

UNIONISTS EXPECT TO MAKE INROADS

Complete Change in British Sentiment Within Week.

LANDSLIDE IS PROBABLE

Reversal in Betting Odds as the Climax Approaches.

Anger and Exasperation at Radical Combination Becoming More Evident—Whole Situation Assumes Comic Aspect, Despite Aroused Sentiment—Coalition Majority Will Probably Be Greatly Reduced.

London, Dec. 1.—The complete change which has taken place in the political situation since the failure of the conference on the House of Lords less than a month ago is demonstrated in the reversal in the betting odds.

The figures are now even money that the government coalition majority will be reduced from 124 to below fifty. This means that the Unionists must gain thirty-two seats.

Some enthusiastic members of that party are sanguine enough to expect an actual majority above the Liberals, Irish Nationalists, Laborites, and Socialists.

The reversal of feeling throughout the country is so strong that a Unionist landslide would be by no means impossible if the election could be delayed a month, but with the first pollings only two days away such a result is hardly probable.

Anger is Outspoken. The anger and exasperation of the radical combination, the members of which expected to snatch victory in an unnecessary election, is becoming outspoken.

The Nationalist leaders especially are discomfited by the sudden reversal of political conditions, which means first of all that home rule of the type they demand will become practically a hopeless cause.

Neither they nor their Liberal allies dare accept the Unionists' challenge to a referendum, and the whole combination finds itself in the embarrassing attitude of opposing the democratic principles to which the Unionists confidently appeal.

The whole situation has assumed a satirical comic aspect in the eyes of observers, but there is nothing humorous in the feelings on either side in the great campaign which has now reached its climax.

Great Britain was never more deeply engaged politically, and never has a more important public sentiment taken place so rapidly.

FLOODS IN SPAIN.

Cave-in of Tunnel Causes Wreck and Several Are Killed.

Madrid, Dec. 1.—The heavy rains prevailing in the province of Lugo have resulted in considerable damage to property.

A cave-in occurred in a tunnel on the Ribadesella railway while a mining train was passing through it, and several of those on the train were killed and many injured.

HIS MEMORY GONE.

Lieut. Sage Found Wandering After Bicycle Fall.

Dazed and apparently unconscious of his surroundings, bleeding from a wound beneath the eye, and with his clothing torn and soiled, Lieut. W. H. Sage, of the Engineer Corps, U. S. A., was found wandering in Massachusetts avenue, near North Capitol street, about 9 o'clock last night by Policeman Lanahan, of the Sixth precinct.

Near by was a bicycle, bent and broken beyond repair, as though it had been run over by an automobile, wagon, or other vehicle. The policeman questioned the lieutenant, but Sage's replies were such that Lanahan believed him to be temporarily demented.

He said he remembered leaving his apartments at 124 W street northwest and he believed he rode a bicycle. He remembered nothing more. He asked that his wife be notified, but before the telephone message could be sent he said: "No; don't tell her." Sage was induced to go home, and a policeman was detailed to accompany him.

When Sage reached his apartments his memory was a blank. Physicians were summoned, and it was found he was not seriously hurt.

HURT IN AUTO MISHAP.

Thomas P. Morgan, of Washington, in Baltimore Hotel.

According to a dispatch received here early this morning, Thomas P. Morgan, jr., Washington manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, with offices at 132 F street northwest, was hurt in an automobile accident near Baltimore at a late hour last night.

Mr. Morgan left Washington yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, driving his touring car, accompanied by J. H. Brice, proprietor of a garage. They intended going to Atlantic City from Baltimore by train.

Details of the accident are meager. Mrs. Morgan received a long-distance telephone message from her husband at a late hour last night, saying he was not seriously hurt and would write her today. He is at the Stafford Hotel, Baltimore.

BEECHER'S CONFESSION RECALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Emma C. Moulton, the "Mutual Friend" in Noted Case, Passes Away.

