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LIBERALS ARE AGAIN AHEAD IN ELECTION

Health of Asquith Wrecked and David Lloyd-George May be Next Premier

TODAY'S RESULTS

Liberals Today Gained the Lead by Substantial Majority—Premier Asquith Has Gone to the Continent to Recuperate as He is in a Bad Way Physically—David Lloyd-George, Who Precipitated Present Crisis in England, Will Probably Take the Place of Asquith as Premier—Today's Returns Virtually End of the Election.

(By Cable to The Times) London, Jan. 29.—The Liberals regained the lead over the Unionists in the election today, the party score at 1:45 being: Unionists, 269; Liberals, 271; Laborites, 39; Nationalists, 78.

In Derbyshire, the scene of the only polling today, a blizzard raged and many voters were snowbound. The election of Sir Charles Dilke, the Liberal leader, at Forest-of-Dean, Gloucestershire, was among the earliest results of yesterday's election announced today. The Unionists gained Droitwich, Worcestershire.

David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, and the man who precipitated the present political crisis in Great Britain will his budget, may be the next premier. It became known today that Prime Minister Asquith, who yesterday went to the continent, is physically in a much more serious condition than had been supposed. If he cannot regain his strength in France, he will, according to his friends, refuse to take the burden of guiding England's helm.

The terrific strain of the last few months, and the certainty that the next premier must lead a hard battle, complicated by half a dozen vital issues, have combined to make the continuation of Asquith rule a decided uncertainty. He is being sharply criticized for leaving at this time. The Liberals, however, are confident of holding the whip hand, although their way will be one beset by many perils.

The first return declared today, that of Ramsey, Huntingdonshire, gave the Unionists another gain.

The Liberals can hold dominance only by the continuance of the coalition with the Laborites and the Irish. Whether, with politics so radical as Lloyd-George, they could continue in power is, according to the opposition leaders, a matter of serious doubt.

There is little in the election's results to show that the Liberals have been granted strong support by the people in their way against the lords. The general belief, stronger than ever, is that the tenure of office of the next ministry will be short.

Should the conservatives make a strong bid for the Irish vote, promising home rule and tariff reform in accord with Ireland's wishes, the Liberals would probably be swamped. The declarations of today's returns is virtually the end of the election. The major parties are almost evenly divided, the balance of power rests with the minor factions.

FIGHT TO AMEND RULES.

Will Come Within the Next Ten Days Depends on Democrats' For Success.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Jan. 29.—The fight to amend the rules of the house by increasing the membership of the rules committee from five to twelve will probably come within the next ten days, it was stated by the insurgents this morning. The success of the movement depends largely on the attitude of the democrats. The insurgents claim sixty votes on the republican side of the house.

The democrats are giving some consideration to the proposition submitted by the insurgents. Many democrats are in favor of the proposed change, while others deem it unwise. The large vote claimed by the insurgents is attributed to the growing feeling among New England and western republicans against the speaker, who still declines to give any sign that he will retire from the leadership of the house. The president is said to have given his approval to the scheme.

SENATOR B. R. TILLMAN.



United States Senator B. R. Tillman who is hot on the trail of Attorney General Wickersham because of a snub he alleges the Attorney General has put upon him. Sometime ago Senator Tillman asked Mr. Wickersham to let him know why he had not begun suit against the Southern Pacific Railroad to ascertain the validity of the road's title to 3,000,000 acres of public land held by the road in Oregon. "His Holiness, His Highness, His Eminence or His Lordship" has not deigned to reply to my request," said the irate senator when alluding to the incident in a recent senate speech.

SHADOW OF ELECTION CLOUDING CONGRESS

(By John Temple Graves) Washington, Jan. 29.—The shadow of the autumn election is clouding the vision of congress.

"That November ballot box is shutting out the larger view of many things which average congressmen ought to see. This is unfortunate for the fair consideration of the great issues which are being presented by the present administration.

