

LIBERALS ARE ROUTED IN LONDON ELECTIONS

Borough Councils Will Be Controlled by Reformers.

PROGRESSIVES WIN IN COUNTRY

Campaigns There Conducted on Political Party Lines—A Rebuke For Extravagance in London—Result Attributed to Discontent.

London.—The triennial elections of the London Borough Councils have resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Municipal Reformers, who in some of the boroughs absolutely swept out the Progressives.

The victors were formerly known as Moderates, and represent the Liberal party, the Progressives representing the Liberal and Labor parties. After several years of a Progressive regime, during which, it is contended, the taxes were increased to abnormal figures in consequence of huge expenditures, including palatial workhouses, Turkish baths for workmen, who did not use them, and clubhouses and other similar municipal luxuries, the Borough Councils are once again great strongholds of Toryism.

Complete returns show that the Reformers won 1011 seats, the remaining 351 being divided between the Progressives, Laborites and Independents.

The provincial municipal elections have also resulted in a rout for the Liberals. The campaigns in the provinces were mostly conducted on political party lines. Incomplete results show that the Liberals have sustained a net loss of thirty-three representatives and that the Conservatives have a net gain of fifty-nine. The Labor party has a net gain of nine.

In London the Labor party candidates fared even worse than the Progressives, but they made small gains in the provinces.

Ex-Premier Balfour, speaking at a dinner given in his honor, said the result of the elections throughout the country had surprised both parties. He attributed the result to discontent with the present Liberal Administration.

NEGRO SOLDIERS RIOTING.

One Man Killed and Two Seriously Wounded in Texas.

El Paso, Texas.—Negro soldiers from Fort Bliss, five miles from here, started a fight in a saloon outside the reservation. One man was killed and two seriously wounded.

The negroes belong to the Twenty-fifth Infantry, members of which, while stationed at Fort Brown, made a raid on Brownsville, shot into homes and business houses and killed one white man and wounded another.

The affair aroused so much indignation that the War Department transferred the negro troops to Fort Bliss.

The man killed is Private Matthews. Private Lewis and Alexander Johnson, a saloonkeeper, were wounded. A card game is said to have caused the fight.

TOM JOHNSON RUNS CAR.

Cleveland's Mayor Acts as Motorman of Low Fare Line.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Mayor Tom Johnson was motorman and A. B. Dupont conductor of the first three cent fare street car ever operated in Cleveland.

The Forest City Railway Company, amid the cheers of crowds of people, formally opened its line on the west side. Hundreds crowded about the car eager to be passengers on its first trip.

"This is one of the happiest days in my life," said Mayor Johnson, after he had completed one trip as motorman. "The actual operation of the road makes the fierce struggle with our opponents in the past only a pleasant memory."

MOODY TO AID JAPANESE.

Joins in Their Fight For Admission to San Francisco Schools.

San Francisco, Cal.—The Government at Washington has taken steps to aid the Japanese of San Francisco in their fight to procure admission to the public schools. Attorney-General Moody has instructed United States District Attorney Robert T. Devlin to lend his aid to attorneys R. M. Fickert and Masuji Miyakawa, representing the Japanese, in the injunction proceedings brought in the Circuit Court to compel the Board of Education to allow Japanese children to enter any of the schools of San Francisco to which white children are admitted.

Congressman Hoar Dead.

Congressman Rockwood Hoar died at Worcester, Mass. Rockwood Hoar was born in Worcester, Mass., August 24, 1855. He was the son of the late Senator George F. Hoar. He was graduated from Harvard in 1879 and commenced the practice of law in Worcester. He was president of the Common Council of Worcester when he was elected to Congress from the Third Massachusetts District.

Archduke Otto Dead.

Archduke Otto of Austria died at the age of forty-one.

Word From Peary.

Word was received in New York City that Commander Robert E. Peary had reached the "farthest North." In a message to Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, he said he reached eighty-seven degrees six minutes, or about 203 miles from the Pole.

Stricken on the Bench.

Judge Thayer Melvin, while presiding at court at Wheeling, W. Va., was fatally stricken with paralysis.

BITS OF NEWS

WASHINGTON.

The Postoffice Department issued a fraud order against the Society of Associated Physicians of New York City.

