

GINGER GROUP OF LABORITES TASTE DEFEAT

Subject for Congratulation to
Ramsay MacDonald
Seen in Vote.

NEW BATTLESHIP
HAS LATEST IDEAS

Walking Helps to Long Life
—News Matters in London Letter.

Correspondence of The Times-Star.
LONDON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Wheatley's rejection from the executive of the Parliamentary Labor party and the general defeat of the "left wing" or "ginger" group are not the only surprising features of the Labor poll. It is remarkable that the two first places should have been given to Mr. Snowden and William Graham, who have no powerful trade union to back them and take next to no part in the manoeuvres which go on behind the scenes. Moreover, the representatives of the treasury, the representatives of the treasury, the representatives of the treasury, they had to incur a good deal of odium in refusing demands for money. I believe that Mr. Snowden had 102 votes and Mr. Graham 98, as compared with the 86 of J. H. Thomas, who was third on the list. Mr. Thomas had many enemies in the trade union world, but he has a happy knack of getting the better of them. Ramsay MacDonald is entitled to congratulate himself on the completeness with which the insubordinates have been squelched, but he may ask himself whether he would not have been safer if he had had one or two more than them within the inner circle as hostages. The rout of the extremists is bound to accentuate their tendency to hie off towards the Communists.

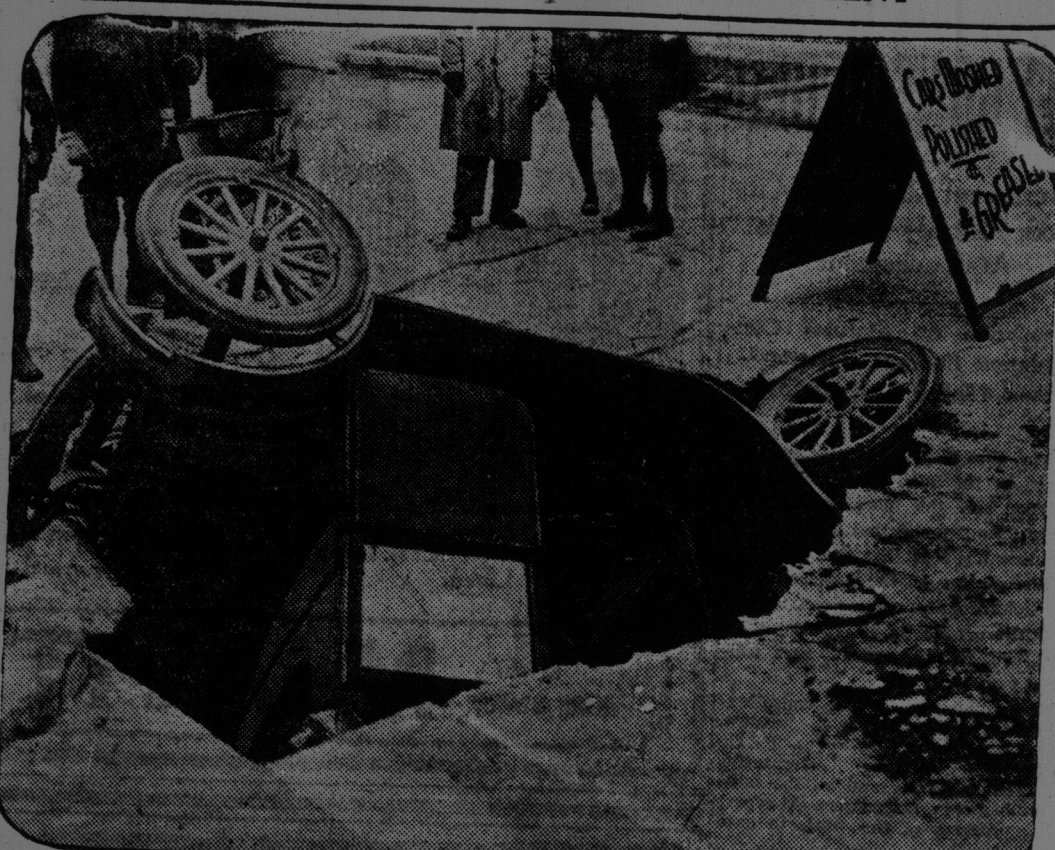
LONDON'S TRAFFIC PROBLEM.