I talked today with Colonel Livingston of Georgia, stalwart democratic partisan of the old regime. He has been 22 years in congress and is one of the masters of the game. Keen, shrewd, bold and tireless he has held onto the Atlanta district by sheer force of his capacity to "get things" for that audacious capital of Dixie.

"Are you democrats going to fight Taft in the Ballinger matter?" I asked him, recalling Champ Clark's pacific assurance.

"Of course we are in everything else when we can make a point for the democratic party," said the Georgian. "Politics is war, and this is our chance to win," he continued. "The insurgents and those who follow them are permanent rebels from the high tariff. The interests of the east and of the west are parted. No patched-up peace between men like Aldrich and Cummins will last beyond the present session."

BAD COLLISION NEAR CLEVELAND

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Cleveland, O., Jan. 29.—Mail train No. 21 from Boston for St. Louis on the Lakeshore and Michigan Southern railroad crashed into the rear end of the Lakeshore Limited, No. 39, the 20th Century Limited's rival for luxury, on the block just east of the Ashtabula passenger depot today.

The impact of the collision demolished the rear half of the observation car, and caused the mail car back of the locomotive of No. 21 to collapse. Several of the passengers and trainmen were badly bruised. The mail clerk on No. 21 was taken from the wreck unconscious.

Mrs. M. Harzberg, of Providence, R. I., who was in a stateroom at the front end of the observation car, was thrown into a mirror before her and cut by broken glass.

No. 19 was due in Cleveland at 7:10 a. m. No. 21 was due here 20 minutes later. No. 19 stopped on a block east of the Ashtabula depot by a train standing at the depot. No. 21 past the next block east and crashed into No. 19 on a trestle over a subway. Railroad officials have begun an investigation as to why the engineer of No. 21 ran past the block.

GLAVIS HAS NOT FINISHED HIS STORY YET

Again on the Witness Stand Telling About Frauds in Land Office

HINDERED HIS WORK

Discontinued Investigation in May, 1908, and Nothing More Was Done Until October—Was Instructed in October to Resume the Investigation, But Was Hindered in the Work by Officials of the Land Office—Mr. Dennett Objected to Prosecuting the Swindlers and Thought if Their Claims Were Cancelled It Would Be Sufficient—Was Given More Work Than He Could Do.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Jan. 29.—Louis R. Glavis again took the witness stand when the special joint committee of the senate and house, which is investigating the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy resumed its hearing this morning.

Attorney Brandies began by reminding Mr. Glavis that he had testified that he had been instructed in May, 1908, to discontinue work on the Alaskan coal claims, and did nothing in that connection until next October. During that period Glavis said he received no letters or telegrams relative to taking up the work again, and that although he had several conferences with land office officials nothing was said about resuming the investigation.

"Did they indicate that they wanted to hinder you in carrying out your investigation in any of these conversations?" asked Chairman Nelson.

"Mr. Dennett said," replied Glavis, "he thought we should not prosecute the coal claimants criminally; that if their claims were cancelled it would be sufficient."

"That is not responsive to my question," interrupted Chairman Nelson, rather sharply. "I asked if they sought to interfere with the investigation."

"They did," answered Glavis, and he then proceeded to narrate his conversations with Dennett and other officials of the land office. Glavis declared that he was instructed to resume the Alaskan investigation in October, 1908, but that he was hindered in carrying out the work by some of the officials, because they had given him other duties to perform. He did not object to the other work, but he was handicapped by not having a sufficient number of assistants.

The work which the witness referred to consisted of numerous land cases in Oregon.

Attorney Brandies then consumed half an hour in reading and offering in evidence a long list of letters which passed between the land office and Glavis in reference to the work of Glavis' office.

One telegram from Dennett to Glavis in April, 1909, told him the investigation must be completed in 60 days, and asking him what help he wanted.

"You seem to have been asking for more help," said Representative Denby, "but in your replies to the department which have been read you don't say what the character of your investigation was."

"I want to say right here," interrupted Attorney Brandies, "that this record (meaning the report of Attorney-general Wickersham) does not contain all of the letters in the case. There are quite a number of communications which have been omitted, and we have asked to have them produced."

