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LIBERALS ARE GLOOMY OVER UNION GAINS

Don't Fear Losing the Government But Majority Greatly Reduced

THE MARKET BETTER

Jubilant of the Liberals is Turned Into Gloom Over the Continued Unionist Gains—All Night Crowds Filled the Streets of London Cheering for the Unionist Gains—Opposition Already Laying Plans for Another General Election in Which They Hope to Capture the Government—Stock Market Reflects Unionist Gains—Suffragette Headquarters Sacked.

(By Cable to The Times.) London, Jan. 21—Sensation was caused today by the announcement from the liberal headquarters that the liberals will not accept the ministerial control if their majority over the unionists is not at least 40, including the labor members but without the Irish nationalists.

London, Jan. 21—The jubilation which had marked liberal headquarters during the early days of the election, turned to gloom today as the first results of yesterday's balloting came in, showing that the unionists had made still further gains.

The first three districts to report today all showed unionist gains. These were Saffron, Walden and Essex. All night long London was filled with crowds cheering for the unionist victories and it was not until dawn that they dispersed to their homes or to work.

While the present election is scarcely past the crisis, the conservative forces have already begun laying their plans for the overthrow of the liberal government and another general election within a year.

The polling in 66 provincial constituencies opened today, the results of 24 of the districts that balloted yesterday had not been announced. They began to come soon after balloting started.

The weather today, fair and cold, was conducive to the maintenance of the high percentage of franchise holders voting.

The stock market reflected the unionist gains, opening cheerful.

The sacking of the suffrage headquarters at Carnarvonshire was today followed by a resumption of activity by the militant women throughout the country.

Seizing the wagon on which the women stood the crowd rushed toward the fountain, and the police had a hard fight in saving the suffragettes. Then an attack on the women's headquarters was made, and while the police fought off the manifestants in front, the place was attacked from the rear and rifled.

Disorder was rife at many points. Victorious liberals were attacked by a mob at Buckingham, and forced to take refuge in houses. Stones and brickbats flew freely, one smashing the glass wind shield of an automobile in which were Lady Verney and Miss Verney, mother and sister of the winning liberal, F. W. Verney.

Not only has one woman cast her ballot in the election, but two four-year-old boys and several Americans. Anyone whose name is on the register may vote unchallenged, and errors have been numerous.

William Waldorf Astor, the expatriate American, took solace today for the defeat of his son, Waldorf Astor, in the election of his son-in-law, Capt. H. Spender Clay at Plymouth.

Excitement in the city today continued at fever heat. The opposition increase has turned the election into a race, after the liberal victory was assured, and every return is awaited by the thousands on the pavement or in political headquarters.

Doubt as to the final extent of the liberal majority is a factor that will

probably keep enthusiasm bubbling till the last vote has been cast and counted.

PITTSBURG IN BOYCOTT.

Trades Council Calls on Unions to Boycott Meat.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Pittsburgh, Jan. 21—The Iron City Trades Council has adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That all members of trades unions and organizations affiliated with this body be called upon to declare a boycott against the meat trust by refusing to eat meat for a period of 30 days, unless there is a decided amelioration of the deplorable conditions regarding the price of this commodity and that all members use their endeavors to secure others not affiliated with local organizations to do likewise."

THE MEAT BOYCOTT.

Ten Thousand Men in the Sharon Valley Have Signed Agreement.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Youngstown, O., Jan. 21—Employees of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company have started a meat boycott circular which is being generally signed. At Lorain, O., the General Phil Sheridan Circle, ladies of the G. A. R., are active in a similar work, and at Sharon, Pa., 1,200 mill men have signed an agreement to abstain from meat from January 24 to February 24. Ten thousand men in the Sharon valley will have signed the agreement by tomorrow. Anti-meat organization is being actively pushed at Bellefontaine, O.

GREEK BOYS TO BE DEPORTED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 21—After an investigation extending over several months, the immigration department has ordered 200 Greek boys, ranging in age from 9 to 15 years, deported to their native country. This action was taken upon the ground of violation of the alien contract labor law; also in violation of child labor act.

These boys are in Galveston, Houston, San Antonio, Fort Worth and other cities, and are employed principally in shoe shining establishments operated by their own countrymen. They will be herded here for deportation. The men charged with having imported the boys will be prosecuted. They claim the boys were sent out by their parents and guardians without contract or agreement on the part of the men employing them.