New York, Dec. 1.—Emma C. Moulton, widow of Francis D. Moulton, died on Wednesday at Wakefield, R. I., in the seventy-first year of her age. She looked as if she might be thirty when she testified in Theodore Tilton's suit against Henry Ward Beecher in Brooklyn in February, 1875. Her testimony was almost as sensational as that of her husband, who was known in the case as the "mutual friend." Both were witnesses for the plaintiff, Tilton. A part of Mrs. Moulton's testimony was:

"I think it was on June 2, 1873, Mr. Beecher came to our house. He said to me if Mr. Tilton published his letter of apology I might as well go out of life; it is useless trying to live it down." I said: "Mr. Beecher, there is something better for you to do than that. I think that would be a very cowardly thing for you to do. Go down to your church and confess your crime; they will forgive you." He said: "No; I can't do that for the sake of the woman who has given me her love, for my children, for my family, for

the church, for my influence throughout the world, that I can never do. I will die before I will confess it. My position in life is that of a spiritual and moral teacher. If I can no longer hold that position, then there is nothing left for me, and I have resolved to take my life. I have a powder at home in my library table which I shall take and sink quickly off as if going to sleep, without a struggle." Mr. Beecher was very much excited; he told me with tears streaming down his face of what he had suffered; that he had endured the tortures of the damned; that he was obliged to go home and wear a cheerful smile; that when he appeared in his church he must appear at his best; that the slightest indication of weakness was a confession on his part, so that I was really the only person whom he could come and act his natural self—to whom he could unburden his whole heart's trouble.

Mrs. Moulton's uncle, Jeremiah P. Robinson, was in court, and after adjournment Mr. Beecher said to him: "What she says has a foundation in truth, but is in effect a lie."

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair Friday and Saturday; continued cold; moderate to brisk northwesterly winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

- 1—Unionists Expect a Landslide.
Governors' and Sessions.
Mexican Rebels in Battle.
Miss Taft a Debutante.
Hearing in "Sluiceway" Case.
Exoneration Rivals on Hand.
Ballinger Report Soon Ready.
Insurgent Norris Hopeful.
Knapp's Speech Angers Shippers.
In the World of Society.
Editorial.
"The White Cat," a Serial.
Holiday Shopping Suggestions.
All-star Eleven Chosen.
Daley Re-elected at Georgetown.
Leaves One Fall for Another.
Fraternity Orders Hold Elections.
Commercial and Financial.
Ld for So-called Athletic Clubs.

SWEETHEARTS GO FROM CAVE TO JAIL

Parents Ask for Their Release So They Can Wed.

New York, Dec. 1.—The two cave dwellers, eighteen-year-old La Vere Tallman and seventeen-year-old Beatrice Sanders, who eloped and lived for six weeks in the Catskill wilds until they were arrested last night, were discharged in the Yonkers Police Court today.

Upon their release they were married at the request of their parents, who have been fretting considerably about the affair.

IT WAS "SO ROMANTIC."

The girl, who is pretty and looks hardly fifteen, showed to-day parts of the diary she kept of their cave life. Some of the pages read:

"I love La Vere with all my heart; it would kill me if we were separated. We have known each other for several years, and the more we know of each other the more we love each other. We were married last night, and we were very happy."

PARENTS' TURN NOW.

The parents of both were in court today when the prisoners were discharged. Young Tallman was a clerk in a Newark drug store. He ran away with Beatrice six weeks ago. They lived in the cave near Palenville until cold weather drove them to Yonkers, where they took a furnished room. But their provisions gave out, and they fled to the cave. They were arrested there, and taken to the police station. They were released today.

GAS KILLS FAMILY.

Three Perish in Fumes in New York Apartment House.

New York, Dec. 1.—A smell of gas on the second floor of the flats at 108 Norwood avenue, East New York, this evening brought neighbors to the apartment of Policeman Frederick Cruger, who does duty at the Madison street station.

The neighbors found Alonzo Cruger, the policeman's father, and Dorothy and Edna, four and two years old, his daughters all dead from fumes. The gas was found to be pouring from a jet behind the kitchen stove which the grandfather had inadvertently turned.

WILL IMPORT MEATS.

Austria Reichsrath Votes Against the Government.

Vienna, Dec. 1.—The Reichsrath to-night carried by a vote of 22 to 236 a motion favoring the unrestricted importation of transoceanic meats, thereby defeating the government, which is influenced by the intrigues of the Austro-Hungarian Agrarian party.