Mr. Brandies intimated that they had been intentionally left out, and that if supplied would be responsive to the question of Representative Denby.

Answering questions asked by Representative Madison, Glavis said that following his instructions to close up the investigation in 60 days he and his agents had obtained affidavits from claimants. This did not complete the investigation, as he thought a field investigation was necessary.

"I did not think the government had all the evidence required before going to trial," said Glavis. "I was told to make my report, but that I could continue my investigation."

"What was then done?" asked Chairman Nelson.

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SECRETARY WILSON.



Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who has just imparted to the congressional committee the high cost of living, the significant fact that American farm products are being sold cheaper abroad than in the United States. As soon as it became known that there would be a congressional committee named, Mr. Wilson got busy with investigations. He pointed out that despite the pessimistic talk of meat men relative to the initial cost of beef on the hoof being higher, he had found that a two-year-old steer on the farm can be bought just as cheaply now as twelve years ago.

SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES ARE OUT OF JAIL

The Chattanooga Sheriff, Sentenced for Contempt, Has Completed Sentence

GREETED BY FRIENDS

The Chattanooga Sheriff and His Deputies Completed Their Sentence to the District of Columbia Jail for Contempt This Morning and Were Released at 7 O'clock—Were Immediately Taken in Charge by Friends and Wined and Dined Through the Day—Leave Washington for Chattanooga and Will Be Given Great Reception Upon Their Arrival At Home.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Jan. 29.—Former Sheriff Joseph Sapp, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Deputy Sheriffs Nick Nolan and Luther Williams, who were sentenced to serve three months in the District of Columbia jail for contempt following the lynching of a negro in Tennessee, were released this morning. Under the ruling of the court, they were permitted to leave the jail at 12 o'clock, but they decided to wait until this morning at 7 o'clock.

Friends took them from the jail in an automobile. They will be the guests of the Eagles and Elks of the District during the day, and tonight will be the guests at a dinner to be given by Oliver B. Jenkins. They will leave on a late train for Tennessee today.

Captain Thomas McKee, warden of the jail, today corrected published statements to the effect that the prisoners had been provided with special

MADRIZ TROOPS BEEN DEFEATED

Bluefields, Jan. 29.—That General Chamorro has decisively defeated Madriz's troops under General Vasquez at Acopya in a battle that has continued since Wednesday is the definite news received here from Rama last night, confirming the previous dispatches. Little actual news of the battle is known owing to the difficulty of telegraphic transmission between Rama and Acopya. However word from General Estrada assures a provisional victory has been won, although it is believed from the tone of the message that his losses were heavy.

General Chamorro has been wounded but not fatally. He led the charge on the Madriz battery midway between Acopya and La Tiberta. English gunners' fire worked havoc but the guns were silenced. Hand-to-hand fighting for a great distance along the line ensued. The losses must have been fierce for General Estrada's message says: "Recree outside."

General Estrada is mobilizing troops now for the assault on Managua. It is believed the fight will be short and sharp. Provisional officers this morning are drawing up representations asking the Washington government for recognition.

THE SEINE IS FALLING AND WORST IS OVER

Danger From River is Diminishing but City is Left In Awful Condition

MANY FOOD RIOTS

City Crumbles on Water-soaked Foundations—Whole Quarters Shake As With An Earthquake As Subterranean Overflow From the River Raced Beneath the City—Twenty Thousand Persons in the City Are Starving and Food Riots Have Broken Out in Many Refugee Camps—Not Enough Food in the City to Last Three Days.

(By Cable to The Times)

Paris, Jan. 29.—The waters of the Seine today continued to inundate Paris, while the city slowly crumbled. The cessation in the rise of the Seine at 1 o'clock this morning brought a ray of hope, but the area under water continued to grow steadily, though the height of the river itself was slightly lower at dawn and steadily decreased.