Government secret service operatives, however, claim to possess evidence showing that the boys were under contract when they left Greece and that many of the contracts practically amount to the sale of boys who are hired by parents at trifling sums to be paid to parents, while the boy under the terms of the contract is supposed to be given his schooling and board. In reality he gets no schooling, but hard work and in many instances miserable board and shelter.

John R. Walsh Sick.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Leavenworth, Kas., Jan. 21—John R. Walsh, the convicted Chicago banker, is ill in the federal prison hospital. He is suffering from heart disease and his liver is also in bad condition, the physicians say. His age, 72 years, counts against him, and it is feared that the shock of his imprisonment may result seriously.

Russia Against Knox.

(By Cable to The Times) St. Petersburg, Jan. 21—Russia today declined to permit the neutralization of the Manchurian railroads. A formal reply to the suggestion was handed to Ambassador Rockhill today, in which a firm stand is taken against the project favored by Secretary of State Knox.

ERIE RAILROAD WORKS BURNED

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Jan. 21—Started by an explosion in the gas generating plant, fire today swept the freight terminal of the Erie Railroad in Jersey City, threatening the destruction of the entire plant and the passenger depot and ferry station as well. The Wells-Fargo express wharf and passenger headquarters were saved by a stiff wind, which, while fanning the blaze, forced the flames away from them. The loss was estimated at \$250,000 by the railroad officials when the fire was gotten under control after a fight of several hours.

'Freight piers Nos. 5 and 6 were threatened with complete destruction. Efforts to remove some of the many

MISSSES MINA B. GROTGHR, MAMYE LEE GAYTE AND LENA FRANK.



The perfect models of feminine ideality, from left to right, Misses Mina B. Grotghr, Mamye Lee Gayte and Lena Frank, all of St. Louis. The ladies figure in a sensational law suit in which it is contended that certain ladies' garments sold do not fit a reasonably formed woman. The trial is before Justice Gawigan in New York. The ladies in the picture demonstrate what is and what is not good form.

cars in the freight yards to lighters failed, but every available engine was put to work hauling cars beyond the danger-line.

The New York Central and the Lackawanna railroads were called on for aid and lent their fire tugs, which, with those of the Erie, put up a hard battle from the river, while the land engines were handicapped by lack of hydrants.

A two-story office building in which were favorable freight records was in the path of the fire and the force of clerks that tried to save the documents was driven out when the fire was at its height.

The gas storage-tank, in danger of exploding at every moment, was saved by a daring fight, the firemen risking their lives time and again in their work.

Young Woman a Suicide.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21—Making a loop of a gingham apron and placing one end around her neck and the other over the top of the dining room door, Miss Minnie Finkenstadt, aged thirty-five, stood upon a chair in her home at 307 Mangum street last night and leaped to her death.

She was discovered dead by her sister, Miss Dora, upon her return from the city. Dependency over continued ill health is given as the motive for the act.

BATH TUB MYSTERY

Morphine Found In Stomach Of Dead Women

Husband of Mrs. Oeey Sneed, the Bath Tub Victim, Will Come From Canada to Test Against His Mother—Dr. William Hicks, of Newark, Finds Morphine in Stomach of Dead Woman—Sneed is Angry at Accused Women.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Newark, N. J., Jan. 21—Fletcher W. Sneed, husband of Mrs. Oeey W. M. Sneed, the East Orange bath tub mystery victim, will return to this country from Canada and testify against his mother, Mrs. Mary Sneed, who, with her two sisters, is now under arrest here awaiting trial on the charge of having brought about the death of Mrs. Oeey Sneed.

This strange turn in the bath tub mystery developed today after Dr. William H. Hicks, of Newark, had submitted a

report to Prosecutor Mott, of the Essex county, N. J., in which he stated that the stomach of Mrs. Oeey W. M. Sneed contained morphine at the time of her death. Dr. Hicks was chosen by Prosecutor Mott to make a chemical analysis of the stomach and his finding bears out the suspicions of Mr. Mott that the young wife was drugged.

Sneed, it was declared today, is angry at the accused women and will take the stand for the state. For some weeks he has been corresponding with County Prosecutor Mott.

That Oeey Sneed was a drug fiend will probably be the contention of the defendants—Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, her mother, Mrs. Mary W. Sneed, her aunt and mother-in-law, and Miss Virginia Wardlaw, her aunt, who alone was in the "house of mystery" when the young woman died.

The examination of Mrs. Oeey Sneed's stomach had not been completed when the first report was filed, but the analysis has gone so far that there is no doubt of the presence of morphine.