I hear that the London Traffic Control Committee is quite hopeful that, without resort to such drastic expedients as either overhead or underground roads, the ebb and flow of metropolitan business may be speeded up adequately. Much has already been achieved in a comparatively short time by merely tightening up the existing regulations. The white-line experiment is proving a real success, and is already an established institution in the London main thoroughfares. The one-way Strand experiment has justified itself beyond belief. And now the authorities are going to test another expedient. A system of whirling traffic is to be tried in Parliament Square. All vehicles entering that busy area will, whatever their destination, have to proceed round it to the left, each branching off at its required exit-road as it reaches it. Though this may entail some vehicles making almost a complete circuit, it is asserted that the results will be a great saving of congestion and time.

THE NEW BATTLESHIP.

Sailors are as superstitious as society butterflies, and the fact that Princess Mary made three attempts, before she managed to christen the Rodney at Birkhead, will not popularize the

COUPE TAKES PLUNGE IN PAVEMENT



A huge bus, loaded with human freight, passed safely over a mouton, Tex., pavement, but a small coupe following close behind, plunged into a seven-foot hole that opened in the asphalt and concrete. The driver escaped unhurt. Rain caused the freak washout.

new battleship with the navy below deck. This great ship embodies all the very latest naval theories evolved from the war. She has a 38,000-ton displacement, and carries three triple-turrets, each mounting three 18-inch guns. But her novel feature above water is the 100-foot control tower, which gives her almost the look of an American warship, though the Rodney's tower will be solid, and the Yankee battleships have towers of steel trelliswork. Even the most devoted navy men cannot allege that the new type is beautiful, and to laymen's eyes the huge central tower looks like a vulnerable target for an enemy's salvo. It is below-deck, and underwater, that the Rodney is peculiar. She will not blow up so easily as some of our old-fashioned ships did.

LORD PENLAND.

I am interested to find in the list of new scholars at Trinity College, Cambridge, the name of Lord Penland, who has obtained his award in natural sciences. His father, formerly Captain John Sinclair, M. C., was a favorite of the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who in 1906 appointed him Secretary for Scotland, a post in which he was engaged in many controversies, especially on land questions. Afterwards he was appointed Governor of Madras, where he remained during the difficult war period and made himself highly popular, with the assistance of his charming wife, a daughter of Lord and Lady Aberdeen. Lord Penland's death was underlined by his long stay in the east, but his death in the early sixties only a few months ago was a great shock to his friends. The new Wellington boy, as his father was, but it is not expected that he will follow him into the army.

ADVERTISING ANCIENT ROME.

Brought to the broad light of twentieth century day from the cold oblivion in which it has lain for upwards of 2,000 years the name of T. C. Pacetti, a Roman sinker of wells is given to London's history. The old craftsman

had carved his name on the inside of a wine cask with which he had staved the bottom of the well he sank 28 feet below the ground on which the Bank of England now stands. It appears that even in the "grandeur" that was Rome the craft of advertisement was followed as assiduously as it is today. I remember being shown an inscription on a wall at Pompeii—a tragic record of the mutability of mankind's little affairs. This, an advertisement dated the night before Pompeii was overwhelmed by Vesuvius' ashes and lava, read: "Positively the last performance of Gladiators."

RENT RESTRICTIONS.

Austria, like other European countries, is faced with the problem of rents. By law rents may not be increased more than 150 per cent. above pre-war level. But at the crown has depreciated within that period some 14,000 points, the average householder practically goes rent free. Similar legislation in Poland created a paradoxical situation, as the price of a pair of boots in 1922 was more than the annual rent of a good-sized flat in Warsaw. An attempt is now being made in Austria to modify these rent restrictions, and the idea is to secure gradual increases over a period of six years. The demand for revision has been made by Dr. Seipel, powerful leader of the Christian Social party in Austria, and his challenge, as might have been expected, has been taken up by the Social Democrats, who are threatening an invasion of government offices in Vienna should rents be increased. A curious result of the Austrian rent restrictions act is the virtual disappearance of mortgages on real property, which play so important a part in the credit machinery of all countries.

WALKING AND LONG LIFE.

I listened recently to the views of a really eminent physician on the interesting discussion now going on about the secret of long life. He pointed out that most of the disputants entirely overlooked probably the most crucial factor of all—heredity. But he made one of particular concern in these days of universal motor cars and buses. While some notably active and healthy old people, said this high authority, are tetotalers and non-smokers, others are, usually in more or less moderate, quite the reverse. They all present, in fact, conflicting factors of successful longevity. But the physician asserted that in a tolerably long and wide experience he had found one exceptional mental and physical fitness at an advanced age. Invariably the fortunate exceptions to the general rule exercised in that manner all their lives.

A WONDERFUL FEAT.