Twenty thousand persons in Paris are starving today. At Gennevilliers alone, where the bursting of a dyke inundated a wide area, 7,000 inhabitants, without water, fire or food, are imprisoned in their homes with the work of rescue proceeding slowly.

Food riots have thrown a dozen of the largest refugee camps on the outskirts into a ferment. The prices of provisions, almost prohibitive two days ago, were higher today, and in several quarters dealers who demanded outrageous prices for their scanty stocks were attacked by angry crowds. The police, busy fighting the flood, are unable to preserve order when a sudden emergency arises. The passions of the mob have added to the stricken city's tribulations.

It was reported today that the city will buy out all provision dealers, commandeering their stocks and settling afterward, in order to distribute every available bit of food in breadlines, scores of which have already been established.

"Give us food," is the cry of Paris. It is estimated that all the food in Paris would not feed the city on half rations for three days. The largest markets, where there were reserve supplies, have been inundated by the back flow of sewers or bursting drains or by the river direct, and the supplies destroyed or rendered unfit for consumption.

Paris is tottering. Whole quarters shake as with an earthquake as the subterranean overflow of the Seine, carried in sewers, subways, pipes of all kinds and underground rivers, races beneath the city with terrific force, eating into foundations and breaking through masonry walls into cellars.

News that the river Marne had dropped one meter (about three feet) was received today, and brought joy with it.

The weather this morning was cold and fine. The Seine continued to fall steadily, but slowly, and at noon a decrease of five inches was marked.

In the desperate food situation, the engineers are little more than helpless. Hundreds of structures, including some of the most famous buildings in the world, are threatened with collapse. No shoring up, no temporary measures could thwart this menace; the Seine alone can save Paris.

Dyke has been thrown up, only to be brushed aside by the river. The work of constructing them, though apparently futile in most cases, was continued today, but it is on the fleets of small boats that the relief workers now depend. One hundred sailors today brought seventy-five yaws, cutters and dinghies to the city.

Many of these little mosquito craft have been destroyed by the Seine which tears through the city at places with the force of a mill race. Boats have been swept against piers, bridges, and debris, and crushed like eggshells. Half a dozen were reported destroyed this morning alone. In some instances these accidents have been fatal.

The cellars of the opera house—the most beautiful structure of its kind—were filled with water to the floor

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Mrs. Lucy Dugas Tillman.



Mrs. Lucy Dugas Tillman, the wife of United States Senator Ben Tillman's son, who is suing the statesman to recover the custody of her two young daughters. The junior Tillmans have disagreed a great deal lately and are not living together. The children have been with their grandparents for several months and Senator Tillman says he doesn't want it construed that he has abducted them or holding them against their will.

PROCESS SERVERS AGAIN AFTER KEENE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Jan. 29.—James R. Keene, known in the financial world as the champion dodger of process servers, today maintained his supremacy. Arrived with subpoenas in original and duplicate, a force of servers watched railroad stations and steamship piers without getting a sight of the fugitive who is wanted to testify in the bankruptcy hearing of J. M. Fiske & Company of the three brokerage houses that went down in the Hocking Coal & Iron pool smash. Receiver Ernest declared that he was determined to get the fugitive on the stand and would keep on his trail till the end. Hole in Wall street were recorded, with Keene the favorite.

Atlantic liners were searched today carefully. Vessels for ports at which passage to Argentine might be looked were also carefully overhauled.

One of the most persistent reports in the financial districts was that Keene had gone or was ready to go to the Argentine republic, where he had a string of race horses. Another hole that gained much currency was that he has come to Crippleton, Ky., where he has a large stock farm which he frequently visits.

All night long a futile watch was kept on his apartments at the Waldorf-Astoria and on his country home at Cedarhurst, L. I. Process servers were sent to both those places yesterday immediately after Judge Adams in the United States district court, issued the papers, but the servers failed to get a glimpse of their quarry.

North Carolina Postmasters.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The following four-class postmasters were appointed today for North Carolina: Byrd, William A. Thorp; Mill Spring, William C. Newman; Roaring River, John Blackburn.

