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LONDON, THURSDAY, MARCH 24

THE BRITISH STRUGGLE.

Mr. Asquith's veto resolutions have given definite form to the constitutional conflict. The general principle endorsed by the country in the late election has been condensed into three practical proposals: first, the absolute exclusion of the House of Lords from the domain of finance; second, the limitation of the Lords' veto on other legislation by providing that a bill twice passed by the House of Commons and twice rejected by the House of Lords shall become law when passed the third time by the lower chamber; third, the reduction of the life of a single parliament from seven to five years. The Irish and Labor parties prefer the abolition of the second chamber, but they will vote for Mr. Asquith's programme. It will probably be carried by a majority of 125 in the House of Commons, and it will certainly be rejected by the peers. The Government will then ask the King to create new peers, or to sanction a referendum and pledge himself to abide by the result. What the Kings will do, perhaps only the King knows. He will find the most comfortable path by following the lead of his responsible advisers.

Lord Rosebery's proposals for the reform of the House of Lords are in the nature of a counter-demonstration, intended to forestall the Government, or weaken the force of its action. As a solution of the problem they are wholly inadequate from the point of view of even the moderate wing of the Liberal party. No change in the constitution or composition of the House of Lords will be satisfactory to the progressive parties, so long as the absolute veto power remains. The Rosebery plan does not touch the veto. It does nothing to remove the possibility of deadlock. It offers a pretence of improvement by reducing the number of hereditary peers in the House and requiring that these shall be elected by the whole body of the peers; but the change would merely confirm the worst vice of the chamber—its chronic partisanship. There are some Liberal hereditary peers even today, but they would be voted out of Lord Rosebery's reformed chamber. There was an illustration of the other day in the treatment of Lord Torphichen, who was ejected by the Scottish lairds as a punishment for his support of the budget. Even the minority of elective non-hereditary peers in the Rosebery chamber would not be directly responsible to the people. They would be protected from the "gusts of popular passion"—the favorite Rosebery hobby—by representing corporations and municipal councils, a device that opens up a radiant prospect for wire-pullers. A House of Lords on the Rosebery plan would be more dangerous than the present House; it would claim greater authority and present less surface to popular ridicule, while it would be certainly the instrument of one party only.

The Asquith proposals are consistent with an efficient second chamber. An elective second chamber with an absolute veto power would tend to undermine the supremacy of the House of Commons. Even Mr. Balfour points to this danger. In Great Britain, where the parliamentary system has been worked for centuries, and where all parties profess to desire the ascendancy of the popular chamber, the second chamber should rely for its authority entirely upon its weight of character, ability, and personal distinction. A more carefully selected House of Lords, even if its veto were restricted in the manner proposed by the present Government, would wield a great influence in the country. The measure of its power would be the measure of its capacity. A House of Commons would be a studio of the opinion of an upper chamber which commanded the respect and confidence of the people by reason of its personnel.

NEW TREATMENT OF INEBRIATES.

If a bill now before the New York State legislature passes into law, a decided change in the treatment of inebriates of the American metropolis will be introduced. The measure has the approval of influential charitable organizations. It seeks to permit the city to establish a board of inebriety, composed of seven members, two of whom will be physicians and all serving without pay. Authority is given the municipality to purchase a suitable hospital and colony site within or without the city, where habitual drunkards can be sent and treated for their disease. It is proposed to equip the establishment in the most approved manner.

A further provision is that a cen-

tral office shall be maintained in each borough and be open every day of the year, and that when a man has been arrested while intoxicated in public, word must be sent to the office forthwith. The offender's record is taken and is permanently kept. If he has not been arrested for drunkenness during the preceding twelve months, he may be discharged at the stationhouse in custody of the field officer sent out in the case, but not before he has recovered his sobriety. Importance is attached to this feature, as it is calculated to save the man who has never before fallen into the hands of the police, from the degradation of an arraignment in court. Watch is kept on him thereafter.

