

# ANOTHER APPEAL ISSUED BY LABOR.

## Chamberlain's Message to Electors—Burns Fears Food Tax—A Test Election.

London, Dec. 24.—The Trade Union Congress Parliamentary Committee has issued the following general election manifesto to every trade union in the country. It is headed: "Commons vs. Lords. Which shall Prevail?" and proceeds:

"Fellow Trade Unionists,—  
"As a result of the grave constitutional crisis forced upon the country by the unprecedented action of the House of Lords in challenging the right of the people's elected representatives to the exclusive control of the financial business of the country, we are on the eve of a general election, which will give you the long-desired opportunity of recording your judgment upon the desirability of dealing with the hereditary legislative chamber.

"The House of Lords has never voluntarily done anything to promote the interests of the masses of the people. On the contrary, they have projected every abuse, supported every privilege and persistently and consistently delayed reform. They are an irresponsible body, and a hindrance to all social progress. How much longer are you, the workmen of England, going to be dictated to by the House of Lords?"

"The budget just rejected by the House of Lords has three outstanding merits. It taxes according to the ability to pay, puts the additional taxes on luxuries and not necessities, and the money will be largely expended in the provision of old age pensions.

"The House of Lords as it stands today is a menace to political freedom, and their action in rejecting the budget proposals is a deliberate and unpardonable insult to the duly elected representatives of the people. They have chosen to throw down the gauntlet. Let us accept the challenge.

"During the past four years the Labor party has accomplished much. Labor disputes have been settled, like-wise an amendment of the workmen's compensation act, which now includes all workers; and the present Parliament has witnessed the establishment of a State old age pension.

"There is, however, much more to be done. The social problem will never be solved so long as poverty and unemployment exist in our midst. You are the wealth producers of the country, and, possessing the franchise, it devolves upon you to exercise it in defence of the constitutional right of the people to elect their own representatives, who alone shall be responsible for the control of the finances of the country.

"The Trade Union Congress has year by year passed resolutions in favor of social reforms which can only be made law by the return of the Labor party to the House of Commons in larger numbers than they now are. The principal resolutions are in favor of—  
"The unemployed fall.

"A further extension of old age pensions by the abolition of the present qualification, and a reduction of the age limit from 70 to 60 years.  
"A system of free education from the elementary school to the university.  
"Legislation on the lines of the minority report of the Royal Commission on the poor law.

"Electoral reform on the basis of the Trade Union Congress resolution, namely:—  
"Payment by the State of members of Parliament and the returning officer's expenses.  
"The holding of all general elections on one and the same day.  
"Amendment of the corrupt and illegal practices act.  
"Adult suffrage.  
"A more equitable distribution of seats.  
"Abolition of plural voting and university representation.  
"The establishment of an eight hour day.  
"Vote against all candidates who are in favor of placing taxes upon food and industry.

"On the day of the poll we earnestly urge upon you to support only those candidates who are pledged to the maintenance of the independence of the House of Commons in all financial matters, and who are prepared to strenuously support those measures of social reform and progress which have received the endorsement of the Trade Union Congress."

A TEST ELECTION.  
London, Dec. 23.—The Christmas campaign has not clarified the situation, but has rather complicated the issues before the British electors. The silent twenty per cent. of those who are supposed to sway the elections, will be glad of the holidays, in which to rest their ears and analyze the programmes. At present there are not wanting signs that materialists, from the Premier to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, downward are quite satisfied with the progress made.

But, of course, a vigorous New Year campaign by the Conservatives, with Balfour leading, may change their confident demeanor. It is officially stated that the writs will now issue from the Crown office on January 10, thus commencing the campaign with 1906, and giving the radicals what they claim to be an advantage of a Saturday poll in the earlier constituencies.

Joseph Chamberlain is making up for his enforced silence by a series of telling letters. In one he says: "I do not find any difficulty in answering those who profess to believe that tariff reform will make food dearer. In Germany it has not raised the cost of living. I do not see why it should do so in this country. On the other hand, we may arrange matters so goods imported free are raw materials, not finished manufactures."