SIMS SCORES THE NEWSPAPERS

Washington, Jan. 29.—Representative Sims, of Tennessee, rose to a question of personal privilege in the house today and scored certain newspapers for attacking him and members of the house generally, charging them with abuse of the frank privilege in sending garden seed to their constituents.

President Taft transmitted a message to the house recommending an amendment to the Foraker act for the government of Porto Rico. The president said he approved the recommendations contained in the secretary of war's report regarding Porto Rico, which has been forwarded to congress during the present session. President Taft advocated citizenship for the Porto Ricans in the message, under certain conditions. He would not force it on them, but after a certain length of time Porto Ricans who have not availed themselves of citizenship should not be permitted to hold public office. The house then resumed consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill.

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THE SCHOOL TEACHERS TO LEAVE TODAY

City Superintendents Will Adjourn This Afternoon After Most Successful Meeting

DR. STILES SPEAKS

City Superintendents Have Been in Session for Three Days—Dr. Stiles Lectures on the Hookworm and Gives His Audience Some Valuable Information—Supt. Joyner Leaves for Greensboro, Where he, as a Member of a Committee, Will Accept Bids For New Infirmary—Hebrew Soap-maker's Suit Settled Satisfactorily to All Parties.

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, N. C., Jan. 29.—The city superintendents of North Carolina will adjourn this afternoon after three days' work and entertainment in this city, all of which they pronounce their most notable to date. Three receptions have been tendered them and the first time that a commercial organization ever took up these guardians of the mind was the tribute of the Merchants' Association Thursday night. The superintendents have not been forgotten, the town has been made to know that they are here. They call Durham great.

The chief day of the session was yesterday. In addition to the round table talk that received such generous suggestions from so many, there was an address last night at Craven Memorial Hall by Dr. Charles W. Stiles, of Washington, who spoke at some length and in real entertainment upon the hookworm. He gave cuts and figures that appalled at times, and when he asked that his figures be not attacked by unreasoning ignorance, he declared that he had not nearly shown his hand and that he had not told the half. He attributed the peculiar physiological handicap in the south to the abnormal conditions in the co-existence of the whites and negroes and said that as the white man had traded the negro the white man's disease for the negro's, and the African had bequeathed the white man the negro's ills, both had made trades that gave unusual severity to those afflicted. He called upon the educators to assist him in the campaign against the hookworm.

A reception was tendered the superintendents at the library immediately following the address of the great scientist and the teachers adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning, when they opened with an address by Prof. J. A. Matheson and Prof. E. C. Brooks.

State Superintendent Joyner, A. J. Barwick, R. D. W. Connor, and other Raleigh people were here yesterday. Mr. Joyner going from here to Greensboro and the others back to Raleigh. The secretary declares that the largest attendance of the association's twenty-five years marks this one. It has been particularly gratifying that they have liked the city's entertainment.

Superintendent Alexander Graham, of Mecklenburg, furnished the fun of the session. His line of talk is undoubtedly great.

Death of Miss Long. Miss Bessie Long, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Long, living on 603 Angier avenue, died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock after a long illness of consumption. She was twenty-four years of age and a native of Person county. She left besides father, mother, and a number of brothers and sisters, many Person county relatives. The remains will be carried there this morning and buried at the home place.

Mrs. Hobgood Dead. Mrs. I. H. Hobgood, of Stem, died yesterday evening at the Watts Hospital, where she was taken several days ago for treatment. She leaves a baby six weeks old, a husband, father, invalid mother and a sister, Mrs. Ray, of Stem, and another sister, Mrs. Joe Fuller, of Oxford. The funeral services held this morning from No. 712 Shepherd street at 8:15 and conducted by Rev. W. C. Barrett, of the First Baptist church, precede the shipping of the body at 9:30 to the old home burying ground. The pall-bearers are J. G. Elliott, L. G. Cole, T. J. Anderson, L. A. Daxon, (Continued on Page Three.)