The Director of the Mint purchased 100,000 ounces of silver at 70.71 cents for delivery at Denver.

The amount asked for the maintenance of the postal service is \$206,662,190, a net increase over the present appropriation of \$15,000,000.

Secretary Bonaparte returned after three speeches in Maryland, the places selected being Winchester, Elkton and Denton.

The McClellan Statue Commission has decided to have the unveiling some time in May.

Thomas C. Dawson, American Minister to Santo Domingo, had a conference at the State Department with reference to affairs in the island.

The text of the modus vivendi between this country and Great Britain regarding the Newfoundland fisheries was made public.

The State Department has received a copy of the agreement between Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras for compulsory arbitration of all future troubles.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

The total imports from the United States to Porto Rico increased from \$13,974,070 in the preceding fiscal year to \$19,324,881 in 1906. The exports from the island to this country show a notable increase, mainly in sugar.

Governor Magoon, alarmed by size of deficit in Cuba's Treasury, determined on policy of rigid economy.

The Palujanes in Samar, P. I., attacked boats carrying supplies on the Surigao River, killed three scouts and wounded one. Five Palujanes were killed. The supplies were saved.

General Wood's statement that the emergency ration has proved a failure in the Philippines, is expected to call forth an official explanation in Washington, pointing out that the criticism was based upon a condition of affairs that does not exist to-day.

DOMESTIC.

While W. C. Atkins was ill-treating his wife, she appealed to Chief of Police Nelson, of Williamston, S. C., for protection, and he killed the husband.

The sealing schooner, Dora Stewart reached Clayquot, B. C., with 271 sealskins, and reported five other vessels bringing in 2870 skins.

Locking himself in the bathroom, Dr. M. G. Pingree, of Chicago, turned on the gas and killed himself.

Pleading guilty to the embezzlement of \$36,000 of Newburyport, Mass., former City Treasurer J. W. Felker had sentence deferred until January.

Claiming that he was driven to it by shame, Bert Kemp is under arrest at Port Huron, Mich., for murdering his baby, born a week after he was married.

Recently discharged from an asylum for the insane, Mrs. Nellie Cahill jumped from a third-story window in Baltimore and killed herself.

The death of Mrs. Robert Arrol, at Anderson, Ind., from eating toad-stool in mistake for mushrooms, makes the third in that family from the same cause.

During a disturbance at a political meeting at Coeburn, Va., Policeman George Hughes was shot and killed by Clark Edwards.

The Supreme Court has issued a ten-day restraining order against the city of Cleveland to keep it from interfering with the Cleveland Electric Railway Company.

A \$75,000,000 electric trolley system, with double tracks between New York and Pittsburg, is a project of Joseph Ramsay, Jr., and associates. Their ultimate aim is to extend to Chicago.

When they refused to pay \$27 damages done property during a class rush, 115 sophomores and freshmen of Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., were suspended.

A dispatch from Los Angeles, Cal., announces to General D. McM. Gregg, of Reading, former Auditor-General of Pennsylvania, that the will of George Gregg bequeathes \$100,000 to Eastern friends, among whom will be the General.

FOREIGN.

Ten Terrorists condemned to death by drumhead court-martial at Czenstochowa, Poland, were hanged.

Miss Adele Dillon, of Los Angeles, Cal., made a successful debut as a soprano in "Linda di Chamouni," at the Filo-Drammatici Theatre.

The sealing schooner City of San Diego, just in at Victoria, B. C., reports more raids by Japanese boats on the Bering island seals.

The British garrison at St. Helena has been withdrawn and the forts have been dismantled; the inhabitants are left without a market for their produce.

Terrorists near St. Petersburg, by disguising themselves as soldiers, had obtained high explosives from the Government stores.

Severe punishment was inflicted upon Englishmen in Cairo as an illustration of Lord Cromer's new policy of equal treatment of British subjects and Egyptians.

The French Cabinet has decided to recommend the purchase of the Western Railway; M. Barthou has a plan for the control of all mines by the State.

Gathorne Gathorne-Hardy, first Earl of Cranbrooke, who was twice Secretary for War and Lord President of the Council, died at Hemsted Park, London. He was born in 1814.

A man named Sproge, once a prominent revolutionary leader in the Baltic provinces, was killed at Mitau, Courland, while on his way to America, because he had betrayed his party.