This Harley Street opinion impressed me all the more because it fits in with my own observation, and because within a few hours of hearing it I encountered a notable example. A journeyman friend of 72, who still retains a long career in Fleet street, told me that he regularly walked to his office from his home in Hampstead, whatever the weather, and sometimes walked home again. The single journey is just over six miles. And, more over, this sturdy veteran, in his youth an athletic walker, told me of a friend also in his youth a great walker, who recently did a marvelous feat in celebration of his 77th birthday. This stalwart actually succeeded in walking six miles in an hour. This is an amazing achievement of some men of 80, and only a mile-and-a-half outside the old gentleman's youthful best.

SERVANT PROBLEM.

The insoluble and apparently permanent nature of the domestic servant problem is persuading more and more Londoners to live in the most up-to-date form of flat. This is the service flat, consisting of sitting rooms, bed-

rooms, and bathroom only, with nothing at all in the shape of a kitchen or scullery. Life in the modern service flat is very convenient, but just a little expensive according to ordinary middle-class standards. I know even man and his wife who live in a big block of service flats in Victoria street. At 8 a.m. a maid, employed by the flat, and dedicated to one set of residents on one floor, comes in to clean up the sitting rooms. At 9 she brings breakfast to the bedrooms and bathroom. Lunch and dinner are served in the private flat restaurant reached by a lift. Tea can either be had there or at the flat. The rent is £250 a year. Breakfast is 2s. 6d., lunch, the same, dinner 4s. 6d. This is quite a modest affair. I know a bachelor who pays £300 a year for his service flat in Queen Anne's Mansions.

A GREAT VETERAN.

England loses a great sportsman and Lancashire one of her most famous cricket personalities, by A. N. Hornby's death as the result of an operation in his 78th year. It is significant of the veteran that the operation was necessary in consequence of injury received in a hunting crash. "A. N." Cricketers referred to him by his initials. For 31 years he was a power in the cricket field, starting from his Harrow days, and played wonderfully well against Eton in 1884. He was an all-round sportsman, but his great love was cricket, though he had enthusiasm, too, for football, fox-hunting and shooting. He belonged to one of the best known county families in Lancashire, and was characteristically shrewd, like most Lancastrians, even in his cricket judgments. Fielders of his generation recall him as the most persistent "stealer" of runs that ever vexed a wicket-keeper.

CRICKET'S EVOLUTION.

A veteran sportsman, whose cricket recollections go even further back than the late Mr. Hornby's youthful days, reminds me of a curious fact about the evolution of the great summer game in this country. It presents a direct contrast with almost all other forms of popular sport, in that it has purified itself of what was originally a great betting evil. Nowadays one of the problems of modern professional soccer is betting habit, and most people know how the bookmakers have since the war invaded the football field. Cricket, on the other hand, is different in the early days of the game's popular prowess. Then matches were invariably played for so much a side, frequently a substantial amount running into many hundreds of pounds. About a century ago there was a great match between a team captained by a sporting nobleman and one drawn from a London suburb now destitute of almost a blade of grass. It was extensively advertised and was for £200 a side. I wonder will our descendants a century hence have to be reminded that horse-racing was once a betting game.

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Those listed as directors and stockholders are Mary Pickford Fairbanks, Charlotte Pickford Smith, her sister, usually known as Charlotte Pickford; John G. Mott, Los Angeles attorney, and Neil A. Mackay of Los Angeles.

Angry Hornets Sting Falling Cop To Safety

SNOQUALMIE, Wash., Jan. 13.—Yellow jackets saved E. R. Gates, Seattle policeman, from a serious fall into a canyon on a recent hunting trip. Gates was crossing a steep bank on the edge of a precipice when he lost his hold and began sliding downward. He was dangerously near the slippery wall of the canyon when his foot struck a nest of yellow jackets. The enraged insects began to sting Gates fiercely, and he clambered up the rock wall in super-human style.