A farm is provided for those who cannot control themselves. Work will be furnished and the peculiarities of each case studied and treated in the light of medical experience, the whole idea being to cure drunkenness, not to punish those addicted to excesses. The promoters of the bill contend that the present method of punishing the drunkard by a few days' imprisonment is not only ineffective from a therapeutic standpoint, but positively debasing in many instances. The utter futility of attempting to better conditions by holding over the heads of inebriates the threat of imprisonment or fine has been so thoroughly demonstrated that it is felt other methods must be adopted. Every Canadian magistrate will agree with this view. It is a problem that demands the attention of the Legislature.

OTTAWA AND WASHINGTON.

The assertion that Mr. Taft's sunny ways have melted Mr. Fielding's firmness on the tariff question is mere guesswork. Mr. Fielding has given no sign since he returned from Albany. No man keeps his own counsel better when the public interest is served by silence. It is a case for reticence if negotiations are still in progress, as Washington dispatches allege. A tariff war would be injurious to both countries, morally and materially, and Canadian statesmen ought not to close the door against any possible accommodation so long as the balance of advantage, which is now on Canada's side, is not altered to our prejudice. The minimum American tariff, with its prohibitive duties upon Canadian farm products, is not a boon to be purchased by special favors. The United States must give favor for favor. The prohibitive provisions of the Aldrich-Payne law make no allowance for anything in the nature of a reciprocity treaty, but it is said the President is prepared to advise special legislation to meet the present unforeseen difficulty. He may stretch his powers to postpone the operation of the maximum tariff against Canada until the question of reciprocal trade in respect of a selected and limited list of products can be canvassed. This again may be mere conjecture. We shall soon know; the President must act before the end of the month. In the meantime the Canadian end of the business is in competent hands.

The weather looks promising for the Easter hat.

One of the Republican big guns named Cannon has been spiked.

In this tariff business, Canadians want peace, but peace with honor.

Mr. Foss' election in Massachusetts is a black eye for the Payne-Aldrich tariff in the first round.

The speaker of the British House of Commons has rebuked Joe Martin. This is very characteristic of Joe Martin.

China is going in for compulsory military service. Isn't it marvelous how the Orientals are absorbing Christian civilization?

Mr. Crosby, who sits for Halifax with Mr. Borden, evaded the vote on the naval question. He is no more blameworthy than his leader and colleague, Mr. Crosby dodged; Mr. Borden curved.

And now the American lumbermen tell Secretary Knox they must have Canadian pine. Another reason why this country can afford to stand pat. Uncle Sam is not going to cut off his own nose to spite Canada.

The situation in Great Britain has resolved itself into one overwhelming issue: is the House of Commons or the House of Lords to be the dominant chamber? There can be no middle road. The equal division of legislative powers has become unworkable because the upper chamber is the creature of one party and responsible to nobody for its actions.

The Buffalo Express shows that the United States has more to lose by a tariff war than Canada, by publishing this table of Canadian exports to the United States, consisting of natural products which our neighbors need, and constituting 78 per cent of all our sales to them:

Coal, etc.	\$ 4,018,465
Drugs, dyes, etc.	1,803,752
Fish	4,254,463
Furs	1,234,489
Hides	3,880,875
Copper ore, etc.	6,212,416
Gold quartz, etc.	7,388,350
Silver ore	9,937,853
Asbestos	1,294,977
Nickel	1,536,816
Wood, unmanufactured	26,277,715
Wood, manufactured	3,217,231

THE LABOR M. P. AND HIS SILK HAT.

[London Evening Standard.]
John Hodge, one of the Labor M. P.'s, wears a silk hat. He looks upon such a hat, he declares, "as a British institution and one which is not to be lightly trifled with. I shall always wear one at the opening of Parliament and at any other function at which some degree of dignity is desirable. I remember being snubbed at the opening of the last

Parliament, and my constituents, among whom are a large number of hat makers, were delighted to see that I was wearing a silk hat at the time. In my constituency are to be found the finest silk and felt hat makers in the world."