At Newport, Lord Tennison read a letter from Mr. Chamberlain stating that he hoped this election would be the end of a system "which had made possible all we complain of, especially unemployment."

Lord Milner, speaking at Cardiff, said the present duty of the people was to consider the relative position of both parties and disentangle it from irrelevant matter which had been raised to prejudice one party. The people had to consider the financial proposals of the Government against what was really the true interests of the country.

Dr. Macnamara declared the Tory party had landed itself in a record defeat, so far as he could see, and they knew it. And they knew, too, that they could not face the constitutional issue raised by Lord Lansdowne's motion.

# THERE'S NO CHRISTMAS JOY TO-DAY FOR THE SHIVERING CHILDREN OF SANTA CLAUS LAND

## Peary's Rescuer Says All They Do is to Sit Around on Blocks of Ice and Chew Frozen Walrus Meat, For Good Old Saint Nick is Busy Here.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 23.—What will the Eskimo children do in Santa Claus land Christmas day? What will they eat and how will they observe the date on which Santa Claus will leave the frozen north and come to the United States and distribute tokens of his love to the children of our own country?

These are the questions which have been disturbing young citizens, now that the north pole and Santa Claus land have been added to the United States.

Louis C. Bement, of this city, who was one of the leaders of the Peary relief expedition and made his way through the Arctic seas as far as Etah, says the day will pass in that land as any other day. The children of those countries, except for a few along the coast of Greenland, who in a vague way have heard the story of the birth of Christ and the custom of commemorating the day, will not miss the tinkle of the bells on Santa Claus' reindeer.

In Santa Claus land the sun has already set for the long winter night and it will not appear again until next spring. Christmas day will be dark unless the moon is shining. In the ice huts there will be no light, unless the family chooses to burn a lamp burning walrus oil with a piece of reindeer moss for a wick.

The children will know no Christmas and will receive no presents. Indeed, many of them do not know who Santa Claus is, though no doubt many of them have seen him in his busy toy-making season.

"There are about 250 Eskimos in far northern Greenland, including the children, who live on frozen meat and lichens," says Mr. Bement. "On December 23 the little ones will be seated on a cake of ice and will chew hard on a piece of frozen walrus, deer, polar bear or walrus meat, and never imagine that a Saviour was born on that day 1910 years ago. They will go to their beds on a skin of a polar bear, and not think of hanging up their little stockings, which are also made of bear or dog skins. What is worse, they will never think of receiving a toy or a game from Santa Claus."

"Besides being dark at this time of the year, the weather will be exceedingly cold and raw. Winds from the north-west will sweep down over the crude igloos, and will drive the tiny ones in doors, while their fathers must tramp about over the snow in search of game to keep them alive."

"They have no books to read, no games to play. They never have been taught any differently, and therefore do not know what pleasures the little ones of this country have on this day of all days."



HOW THE CHILDREN IN SANTA CLAUS LAND ARE CELEBRATING A CHEERLESS CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR.

award Miss Isbister, a nurse who was badly injured, the sum of four thousand dollars and costs. She has been practically unable to follow her avocation since that time.

A whole trainload of wood was distributed among the poor of Winnipeg by J. D. McArthur, contractor of a section of the National Transcontinental, today. There were about 250 cords in the train.

King Francis Joseph has appointed Dr. Ladislaus Von Lukacs, former Minister of Finance, Hungarian Premier. Von Lukacs will open negotiations with the various political factions with a view of forming a cabinet.

The Allan liner Corinthian has been floated off and is now at Painesville, pier reloading her cargo for London and Havre. The steamer came off the ledge easily with the aid of the C. P. R. tug Cruiser and four Italian tugs, without apparent damage.