In connection with this, the testimony of Dr. Cornelius Love, of Brooklyn, who attended Oeey Sneed when she was there, some weeks before her removal to East Orange, was recalled today.

At one of the preliminary examinations of the old woman Dr. Love

told of having found them administering drugs to Oeey against his direct orders.

EAGLES CARRY OFF BABY.

How a Hundred Men Who Try to Rescue It.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Gibson, La., Jan. 21—Two giant eagles that had plucked little Rene Thibaux from a cradle and carried the babe to their nest in a live oak tree, fought off a hundred men who attempted to rescue the child. The birds resisted the trials to reach their nest as only one man at a time could make the attempt. The men did not dare shoot for fear the bullets would go through the nest. Finally the angered eagles descended and attacked the men and were shot. In three hours the baby had died from exposure.

Large Export Boots and Shoes.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Jan. 21—Exports of boots and shoes from the United States in the year 1909 were the largest on record, having aggregated 6,500,000 pairs, compared with the previous high record of 6,333,000 pairs in 1907. Measured by value, however, the exports of the year just ended fell slightly below those of two years earlier.

Snowstorm in Alabama.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Huntsville, Ala., Jan. 21—A snow storm is general throughout northern Alabama today.

AVIATORS ARE GETTING AWAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Los Angeles, Jan. 21—America's first great aviation meet is at an end, and today the man-birds are busy pecking up their ariatic cravat. Louis Paulhan, the dare-devil Frenchman, goes as the acknowledged king of the air.

California has not seen the last of him, however, for he goes to San Francisco, where he has been engaged to make a series of flights Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, January 22-25. He takes with him his colleagues, Miscarol and Masson, and his two biplanes and two monoplanes. His program calls for a flight across the Golden Gate and around Mount Tamalpais, at the entrance to the harbor.

The Los Angeles international meet has proven a great success, not only in regard to the feats of the contestants, but financially.

Figures compiled today by the promoters show a profit of 25 per cent., and the gate receipts and income from concessions total between \$250,000 and \$300,000. This in the face of the fact that the tournament was not run strictly as a business proposition.

A mushroom city grew up around the grounds, erected by concession-holders and thronged every day of the meet.

Every world's aviation record but one was broken by the contestants. Henri Farman's distance and duration record, 144 miles in 4 hours, 17 minutes, 35 seconds, made at Chalons, France, last November, alone remained unshattered.

Fire in Roosevelt Camp.

(By Cable to The Times) Wadelai, Belgian Congo, Jan. 21—The outfit of the Roosevelt hunting expedition was threatened with destruction by a fierce grass fire at Rhina Camp, according to a report brought here today by a runner. The outfit was saved by a hard struggle, in which Colonel Roosevelt led. All are in good health, Quentin Grogan, who had fever, having recovered.

Two rhinoceros cows and three bulls have been killed by the former president.

ROCKEFELLER TO HELP FIGHT SALOON

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 21—John D. Rockefeller, according to reliable reports, has secretly given five million dollars to help fight the saloon. Part of the money is to be used in establishing newspapers in various states, among them being Virginia, Florida and Washington.

New York, Jan. 21—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., refused today to deny or affirm the report from Norfolk, Va., that his father had given \$5,000,000 to aid prohibition newspapers.

TAFT VENTS HIS SPITE ON REP. RAINEY

Democrats Say Taft Strikes at Rainey For His Criticism President's Brother

WILL HOLD CAUCUS

Democratic Members Say Taft Objected to Rainey Because He Severely Arraigned Charles P. Taft, Brother of the President—Rainey Has Waived His Claims and Will Abide by Action of the House—Democrats Will Hold Another Caucus, as Lloyd Has Declined to Serve on Ballinger-Pinchot Investigating Committee.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Jan. 21—If the democrats do not change their program before adjournment of the house late this afternoon, they will hold another caucus this evening to try to fix up their differences over the minority representation on the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee, selected by the house yesterday.

At the caucus held just after the house adjourned yesterday the democrats instructed Representative James, of Kentucky, who had previously been selected for service on the Ballinger-Pinchot committee to accept, but in the matter of Representative Lloyd's selection by the house in place of Representative Rainey, of Illinois, the choice of the democratic caucus, no conclusion was reached. It is this question that will come up in the caucus tonight.