PRaise FOR A. G.
[Kingston Standard, Can.]
We must congratulate Hon. A. G. MacKay, leader of the Opposition in the Ontario House, on his very able presentation of the question of technical education. His speech showed careful preparation and a thorough knowledge of the subject.

THE FIRST IN HIS LINE.
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"It was Atlas, wasn't it, pa, who held up the world?"
"Yes, my son."
"Then he must have been the first hold-up man, wasn't he?"

UNWISE NEGLECT.
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
Never take off tomorrow the collar you should change today."

RATHER HARSH.
[Pittsburgh Post.]
"A female Jew, I call her."
"How now, girl?"
"Pretends to like me, yet always tries to kiss my powder off."

SOMETHING YET TO LEARN.
[Detroit News.]
"Can modern man practice the Sermon on the Mount? has been publicly asked in this city. Who knows? Modern man hasn't tried yet."

CHOICE OF EVILS.
[Chicago News.]
"According to statistics," read Mrs. Peckem from a magazine, "seventy-five per cent of male criminals are unmarried."
"Which shows how many men prefer the penitentiary to matrimony," rejoined Mr. Peckem, significantly.

HIS PARENTAGE.
[Boston Transcript.]
"Mrs. McManis, you're a lady and your husband's a gentleman; but that son of yours, he looks like a robber, so he does."

THE MARCH WIND.
[Detroit Free Press.]
The March wind blows its gusty way over level mead and level mead. But unlike, some we meet each day. It blows, but never bangs.

YOUTH IS IN FASHION.
[London News.]
Youthful chaperones will be the order of the day in 1910. Many mothers are now adding to all intents and purposes as young as their daughters. In fact, the disappearance of the middle-aged woman is a marked sign of the period.

A FAMILY TRAIT.
[Pittsburgh Post.]
"Assume I see there's some talk upon the question of abolishing capital punishment. Would you vote to abolish it?"
"Logically, no, sir; capital punishment was good enough for my ancestors, and it's good enough for me."

THOSE COAL-BLACK STEEDS.
[Chicago News.]
My papa says on swiftest steeds,
The Arabs made their flights;
I suppose they had fine nightmares in those old Arabian Nights.

A REQUEST.
[Punk.]
Judge—We will have the crime acted over again in the court room.
Prisoner—Sure, Judge, will you let that same to you, Judge, will you let that lawyer talk against me, I take the part of the fellow I'm accused of swarting?

ILLEGAL KILLING.
[Judge.]
Mr. Newfound—There is a very peculiar taste about this chicken.
Mrs. Newfound—I was suspicious from the first. When the box brought it, the poor thing looked so stiff and hard that I'm sure it was scared to death.

NOT ALTOGETHER.
[Boston Herald.]
Promoter—"I'd like to bring a trolley road into your town if I can raise the road fare."
Uncle Sam—"What, I'll be good enough to let you run it?"

DELICATE DEFINITIONS.
[Haverhill.]
Two chorus ladies were at one of Victor Herbert's concerts on complimentary tickets.
"Mr.," exclaimed one of them with a glance at her programme, "hasn't Mr. Herbert a tremendous repertoire?"
"Well, I wouldn't exactly say that," replied her friend, "but he is getting pretty fat."

WOULD GIVE HER AWAY.
[Judge.]
Officiating Clergyman—"At the wedding this evening, Mr. Simpkins, do you intend to give your daughter away?"
Mr. Simpkins—"Sure! I don't expect any remuneration, besides that, I'm only too glad to get her off my hands."

HE COULDN'T BE.
[Harvard Lampoon.]
No man is a hero to his own alarm clock.

IN THE FUTURE.
"What are you doing with those field glasses?" asked the mother.
"Oh," said the daughter, as she turned her gaze skyward again, "I am looking for Jack; he said he would be down this evening."