It transpired in the course of the debate that Austria is bound by a secret agreement with Hungary not to admit transoceanic meat without the latter's consent, and there is a discrepancy in the two governments' views regarding the interpretation of the agreement.

The government defeat was largely due to a revolt of the Christian Socialists, who, notwithstanding the fact that Minister of Commerce Worskircner belongs to their party, joined his and the government's opponents. The vote entirely accords with public opinion.

MESSAGE OFF PRESS

Finished by President and Approved by Cabinet.

COPIES SENT OUT TO-DAY

Executive Document Containing Recommendations to Congress is Printed and Bound and Ready for Perusal in House and Senate. Taft's Consistent Grind at End.

MESSAGE OFF PRESS

President Taft laid aside his pen—or his stenographer, as it happened to be in this case, did—at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, his second annual message to Congress complete, revised three times, and approved in final form by his Cabinet.

The last correction went down to the Government Printing Office, across the city, in quick time, and the message, printed and bound and ready for perusal in the House and Senate and for tearing into "copies" for newspaper offices, went out to the country late last night.

RUNS 20,000 WORDS.

The message is longer, according to those who know something about it, than that of last year. It probably will run close to 20,000 words, and although press associations will be able to get most of their copies in the mail early to-day, it is doubtful if the Pacific Coast will get it in complete form unless there is some tall tale telling.

The President has worked most consistently in getting out this message. He has shut himself up in his private library in the Executive Mansion for hours at a stretch. One morning he arose at 3 o'clock and one night worked until that hour. Yesterday the Cabinet spent five hours, passing up luncheon, to smooth out the last wrinkles. At 3 o'clock yesterday, it is expected to go in, although corrections sometimes are made even after the message has been distributed.

WELCOME FOR ALL.

Now that the message is out of the way, the President will try to give all the members of Congress who want to see him an opportunity. He will welcome insurgents and regulars alike, and it is likely that he will call some of the insurgent leaders into the White House conference when plans are laid for the legislative program in coming session. He is especially desirous of having legislation enacted providing for the fortification of the Panama Canal, and also an appropriation for the tariff board.

After the legislative programme is marked out the President will take up the Supreme Court and other judicial appointments. In regard to these appointments he also intends to give members of Congress an opportunity to make suggestions.

Supreme Court matters continue to be made up for the President by the newspapers. The latest is a statement that Chief Justice Gummere, of New Jersey, has been selected for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. It can be said that Mr. Gummere has not been selected.

ALDRICH IN CAPITAL.

Returns Here for His Last Session of Congress.

Senator Aldrich arrived in Washington last night for his last session of Congress. He will retire from the Senate on March 4 next.

The Senator is chairman of the Monetary Commission, and he will call a meeting of that body to-day. There has been talk that Senator Aldrich and his colleagues may present a currency reform bill merely for the purpose of arousing discussion and educating the country on this important question.

Senator Aldrich expects to continue actively as the head of the commission after his retirement from the Senate, and to do everything possible to bring about a reform in currency laws.

AERO BRAVES GALE.

Moisant Flies Over Memphis in Heavy Winds.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 1.—Flying in the face of a twenty-mile-an-hour gale, with the temperature six degrees below freezing point, John B. Moisant flew two miles over the city of Memphis this afternoon, after encircling the mile track at the fair grounds twelve times. R. C. Carros broke all American records for sustained flight in a Demoiselle monoplane by remaining in the air eight minutes forty-four seconds. Few spectators visited the aviation field.

As Moisant started his flight, his machine narrowly escaped tipping over several times. He soared to a height of over 1,500 feet, and remained in the air thirty-seven minutes forty-five seconds. Rene Simon, in a Blériot, made several flights in the afternoon over the city. Difficulty in landing was experienced by all the aviators, and Moisant had to be lifted from his machine.

New York To-day, Florida To-morrow. Via Atlantic Coast for Chicago, St. Paul and Railroad of the South. Three limited trains daily. 119 New York ave. n.w.