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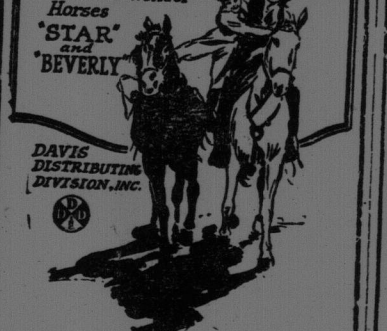
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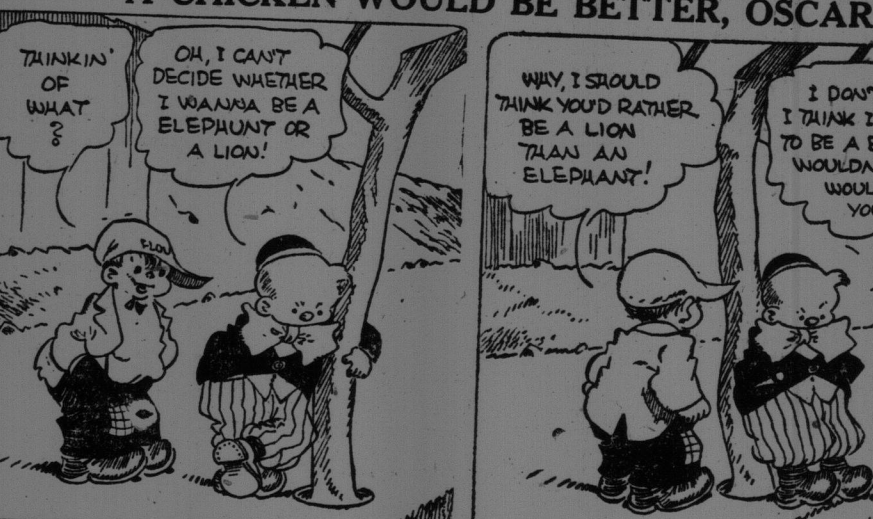
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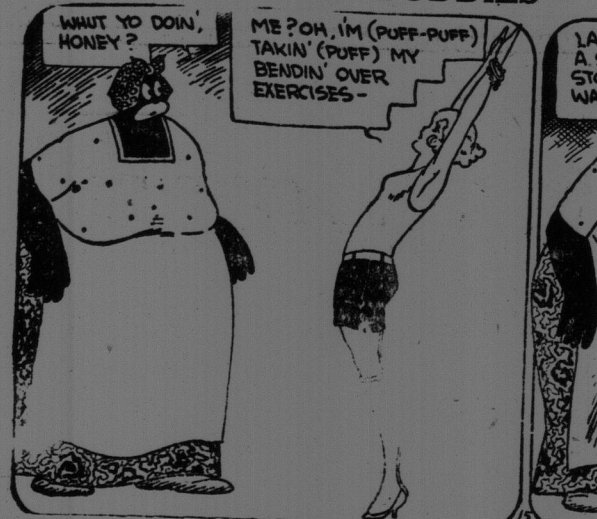
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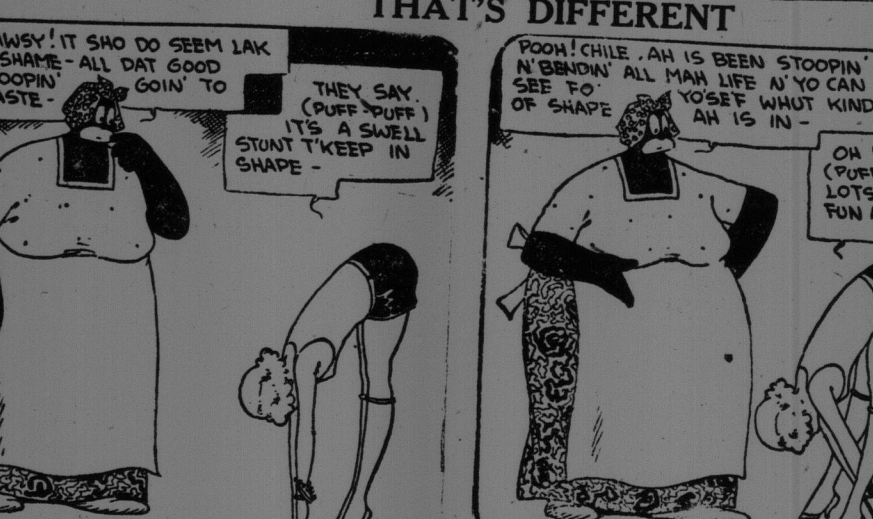
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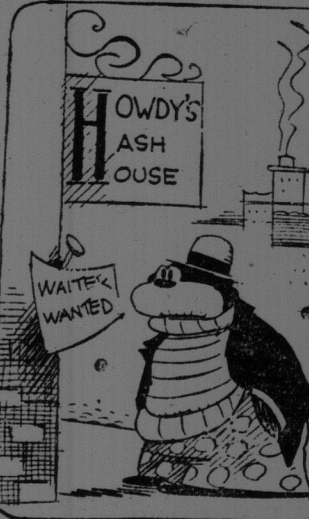
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