WORD TO THE FOOLISH.
See a pin and pick it up; you are liable to get docked for being late at the office, arrested for blocking the sidewalk, infected with the germs of some disease and accused of being stingy or, at least, of having little to do.

MACHINE FEMINE.
[Louisville Courier-Journal.]
"Hobbs, did you bring home my new switch?"
"Yes."
"Did you puff?"
"No."
"How about my face powder?"
"Here's your complexion. Now get busy and assemble yourself."

WHY HE WAS LOCKED UP.
[Pittsburgh Post.]
"Ever been locked up?" demanded counsel.
"I have been," admitted the witness.
"Aha! And what had you been doing to get yourself locked up?"
"I had been doing jury duty."

SHE DIDN'T CARE.
[Washington Star.]
As his young wife posed before the mirror in a decorative gown from the latest shop in the Rue de la Paix, Mrs. Dash, regarding the pretty little lady indugently, said, with a sigh:
"You do look nice in that frock, dear, but it costs me a heap of money."
"She flung her arms about his neck."
"You dear old boy," she cried, "what do I care for money when it's a question of pleasing you?"

CHAPMAN'S

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Fine Weather and Fine Clothes

It's all a hurry before Easter. The weather is so fine everybody wants new spring outfits. The Chapman store is crowded with the beautiful spring things and is ready for quick and satisfactory service. Welcome!

Suits and Overcoats for the Little Fellows

We haven't forgotten the little fellows in Easter preparations. The cutest little overcoats and suits that will delight the mother's eye and not come too high for her purse. Black and white check suits and overcoats are the novelty. Black and White Check Suits, with red collar, cuffs and tie, at \$6.50
Black and White Check Overcoats, with black velvet collar, at \$4.75

Little Boys' Fancy Suits Little Boys' Overcoats, for spring, in the newest short spring lengths, just styles of Russian and blouse effects, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.75 and \$4.50 \$6.50

Fancy Hosiery for Easter

The new Hosiery that gives the proper note of style to milady's spring dress. At 25¢ a pair there is a great variety of attractive, new, fancy designs, in shades to match the new costumes—green, champagne, Copenhagen, mauve, black and white, navy, London smoke, tan, brown, pink and sky. Plain and fancy lises and cottons. Per pair 25¢

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A PEACE ARRANGED WITH THE FIREMEN

Amicable Agreement Reached Between Men and Western U. S. Railways.

[Associated Press.]
Chicago, March 24.—Terms of agreement in the federal mediation of the controversy between the 27,000 firemen on western railroads, and the railroad managers, were reached at an early hour this morning. The demands of the firemen for a 12½ per cent increase in pay will be arbitrated under the Erdman act. Any fireman temporarily promoted to be engineer after having the position for 60 days established his seniority, and must not be reduced irrespective of which union he is a member.

The agreement in all except the wage question was a compromise by both sides. On the wage question both sides agreed to abide by the decision of the arbitration board, which is to be selected later.

ANACONDA COPPER PLANS BIG MERGER

Seeks to Exchange Stock for Assets of Nine Companies.

Anacoda, Mont., March 24.—At a meeting of the Anacoda Copper Mining Company yesterday it was decided to increase the capitalization of the company from 1,200,000 shares, having a par value of \$25 each, to 6,000,000 shares of the same par value.

The board of directors of the company was authorized and directed to offer to the following named companies the capital stock of the Anacoda Copper Mining Company, in exchange for all the properties and assets of every kind owned or possessed by such corporations:

Alta and Montana Consolidated, 1,200,000 shares.
Copper and Silver Mining Company, 500,000 shares.
Red Metal Mining Company, 500,000 shares.
Washoe Copper Company, 350,000 shares.
Butte and Boston Consolidated Mining Company, 300,000 shares.
Big Blackfoot Lumber Company, 300,000 shares.
Trenton Mining and Development Company, 120,000 shares.
Diamond Coal and Coke Company, 100,000 shares.
Parrott Silver and Copper Company, 90,000 shares.
Alce Gold and Silver Mining Company, 50,000 shares.