REVEALS IDENTITY OF HIS DEATH

Emil Dunais Picked Up on Streets Here.

END COMES IN HOSPITAL

Story of Romance and Pathos Told in Last Moments.

Informed by Physicians of His Few Hours to Live, Linguist, Scholar, and War Correspondent Recites "Thrilling Narratives of Hardships in India and Later in South Africa. Sister Coming from Canada.

Keeping his identity a secret until a few hours before his death, and then revealing to the hospital authorities a life story full of romance, hardships, and pathos, Emil Dunais, linguist, scholar, and war correspondent, died yesterday at Casualty Hospital.

Picked up in the street in an exhausted condition five weeks ago, Dunais maintained silence as to his family and past life. Further than that he was "Emil Dunais, seventy-three years old," the physicians knew nothing as to his identity.

Early yesterday he was told by physicians that he had but few hours to live, and this moved him to speak. Several doctors and nurses heard the dying man gasp a story that sounded like a chapter from a novel, and at its conclusion saw the speaker relapse into unconsciousness, from which he never recovered.

Dunais, according to his story, was born in Canada, and when but a youth went to Europe to study. He returned some years later and founded the first agricultural school in the dominion, of which he was elected to the presidency. Relinquishing this duty, at an outbreak of hostilities between India and Great Britain, Dunais went to the Orient as a war correspondent for the London Times.

Five years of hardships in the tropics was Dunais' lot during the insurrection. In many of the engagements he was on the London Times. He saw active service at Ladysmith and other points of conflict and was once slightly wounded. He was intimately acquainted with Gen. Paul Kruger, President of the Transvaal, and in his deathbed recitation smiled as he told an anecdote or two of that person.

ON WAY TO FLORIDA.

The close of the Boer conflict saw Dunais back in London, where he remained until early this year, when he came to New York. His health was not good, and a trip to Florida was ordered by his physician. It was while on his way South that Dunais stopped in Washington and was fatally stricken.

Dunais was found in Massachusetts avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets, five weeks ago. He was taken to the hospital in an exhausted condition and gradually grew worse. Physicians could not induce him to disclose anything regarding his family or relatives until the warning that death was near caused him to break his five-week silence.

Mrs. Aurelia Chartier, wife of the postmaster at Lazarus, Manitoba, Canada, is a sister of Dunais, and it was his last request that she be notified of his death. She will probably arrive here to-morrow. Dunais also mentioned that his wife is living in Ontario, but did not seem anxious that she should learn of his whereabouts. When taken to the hospital Dunais had \$500 on his person and was well dressed.

FERRYBOATS CRASH.

Several Women Injured and Others Thrown in Panic.

Jersey City, Dec. 1.—The Pennsylvania Railroad ferryboat Cincinnati, of Desbrosse street, collided to-night with her sister boat, St. Louis, just outside the ferry house in Jersey City, staying in a twelve-foot section of the St. Louis woman's cabin, and causing a big commotion on both boats.

Several women were injured, one so seriously that she went to St. Francis Hospital, and half a dozen suffered from shock, although they were able to go to their homes.

For a few minutes following the ripping and smashing, there was much hysteria in the cabin, and everybody rushed to the ends of the boat. Deck hands ran among the excited passengers, counseling them to calm themselves, as the danger was then over, and a semblance of order was soon restored.

Capt. Decker steered the St. Louis into her slip, and the passengers disembarked. The Cincinnati continued in commission.

BRYAN FACES WALL.

Portrait Cannot Be Hung in Oklahoma Senate Chamber.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 1.—William J. Bryan was given a slip in the Oklahoma legislature to-day when efforts were made to have his portrait hung in the house and senate chambers.

"That picture does not go up in this senate chamber as long as I am in the chair," said Lieut. Gov. George W. Bellamy, when the sergeant-at-arms sought to hang the picture behind the lieutenant governor's back beside portraits of Gov. Haskell and President Taft.

Bryan's portrait was then placed on the floor with its face to the wall. In the house a portrait of Bryan on the wall behind the speaker's desk was covered to-day with a map of Oklahoma City.