A youth named Gaudreau, a log hauler, was killed at the Ritchie camps, near Mattawa, by a falling tree. He had stepped aside, but did not move far enough and was crushed between two logs. The foreman started out on horseback with the wounded man, but the victim died on the way.

The life of Percy Hodgson, fourteen years old, son of Thomas P. Hodgson, 444 Pope avenue, Toronto, was crushed out by a shunting engine on the Grand Trunk tracks, between Galt avenue and Marjory street, on Thursday. The lad, who was playing on the tracks, fell off a shunting engine.

Another boundary incident occurred on Thursday, when P. Gervais, a French Canadian, of Fargo, North Dakota, who has been a resident of the United States for eighteen years, and says he was naturalized in 1900, was stopped at the line and refused admission by the American authorities.

Montreal has two recorders, but they do not see eye to eye. Last week Mr. Recorder Weir fined two Jewish bakers for delivering bread on the Christian Sabbath. The police at once became active, and on Thursday morning Mr. Recorder Dupuis had six of the "staff of life" manufacturers before him, all Hebrews, charged with having delivered on the Sabbath. He dismissed them. Now the police don't know what to do.

"Bury me Friday morning. I want the poor boys from the Bowery to have their Christmas dinner Saturday and I want you to get me out of the way so as not to spoil their Christmas," was the dying request of "Little Tim" Sullivan, the policeman. The funeral will be held as requested.

Mrs. Verschoyle Cronyn, wife of Verschoyle Cronyn, N. C., died at her home, "Fairleigh," in London, yesterday morning, in her 73rd year. Mrs. Cronyn's maiden name was Sophy Blake, and she was a daughter of the late Chancellor Blake. Hon. Edward Blake and Hon. S. H. Blake are her brothers.

At the coroner's inquest at Philadelphia it was found that the five girls who were burned to death in the fire which destroyed the casket manufacturing plant of Shook & Sherwood, last Thursday night, met their death while groping in the dark among the coffins which filled the room in which they were at work.

G. T. P. officials of grain have been carried by their road this year. The grain is only carried as far as Winnipeg, where it is handed over to other railways. Last year's record was 2,700,000 bushels, so that this year's record is considered most satisfactory.

The police drill corps of North America will be challenged by the John M. Morin, of the Department of Public Safety to compete at Pittsburgh next year against the pick of the Pittsburgh police. A cup trophy will be the prize, and will be engraved to tell the world that the winner is the best drilled company of policemen in this hemisphere.

A meteorological phenomenon, which is stated, has not been known in 150 years, is being experienced in parts of Western and Southern Europe. The temperature has risen with astonishing suddenness, under the influence of a southerly wind, to a summer level. The contrast has been most marked in Spain, France and Switzerland, but has been very great further north.

Four firemen were injured and a hospital ambulance attendant attendant assaulted at a fire which broke out on Thursday evening at the works of the Canadian Iron & Foundry Company and the Globe Hat Works Company on William street, Montreal. Three of the firemen had disobeyed the orders of Chief Tremblay, and had gone into a dangerous position on the upper floor, when the roof collapsed, crushing them in the wreck.

Jack Wilson, a grandson of Mr. Charles Wilson, 327 Robert street, Toronto, and son of Judge Wilson, of Cambridge, has just been presented at Nelson, B. C., with the Royal Humane Society's certificate for life-saving, a much coveted distinction only given in cases of real heroism. The act of bravery for which the lad was honored took place last June, when he rescued a little girl from drowning in the Kootenay Lake, Nelson, B. C.

Use for Worn Out Auto Batteries.  
"Did you say your doorbell is out of order?" asked the handy man in the office. "Batteries worn out? No, don't bother dosing them with sal ammoniac. Throw them away and ask someone who has an automobile to give you a couple of his worn-out dry batteries."