The foregoing, if carried out and accepted by the different companies interested, will make a total issue of 4,200,000 shares out of a total authorized capital of 6,000,000 shares of the company.

"PIONEER DAYS WITH THE GOLD SEEKERS"

Rev. R. M. Dickie's Interesting Lecture Last Night in St. Andrew's Church.

The privations and perils of the early gold rush to the Klondike was the subject of the address in St. Andrew's Church, before the Women's Home Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church, of Rev. R. M. Dickie, in speaking on "Pioneer Days With the Gold Seekers of the Klondike."

Mr. Dickie was the first Presbyterian minister in the Klondike, and went out with the first contingent of gold seekers in the years 1896-7, and was through all the terrible privations and dangers that faced those men in their hunger for gold.

Mr. Dickie's lecture was illustrated with numerous fine stereopticon views that gave a very good idea of the life in the Klondike in those early days. The speaker then went on to tell of the final rush for the gold fields, up the Skagway River by dog train to the mountains, where men had to shoulder their packs for the long, weary climb.

The journey was made more difficult in that food was unobtainable, and the gold seekers had to carry provisions for months, and in some instances for two years. Horses, when they were used, were left to die by the roadside, and the return passage in the spring showed thousands and thousands of the poor animals dead by the side of the trail.

The speaker went on to tell of the life at Bennett City, one of those mushroom towns that grew up by the trail and died with the advancing civilization.

Some Fine Views.
Fine views were shown of some of the difficult places of the journey down the Yukon, at Miles Canyon and White Horse Rapids, and elsewhere, each with its history. Then there were pictures of Dawson City, then and now, some of these pictures taken at midnight by the light of the midnight sun. The life of the city in the early days was graphically described, and the speaker closed his address with a story of those mad rushes for hidden gold that were known as the stampede, and that sent men feverishly out on the trail, throwing their blankets and coats away in the mad rush, and often finding that their pain and suffering and hardship, and often their lives, had been given for nothing.

Bradley Acquitted of Murder Charge
Judge Disagrees With the Jury's Verdict of Not Guilty.

St. Catharines, March 24.—William Bradley, who has been on trial here, charged with causing the death of George Bullman in a fight that is said to have followed an altercation on a street car, was acquitted yesterday.

Chief Justice Falconbridge addressed the jury, pointing out the law of the case of how murder could be reduced to manslaughter where there was evidence of provocation, and where blood had not had time to cool. He told them they must decide as reasonable men, and not on any sympathy one way or the other. In discharging the prisoner, he told them he did not agree with the jury's verdict.

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Great Alteration Sale

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Wash Boilers, No. 9, good tin, well made, copper bottoms, on Saturday, \$1.10.
Wash Boilers, heavy tin bodies, heavy copper bottoms, Saturday, \$1.50.
Wash Boilers, our own make, fitted iron bodies, all one piece, extra heavy flat copper bottom. Regular \$2.25, for Saturday, \$1.75.
Steel Frypans, Regular 25¢, for Saturday, 20¢.
Gray Enamel Straight Sautpanes, Regular 25¢, for Saturday, 15¢.
Gray Enamel Water Pails, seamless, Regular 25¢, for Saturday, 20¢.
Gray Enamel Water Pails, seamless, Regular 60¢, for Saturday, 35¢.
Thermo Washer, Regular \$7.50, for Saturday, \$6.50.
Two gallons Best Canadian Coal Oil for Saturday, 25¢.
Nine pounds Board Nails, 25¢.
Ten pounds Sulfur, 25¢.
Ten pounds Epsom Salts, 25¢.
Two one-gallon Cans for Saturday, 25¢.
Imperial Clothes Wringer, three years' guarantee, \$4.00.

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