CHICAGO SWINDLER CAUGHT

Accused of Tremendous Fraudulent Deals.

Charles Whitney Norton, arrested by the Chicago Police, is being Sentenced For Nine Months.

Chicago, Ill.—Charles Whitney Norton, said by the police and postal authorities to be responsible for extensive swindling operations, is under arrest here. He will be turned over to the Federal officers. It is asserted that Norton has defrauded people in all parts of the United States out of bonds and securities amounting to \$3,000,000.

In his room were found bonds, stocks, abstracts of land titles, first mortgages, and other negotiable papers, the greater part of which is thought to be genuine, and worth almost \$2,000,000. Other papers were found valued on their face at about \$1,000,000 more, but their value is doubtful. It is held that Norton by selling and trading these securities has made many thousands of dollars. The postal authorities say they have been searching for Norton since January, 1905, when he disappeared from Detroit, ostensibly to go to London.

About two years ago Norton was in Elmira, N. Y., operating the American Wholesale Brokerage Company. It is also asserted that he was arrested once in Troy, N. Y., and also in Rutland, Vt., where he served a sentence of one year in jail for the fraudulent use of the mails. He is also said to have done business in Toledo, Ohio.

Titles and deeds to lands in Nebraska, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and other States, running into thousands of acres, were found in Norton's possession. One deed describing 50,000 acres of pine lands in Virginia and another describing 20,000 acres in Nebraska appeared to be genuine.

SUPREME COURT BARS "THRU."

Simplified Spelling Not Followed in Nation's Highest Tribunal.

Washington, D. C.—The question of the propriety of using the modified spelling in accordance with the order of the President was incidentally raised in the Supreme Court of the United States. Solicitor General Hoyt was engaged in presenting the Government's side in a case and had occasion to refer to a long quotation in his brief from a decision of the Court rendered some years ago by Justice Bradley, in which the word "through" was spelled "thru."

Chief Justice Fuller held a copy of the brief in his hand, and when the word was reached interrupted Mr. Hoyt with a question as to whether the extract was intended to be a quotation from Justice Bradley's official opinion. "In all except the spelling," replied Mr. Hoyt. "Ah!" significantly responded the Chief Justice, with an interrogative inflection that caused a general smile through the court room. The court has not adopted the simplified spelling system.

LABOR SCARCE WORLD OVER.

Hopes to Recruit Workmen For Panama Canal From Spain.

Washington, D. C.—Through their efforts to obtain labor for work on the Isthmian Canal members of the Canal Commission have found that there is a dearth of labor in practically all parts of the world. So great is the demand for labor in connection with railroad building and other improvements on a large scale that countries which formerly have sent thousands of laborers to this country monthly are now using their labor at home.

Leroy Park, an agent for the commission, has been in Spain for some months recruiting laborers, and has found many difficulties in obtaining the Spanish workmen who have shown themselves so well adapted to the conditions in Panama. Hundreds of men whom he has sent to the canal zone are writing favorable reports to their friends in Spain, and in a short time Mr. Park expects to send a large number of workmen.

UTES SKIRMISH WITH TROOPS.

Recover Fifty Ponies Seized by Army in a Stampede.

Sheridan, Wyo.—A skirmish occurred between a band of the renegade Ute Indians and a troop of the Tenth Cavalry on Bitter Creek. The troops had captured fifty Ute ponies, severely frightening five Indian herders.

As the troopers were driving away the ponies 100 Utes, fully armed, surrounded the cavalrymen and the ponies, stampeding the ponies with revolver shots and war whoops. The Indians recovered all the ponies but five that were killed by the troopers in an effort to stop the stampede.

The Indians did not fire at the soldiers. The soldiers desisted from attacking the Utes as the reds greatly outnumbered the troopers. Troopers say that, as far as they can ascertain from rumor and observation, the Indians will fight with little provocation.

Insurance Agents Restored.

Insurance Commissioner Prewitt, of Kentucky, ordered the Mutual Life to restore to their positions five discharged managing agents.

Vermont Commissioners Indicted.

Two former members of the state Cattle Commission of Vermont were indicted at Burlington on a charge of selling to a rendering company cattle which they had condemned.

Union's Funds Not Exempt.