"That's the way I do now and I never have any trouble over my bell expense either. You see when the batteries become too weak for use in the auto they still have lots of life in them—far more than is needed to ring a doorbell. When I first tried it I carried home four batteries from the garage of a friend around the block. I pitched them all onto my bell and they rang it loud enough to shake the house. So I took them off one at a time until I had only one on the job, and it rings loudly enough for the bell to be heard in any part of the house. I'm saving the others until this wears out, but they last a long time with this comparative slight usage.—From the Philadelphia Record.

Light is being let into New York city. The traditional number of dark rooms in the tenements has for many years been 350,000, and now only 101,117 can be found after careful inspection.

# HER DEATH WAS HOURLY EXPECTED

Enterprise, Ont., Oct. 1st, 1909.  
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"Fruit-atives" are sold by all dealers at 50c a box—6 for \$2.50, or trial box, 25c or sent post-paid on receipt of price by Fruit-atives Limited, Ottawa.

# CONSTABLE COMMITTED.

Sent Up For Trial on Charge of Theft.

Hagersville, Dec. 23.—Constable Rispin, who had been remanded to Cayuga jail on two charges in connection with the recent thefts of red grass seed from Almas & Hewitt's storehouse in Hagersville, was brought to Hagersville today in charge of County Constable John Farrell. Evidence was heard by Magistrates P. R. Howard and W. Crozier this afternoon. County Crown Attorney Murray attended on behalf of the Crown, and Mr. S. E. Lindsay watched the case for the prisoner.

FURED AT THE INTRUDER.  
Mr. D. N. Almas swore that they had missed several bags of red grass seed, which were at different times stolen at night from their storehouse; that on Wednesday night, December 15, his partner, James Hewitt, and he stayed in the building all night in hope of catching the thief; that about 1:30 on Thursday morning the prisoner came in through a side window. On a challenge from the witness he threw up his hands, but immediately lowered them as if intending to shoot. Almas then fired at him with a shotgun loaded with bird shot. The prisoner ran through the building and out by the back way to King street, where a double team and a democrat wagon were waiting for him. He drove rapidly down the road towards Hamilton, but turned into the Indian reserve at the third line. Witness procured his arrest the next day.

Witnesses from Hamilton failed to identify the prisoner as the man who at different times sold them red grass seed, which it was suspected might be some of the missing seed.

No evidence was offered for the defence. The prisoner was committed to the county jail to stand his trial. Rispin has for about two years been an efficient and fearless officer in discharge of his duty for the town.

OUT OF FASHION.  
Men No Longer Carry Their Hats to The Drawing Room When Calling.

A number of customs which used to be part and parcel of the social system are being much modified or are fast disappearing altogether. Paying afternoon calls, for instance, and conversation after dinner have been completely abandoned out of fashion.

"Among the minor changes in social usages I have remarked lately that it is now quite demode for a lady to take the arm of a gentleman under any circumstances whatever, except just for going into dinner, and that perfunctory sign of feminine weakness will also probably disappear very soon.

"Formerly after dancing, and when going in to supper at a ball, young ladies always put their hand through the arm of their partner, but now if any one did such a thing in an up-to-date ball room they would be looked upon as (in the phraseology of the day) not quite all there.

"How very seldom too you see a man in these days, hat in hand, in a lady's drawing room. Up to quite a short time ago elderly gentlemen who went to evening parties invariably walked in, 'crush hat' under arm, while every man, whether young or old, went up to the drawing room, hat in hand, when going to visit a lady. It used to be said that this custom differentiated a social call from that of a doctor or lawyer.

"The practice had its inconveniences, for there was always a danger of an all too heavy foot being planted in the middle of a bran new silk 'topper' by an absent minded fellow visitor. Anyhow, whether for good or evil, the custom has disappeared like many others."

W. J. BRYAN ILL.  
Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 23.—Wm. J. Bryan, who has been in this city several days as the guest of his cousin, ex-Governor Wm. S. Jennings, was too ill to night to deliver his scheduled address at the Duval Theatre for the benefit of a local hospital. Mr. Bryan is suffering from a severe cold, and is threatened with pneumonia. He has cancelled all future dates, and will remain here for several days.

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