

IRVING MS FOUND

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — (AP) — The original manuscript of Washington Irving's "The Alhambra," lost for 120 years, has been found in a collection of papers bought in England by the University of Illinois. The manuscript had been put in 1832 in the letter files of Richard Bentley, Victorian publisher.

METALS COME HIGH

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R. — (AP) — University of Idaho engineers have begun research to determine the most economical processing for a small-scale plant to handle Idaho's "heavy metals." Principal interest is in columbium and tantalum, both of which bring \$127.70 per pound.

HORSE AND BUGGY HELP

WILLIAMSON, W. Va. — (AP) — One of the "paper boys" for the Williamson Daily News is a 66-year-old man who covers his route with a horse and buggy. Mike Acord started delivering papers to supplement his regular monthly pension check. Now he distributes papers along a four-mile route in the coal fields around Williamson.

# Churchill Active In Move To End England's Ancient House Of Lords

LONDON (AP) — The hereditary House of Lords is on its way out as a lawmaking body after some 700 years.

Winston Churchill, whose kinfolk have been sitting there since 1603, is helping along its dissolution.

The prime minister pushed the time-encrusted institution closer to what many consider its inevitable end by the appointment of the Marquess of Salisbury as Conservative leader of the upper house. Lord Salisbury has been one of the key figures in discussions looking toward the final legislative fade-out of the descendants of the bold barons who extorted the Magna Charta from King John in 1215 and opened the way to representative government.

For several years now there has been wide agreement among all parties on the end of the hereditary principle. They do not feel

that because some knight in armor battered down the king's enemies in ye olde days, his descendants for all time have the right to make laws for the rest of the people.

In its place, all parties seem to agree that there should be a chamber of elder statesmen and women chosen for personal distinction and public service and known as the Lords of Parliament.

**LESS COLORFUL**  
That would be less colorful than the present House of Lords whose members sometimes wear robes of scarlet and ermine and coronets but it might be more efficient.

Many bearers of great and ancient names seem reluctant to leave their ivy-covered castles and moated fastnesses for the noise of Westminster. The present Lords has never been well attended except in dire emergencies.

A good number of these "back-woodsmen" as they are called, have scarcely raised a voice against proposals to dissolve the House of Lords, even those whose family roots go back to 1235, when the idea of a council to advise the king began to take definite shape.

The big obstacles to reform of Lords are these: The Socialists claim Churchill's method of changing membership qualifications would pack it, as President Roosevelt tried to pack the Supreme Court, and future labor governments would find it difficult to pass legislation.

**NOT TO BE ELECTIVE**  
The Tories want, in addition to the elder statesmen, membership for certain members of the royal family, certain high churchmen and legal officers of the crown.

The Socialists also want guarantees the new house won't have a permanent one-party majority. The present Lords is overwhelmingly Conservative.

All parties are generally agreed that the new house will not be an elected body, since it is to be complementary to Commons, not its rival. They also think there ought to be some sort of play so not only the rich could accept appointment. The body's duties will be to debate and revise legislation sent it by Commons.

Women peers are already eligible to sit in Lords, by a vote a couple of years ago, but none has taken advantage of the privilege because reform is considered only a matter of time.

One of those who voted against the women, however, was Viscount St. Davids. He pointed out plaintively that both his mother and aunt would be sitting with him if women were admitted.

When cleaning the slats of venetian blinds try wearing an old cotton work glove. The glove is an effective cleaning instrument, five-pronged and flexible.

## MODELS NEW NAVY ATTIRE FOR ARCTIC SERVICE



A KOREAN WAR VETERAN, Marine S/Sgt. Thomas Davies, 27, emerges from a 70-degree-below zero temperature room at the Brooklyn, N. Y., Navy Supply Depot, where he tested a new Navy-developed uniform designed to withstand the coldest temperature. Davies, who was felled by frostbite last winter, said: "I wish I had one of those last year at Chosen Reservoir—this thing is terrific!" At right, Davies shows the 16 items of equipment, weighing 18 pounds and 10 ounces, that comprises the new battle uniform. (International)

### LEGISLATE TO MUSIC

INDIANAPOLIS. — (AP) — When Indiana's general assembly, in special session to solve the state's critical welfare problem, was deadlocked in debate, Sen. Robert O'Bannon ordered a piano moved into the said chamber. "If we can sing a couple of songs together," he said, "maybe we can get together on this welfare problem."

The United Nations civil assistance command in Korea has supplied 1,600 uniforms for South Korean nurses, nurses aides and midwives.

There are 17 1-2 miles of corridors in the Pentagon in Washington.

### KITTEN GOES ALONG

ESSEX, Conn. (AP) — Chester Bowles, new U. S. ambassador to India, meant just that when he said he would take his entire family to New Delhi. The family kitten made the trip with the former Connecticut governor, his wife and three children.

The clipper ship Great Republic, built in 1853, was christened in Boston with a bottle of water instead of champagne because some of the vessel's shareholders were supporters of the temperance movement.

Oregon ranks 9th among the states in size, but only 32nd in population.

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