An attempt by the Opposition in the British House of Commons to have removed from the Trades Disputes bill the clause placing union funds beyond attack was defeated, 372 to 79.

ANNA GOULD BEATEN

BY COUNT CASTELLANE

Asks Custody of Children—Correspondents Are Not Named.

PITIFUL STORY TOLD IN COURT

Wreck of American Girl's Married Life Revealed by Counsel in Long Address—Divorce Decree Prayed For.

Paris, France.—The Castellane divorce case was heard before M. Henry Ditté, president of the Tribunal of First Instance of the Seine. Neither the count nor countess, formerly Anna Gould, daughter of Jay Gould, of New York City, was present.

Maitre Cruppi, for the countess, pleaded for a divorce upon the documentary evidence submitted, and told a complete and pitiful story of the wreck of her married life.

In an extended review counsel declared that the countess at the beginning of the suit was not acting under influence, but solely for the purpose of ending forever the peril of the moral desolation of her household. He explained the marriage contract, by which the regime of separation of property was established, from the very beginning, and stated that domestic difficulties arose over the question of money.

All treatment soon followed, the count even striking the plaintiff before the servants.

When he reached the question of the infidelity charged against the count, Maitre Cruppi did not mention names or even initials, designating the correspondents as "Mme. A," "Mme. B," and so on.

Maitre Cruppi asked that the countess be given the custody of her three children.

The courtroom was crowded, among those present being many members of the American colony. The early troubles of the countess' married life were due primarily to the count's inordinate extravagance, the lawyer declared. Even in spite of their domestic infelicity the countess was too good and scrupulous to begin an action for divorce until she possessed full proof.

Anna Gould was only twenty years old when she was married in 1895 in New York City to Count Boni de Castellane, and Maitre Cruppi asserted, the happiness of the honeymoon was disturbed on their arrival in Paris by the count's demands for money. The countess' income was then \$700,000 and the count allowed her \$80,000 a year.

In the face of the overwhelming evidence submitted, Maitre Cruppi declared, his opponent could not expect the tribunal to ask for the summoning of witnesses, and added:

"Does he imagine by dragging out the case to obtain forgiveness? No! No! Count Boni's plan to reconquer his wife's affections is too transparent!"

The final rupture came the day after the famous entertainment of King Charles of Portugal, December 12, 1905.

The count insisted that they, the count and countess, go to a shooting party given by a noblewoman of whom the countess had cause to complain. When the count became enraged at the countess' refusal she abruptly announced her intention to separate from him and began legal proceedings.

Counsel placed at \$8,000,000 the total of the count's expenditures preceding the appointment of a trustee. Maitre Cruppi asked that the custody of her three children be given to the countess.

TAFT TO VISIT MANILA AGAIN.

He Will See the New Philippine's Assembly Installed Next Year.

Washington, D. C.—The President is preparing to redeem his promise, made to the Filipinos through Secretary Taft, that they shall have a Parliament of their own, conditioned upon their good behavior for a term of two years, and it is understood that Secretary Taft himself will precede to the Philippines next spring to witness the installation of the new form of representative government.

On March 27, 1905, the Philippine census was published, and consequently two years from that date, March 27, 1907, under the terms of the act of Congress, the President will direct the Philippine Commission to call a general election for the choice of delegates to what will be known as the Philippine Assembly.

This body is to take over all legislative powers heretofore exercised by the Philippine Commission in all that part of the archipelago not inhabited by Moros or non-Christian tribes.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR RIOTERS.

Negro Charged With Murdering Policeman, Convicted.

Atlanta, Ga.—Life imprisonment was the sentence imposed upon Alexander Walker, a Brownsville negro, for the murder of County Policeman J. L. Heard, of which he was found guilty, with a recommendation of mercy. A motion for a new trial was immediately fled by his attorneys.

Walker was indicted with fifty-eight other negroes for the murder of Policeman Heard during the September riots here, his being the first case tried.

Newfoundland Resists Treaty.

Newfoundland issued an order in defiance of the Anglo-American agreement, and has decided to test the validity of the modus vivendi and intends to prosecute fishermen who have been shipped by Americans outside the three-mile limit.

President Takes Rest.

The President, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, went to her cottage—Pine Knot—in Virginia, to work on his message to Congress.

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