Representative Lloyd, of Missouri, before the house adjourned yesterday tendered his resignation as a member of the investigating committee, but did not have an opportunity to make an explanation because of a point of order raised by Representative Tawney, of Minnesota. It is said today that Mr. Lloyd's reason for not wanting to serve, apart from the fact that he was not a candidate for the honor before the caucus, is that as chairman of the democratic congressional committee his time is taken up by that work and the choice of the democrats as expressed by caucus action was Representative Rainey, of Illinois.

Representative Rainey has accepted the action of the house and waived his claim. He wishes his party to make another selection. It is believed this will be done. The democrats this evening may decide to issue a statement criticizing the republicans for their action in turning down Representative Rainey after he had been chosen by their caucus.

The democrats, in commenting on the president's interference with the house in the selection of the special committee to investigate the Ballinger-Pinchot matter, say that the rejection of Representative Rainey, by the republicans was nothing more nor less than giving the president an opportunity to hit back at the Illinois congressman for his criticism of the president's brother, C. P. Taft, who with William Nelson Cromwell, a New York lawyer and former minister from Colombia O'Baldu, was interested in the matter of the purchase of the Panama Canal.

Representative Rainey, say his colleagues, made no direct charges against the president nor his brother, but merely brought certain facts to the attention of the house.

METAL WORKERS STRIKE.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 21—One hundred and twenty-five metal workers in the Mobile & Ohio's principal shops in Whistler are on strike today on account of a change in pay-day. The management announced today that the men will not be taken back. A strike is feared on the New Orleans and Northeastern Railroad unless there is an increase in wages for the employees by April 1. The agreement with the Southern expires on that date and both roads are likely to take the same position. A demand for an increase of 10 per cent. was made January 1.

Root President of Bar Association.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 21—Executive of State Elinor Root today was elected president of the New York state bar association.

MONDAY, NAMES OF CONTESTANTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED, SEND SUBSCRIPTIONS IN

All Contestants Should Send In Every Subscription Secured And All Coupon Votes by Saturday So as to Lead Her District When The Names Are Announced Today Rev. Mr. Pratt Gives You Description Of The Great Passion Play

STANDING WILL BE UP UNTIL SATURDAY EVENING AT SIX P. M.

Next Monday The Evening Times will publish the list of contestants who have been nominated, and who have sent in votes to be placed to their credit, together with their standing up to Saturday, 6 P. M.

Each and every contestant should endeavor to send in all subscriptions secured up to this time, so that they may start off with a good number of votes to their credit when the names are announced. This will begin, as you might say, the first lap of the race. From this time until the close it will be a battle of ballots, the higher prizes going to the lady who secures the most votes. Each and every contestant in this great contest has an equal chance to win. Some lady will receive a trip for herself and companion to Europe with all legitimate expenses paid; another will receive a handsome \$400 piano; another a \$350 Farrand piano, and four other ladies will receive handsome diamond rings, and four others will each receive a King's Business College scholarship. The prizes are certainly well worth the few weeks' effort it will take to secure them. It rests with each and every contestant and

their friends whether they will receive one of the greater prizes or one of the lesser ones.

It is very easy to secure the top prize. All that is necessary to do is to secure subscriptions paid in advance from your friends, and clip the special ten votes coupons and send them in to the Contest Department of The Times.

If you have been thinking of entering this great contest, but have been putting it off from day to day, don't wait any longer, NOW is the accepted time. Send in your name and address at once to the Contest Manager and he will send you full instructions, together with receipt books for securing subscriptions.

The Passion Play.

On reading the estimate of the New York Times that between forty and fifty thousand people would probably attend the presentation of the great Passion Play in Oberammergau in 1910, we wrote Rev. Mr. Pratt, who saw the play in 1900, and asked him to tell The Times' readers something about this religious drama. This Mr. Pratt readily consented to do.

Oberammergau, he said, either from the Raine country or Switzerland was by way of Lake Constance and Lindau to Munich and Lindau itself was most beautifully situated on the lake and well worthy of a visit. It is one of the old towns of Bavaria and is said to be the place from which Tiberius and Drusus set out on their career of conquest over the wild Teuton tribes. Quite a little of the old Italian still lingers in its architecture and it is a flourishing town of 5,000 with several beautiful churches and a public library of many thousands of volumes.

The little village of Oberammergau lies in the very heart of the highlands of Bavaria about three hours from Munich and the traveler finds in this highland district the highest mountains in Germany, lovely lakes, and foaming cascades while melodies of Wagner and the unhappy monarch Ludwig give to the country an additional interest and charm.

Oberammergau has a high elevation and the valley itself produces but little. A Bavarian is usually counted rich or poor according to the number of cows he may own.

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