This seems to have been the first open slap at Bryan by the Haskell administration since Bryan requested Haskell to resign from the Democratic National Executive Committee in 1908.

Book Sale at Sloan's To-night. Messrs. Sloan & Co., Auctioneers, 1407 G st., will sell to-night at 8 p. m., within their rooms, about 2,000 new books in fine bindings by standard authors. Catalogues at the galleries.

LEADING DEBUTANTE OF SEASON.



Presented to society at largely attended reception at the White House yesterday.

GOVERNORS BRING SESSION TO CLOSE

Next Meeting to Be More Work and Less Play.

MUCH BUSINESS UNTOUCHED

Spring Lake, N. J., Selected for Next Year's Conference, When Work of Body Will Take Precedence Over Entertainments and Other Social Functions Given by City.

Louisville, Dec. 1.—After a short executive session held this afternoon, the third conference of the house of governors adjourned to meet again at Spring Lake, N. J., in the first week of September, where the governors will have more opportunity of discussing the affairs of the day which are of interest to each State in the Union.

The question of meeting in cities, where the hosts vied with other cities in entertaining the visiting executives, was discussed in the executive session, and in the future the governors will stop only at hotels and will pay their own expenses.

While the meeting in Louisville has been one of the most enjoyable since the House of Governors was inaugurated, the social part of the entertainment overshadowed the business sessions, and many things which had been scheduled to come before the conference had to be laid on the table.

The second day's session of the conference was called to order by Gov. Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana. The discussion of "Employers' liability and workmen's compensation acts," which was begun the afternoon before was resumed.

Gov. Hadley, of Missouri; Gov. E. L. Norris, of Montana; Gov. Marshall, of Indiana; Gov. Richard E. Sloan, of Arizona; Gov. Charles S. Deneen, of Illinois, and Gov. Joseph M. Brown, of Georgia, took part in the discussion, each governor dealing with the subject with special reference to what has been done in his State.

Gov. Hadley introduced a resolution which was adopted, providing that each governor should make a report to the governors of the other States with regard to the liability and compensation laws of his own State. All the governors agreed that the present laws on the subject are unsatisfactory.

Take Up Primary Laws. The subject of direct primaries was taken up by the conference shortly after noon. The principal address was made by Gov. Fort, of New Jersey, who opened the discussion. Gov. Fort made a strong plea for direct primaries, which, he said, are here to stay.

Gov. Fort was followed by Gov. Hadley, of Missouri, who said that he agreed with Gov. Fort in his statement of direct nominations by primaries has come to stay, but that in dealing with the proposition of correcting the evils of the present primary system may result in its abolishment.

Miss Laura Clay, daughter of the late Gen. Cassius M. Clay, who was Minister to Russia when Alaska was bought by the United States, addressed the governors on woman suffrage this afternoon. Gov. Shafter, of Colorado, asked permission for her to speak. She was given twenty minutes. Miss Clay is no mean orator, and at the conclusion of her address she was congratulated by all of the governors.

BACON COMES DOWN. Ham Also Willing to Compromise with Lean Pure.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 1.—Fresh pork already had taken a tumble, and some dealers are selling it at lower rates, but bacon of the kind whose odor greets you with satisfying irritation as you come downstairs these crisp mornings persisted in its 40 cent class of beef and mutton also had been sold at lower rates, but bacon at 2 cents a pound less to-day. Bacon's second cousin, ham, also fell off in the cost to the retailers. The decline was 1 cent a pound, and also on every grade.

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SOCIETY GREETS MISS HELEN TAFT

President's Daughter Makes Debut at White House.

STOOD IN GREEN PARLOR

Receiving Line Composed of Parents and Debutante.

Reception One of Handsomest Ever Seen in Historic Building—Rooms Fragrant with Flowers, Which Are Sent in by Friends of the President's Daughter—Guests at Function Number Close to 1,500.

The reception yesterday at which Mrs. Taft presented her only daughter to society was distinctly the handsomest reception at the Executive Mansion within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

Masses of flowers, principally roses, both red and pink, were everywhere, which brightened the great state apartments in which there are usually very few flowers, or very pale tinted ones, excepting, of course, the Red Parlor, where the flowers are always red.

