of the City Board of

Acceptance of Office by Westmount Alderman Would Break Deadlock.

Montreal, Jan. 26. A peculiar situa-ion has arisen in the Town of West-Montreal, Jan. 26. A pecunar situa-tion has arisen in the Town of West-mount, adjacent to Montreal. The Town Council consists of eight members, and as a result of the recent elections, the members are equally divided into two parties composed of four members each. parties composed of four members each. The Mayor of the town is elected by the Council, but none of the members will accept the position as the acceptance of office by any of the members would naturally place his side in a minority. The result is that there is a dead-lock and the town is without a Mayor.

Woman Hanged Herself.

May Dismiss Mr. C. B. Smtih. Wainipeg, Jan. 26.—Rumor says that a resolution to dismiss C. B. Smith, chief engineer on the power plant, has passed the Board of Control by a vote of four to one. No confirmation can be obtained.

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Bates, J. M.\*
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Barber, I. G.
Barrett, Miss Audrey
Barker, Sam'l.
Bell, Mrs. T.
Bumpstead, Welter Frank
Barrett, Miss Tillie E.
Bean, Annie Bean, Annie Brown, Mrs. T. A. Brown, G. F. Bales, Mrs. Bales, Mrs.
Belenger, G.
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Boyd, Julian
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Broker, Mrs.
Bradley, Peter F.

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Davis, J. M. Doyle, Fred. Drake, Miss Dwyer, E. Hatie

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Fenton, Alfred.
Ferguson, Miss Florence.
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Hancock, Ernest. Hardy, Charles. Hall, Mr., 25 Tisdale. Hancocke, E., ford. from Oshawa. (2). Hawkins, Mrs. Thos., Mountain. Heppe, E. M. Hector, W. H. Hederson, John (hotel)
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Rudd, W. Rutherford, E. C. Robinson, Miss Annie, 2. Robinson, Miss, 92 Wellington south.

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Sisman, John.
Smith, Elijah.
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Song. Miss Ethel.
Southam, R., forwarded from Oak-ville. Coronto.

Snider, Mrs. B., Main street east. Stephens, Wm. Stewart, A. S. Stewart, Miss Isabel.

Taylor, W. R.
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WIRELESS TO THE SEVEN SEAS.

To cure a cold in one night-use Vapo

France Will Call Her Warships Wher-Paris, Jan. 26.—A highly placed French military official stated to-day that the French Government, by means of it wireless station on the Eiffel Tower, hoped soon to have a unique method of communication with French warships in all parts of the world. "Communications will be sent to our warships without using any land receiving station. In the case of the campaign in Morocco we send despatches direct to the French warship that is in the vicinity of the point we wish to treach. In the same way, if the Kleber was lying in New Orleans, for example, we could send her a message direct without employing the present roundabout methods." ever Stationed From Eiffel Tower.

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