The President stood with his wife and daughter to welcome the guests in the Green Parlor, another innovation, and a very sane one, as it opens direct communication to the East Room, or ballroom, as it is properly called, with its polished marble floor. The East Room was fragrant with roses, all pink and red, and the guests were banked with fairytale lamps and candles.

The Green Parlor, where the receiving party stood, was beautiful with pink-tinted blossoms, and the Blue Parlor was effective with tall bunches of white flowers and American Beauties. The same decorations obtained in the Red Room. The piano in the East Room and the one in the Blue Parlor were covered with superb bunches sent to the debutante, and, in fact, no flowers from the White House conservatories were used, except those upon the table, which were all pink roses. The mantels of the state dining-room where the table was laid, were banked with the same flowers.

President's Guests with Guests. Capt. Bull announced the names of the guests, and Col. Spencer Cosby made the presentation of Miss Helen Taft. Mrs. Taft made the presentation to her daughter. The President stood on the right of his daughter and had a pleasant conversation with her.

Mrs. Taft wore a graceful gown of dark blue silk cloth, made over with a light shade, the top of the bodice finished with point lace. She wore pearls and diamonds about her neck. She and her daughter, as well as the President, shook the hand of each guest.

Miss Taft never looked better, and she showed the most remarkable poise as well as cordiality. Her gown was of dull pink chiffon, made in a draped, princess style, with a high collar and a bodice in the bodice, which was hand-embroidered in beads of the same shade. Her pretty brown hair, which has attracted so much admiration on all sides, was dressed in a mass of pink roses, and she carried an armful of pink roses.

After the long line of guests, numbering close to 1,500, had passed through the receiving room and the Blue Parlor, Miss Taft went to the state dining-room and dined at her will, Capt. Bull escorted Mrs. Taft to the dining-room, where she stood chatting with friends while she drank some hot chocolate and ate a light supper of sandwiches. She remained in the Blue Room, chatting with some young girls and men, while the President circulated about among the guests in the Red Parlor and dining-room.

Serve Frape and Chocolate. Mrs. Beekman Winthrop and Miss Boardman sat at one end of the table in the state dining-room, dispensing frappe, while Miss Colton, sister of the governor of Porto Rico, and her house guest, Miss Ide, daughter of the United States Minister to Spain, sat at the opposite end, serving hot chocolate and coffee. The table was a very long one, and had several large mounds of pink roses, and pink shades on the candles. A punch bowl was placed at either end of the room.

Mrs. Winthrop was very attractive in a gown of pale lavender satin, with embroidery in the same color on the front of the bodice and skirt. Her hat was a medium-sized black one, with black and white plumes.

Miss Boardman wore a superb gown of marine blue satin, with a tulle drapery and bodice of net thickly studded with tiny steel beads and bands of silver embroidery and silver fringe. Her hat was a large black net with long white feathers.

Miss Colton was one of the most beautiful women at the reception, and wore a close-fitting gown of the palest pink, with embroidery of coral beads and an over-drapery of sheer black chiffon. Her hat was of black with pink fluff. Miss Ide was in black and blue, with a picture hat of black velvet.

Women of the Cabinet Circle. The women of the Cabinet circle who were in town circulated among the guests, although Mrs. MacVeagh, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, remained for much of the time in the cherry red parlor, where a bright wood fire burned in the big fireplace. She wore a splendid gown of violet satin, with a superb scarf embroidered in silver. Her hat was a combination of silver and violet.

Mrs. Knox, wife of the Secretary of State, who was absent from the Cabinet line at the White House all of last season because of mourning, appeared for the first time at a reception there. She wore black and gray.

Mrs. Wickesham, wife of the Attorney General, wore a broad velvet gown of London smoke, with a large velvet hat of the same shade, piled high with feathers to match. Mrs. Dickinson, wife of the Secretary of War, was absent because of the recent death of her son.

Mrs. Ballinger, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, is only just on her way to Washington from their home, and Mrs. Meyer and her daughters, the Misses Meyer, are only just arriving from Europe. Mrs. Nagel, wife of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, and her daughter, Miss Nagel, were there, in charming

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