

THE BRITISH CRISIS

XI.—Plural Voting.

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LONDON, May 14.—An issue in the present political struggle in Britain that would create an enormous amount of interest were it not overshadowed by the Irish question is that raised by the insistence of the liberal government in passing the plural voting bill over the veto of the house of lords.

In this country the possession of the vote is due to two things—male sex and the ownership or occupation of property. It follows that if a person is a male and over twenty-one years old he may vote in as many different places as he owns property or uses property.

Under this system a man who lived in Connecticut, had an office in New York and a factory in New Jersey would have a vote in all three states, to say nothing of the votes he might have in North Carolina or Florida by virtue of a shooting box or fishing camp. In a state election in Connecticut he might vote in a dozen different towns if he owned property in as many.

Others have gone farther, and asking for more even than Mrs. Pankhurst has asked for the women, have demanded universal adult suffrage.

But at present the measure that has advanced to a practical political status is the bill to abolish plural voting. If this plural voting system were in vogue in the United States it might not have so great an influence on politics because it would be impossible for one man to be elected to cover the great distances between his various places of voting on election day.

In Great Britain, however, the distances are so short that one may go from almost any point in the kingdom to any other point in twelve hours. Moreover, the elections are not held on one day, but are scattered over two weeks. In the last general election one London judge addressed his court at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and voted four times before the dinner. He cast a total of eleven votes before the election was over.

One man, a clergyman, who has made a fad of adding to his voting qualifications, in one election cast twelve votes for the Conservatives in as many different parliamentary constituencies.

The railroads run special trains through the metropolitan districts for the special accommodation of voters who are able to vote all around a circuit.

In the various instances of these plural voters are all members of one party is freely admitted by both parties. The liberals say that their abolition of the vote apparent strength in the electorate will be greatly diminished. On the other hand, the conservatives say that the bill is not a product of any desire to reform the franchise, but merely a political trick of the radicals to displace the party of voters that the government may have a better chance of being returned to power.

It is to be noted that there is no essential difference between these two views, except in the angle of deduction. The bill that is being passed under the parliament act. That is, it having been defeated in the house of lords after it was first passed in 1911, the government now proposes to pass it twice again through the commons, whereupon it will become law without the assent of the lords. It has passed the second reading of the second passage. It cannot become a law before May 1, 1915, even under the most favorable circumstances, as the house of lords on no account will consent to it.

When the bill was passed the last time, the conservative opposition demanded that it be amended to include a reappointment of the parliamentary constituencies. The member who opened the debate for the opposition said that the bill was only an evidence of the government's desire to act "not in reforming admitted grievances and doing good to the country, but in securing for themselves an evanescent and contemptible party advantage."

The party advantage portion of this charge was admitted by the ministerial speaker who followed, who declared that the Tory in parliament was largely supported by the plural voters.

The labor party view was voiced by a member who said he would support the bill, although it had some grave faults. He objected to those features that permitted a plural voter to choose any of his constituencies where he was qualified as the place where he would cast his vote, and left him all the time up to the very minute of voting to decide where it would count the most. He thought the man ought to be made to vote in the constituency where he lived.

The chief arguments against the bill were based on the theory that the plural voters based their claims for a greater voice in affairs on their greater stake in the community. It was held that the bill was a measure designed to take away the power of government from those who furnished the money and brains to run the government, and that it was a mere partisan trick.

Just to show a proper respect for the British institution of compromise, the government has left in the bill a provision that permits plural voters to cast their ballots in by-elections, although not in general elections. The reason for this was a measure designed to take away the power of government from those who furnished the money and brains to run the government, and that it was a mere partisan trick.

It was very evidently the intention of the government to hold office for practically the full five years for which the parliament was elected, and thus to have this plural voting bill passed before another general election. Whether the bill will prevent this by forcing an earlier election cannot be foretold at this writing, but it was too deep and complicated for the comparatively simple American mind to comprehend.

The passage of this bill will have a powerful effect on the whole country. The million of the 8,000,000 votes polled in the country are cast by men who have already voted once in the general election. As practically every one of these 8,000,000 voters will be taken from the conservative strength, it will greatly demoralize the party.

Will Whet Their Wits To Get Foreign Trade

Industrial and Commercial Men Begin Sessions in Capital Tomorrow.

More than 500 delegates, representative of industrial and commercial organizations from every section of the United States, are expected to attend the first session of which is to be held at the Raleigh Hotel tomorrow morning. The convention will close with the Thursday evening session. The sole social feature is to be the banquet at the Raleigh tomorrow evening.

The fullest restoration of national prosperity through the systematic development and enlargement of the foreign trade of the United States, it is stated, is the object of the conference, which will be the first of its kind ever held in this country.

Response to Wilson Remark. The convention, which is to open tomorrow morning, it is stated, is in the nature of a response to President Wilson's declaration that the new tariff ushers in an era in which American wits are to be whetted in contest with the wits of the world.

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Will Inspect Books Of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Hearing by I. C. C. in New Haven Case Suspended Until June 3.

Further testimony before the interstate commerce commission on financial affairs of the New Haven railroad was postponed today until Wednesday, June 3, to permit special examiners to inspect the books of J. P. Morgan & Co. and personal papers of the late J. Pierpont Morgan.

The announcement that further taking testimony would be delayed came after a conference of the commission, Commissioner McChord stating that the wait was to permit the inspection of the Morgan books, and that in the meantime the commission would consider various phases of the question.

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Alienists in Convention. BALTIMORE, Md., May 26.—The seventeenth annual meeting of the American Medico-Psychological Association began here today and the sessions will be continued until Saturday. Alienists from all parts of the country are in attendance and papers will be read and discussed by some of the most widely known experts on insanity in the United States. The forenoon session was devoted to organization.

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Price, \$3.50; Silver-plated, \$5.00. Gas Charging Bulbs, 85c dozen. Dulin & Martin Co. 1215 F St. and 1214-18 G St.

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A Few Words of Explanation. Reductions in prices may mean much or little. The establishments treasuring their hats for months, finally "letting go," must have not a few that are "errors." The establishment where a week-end sale keeps the stock free from accumulations surely has a better variety at all times. Thus it is that reduced prices can mean very little or very much.

Ending the "May Sale" With Lingerie at Finally Reduced Prices \$1.79 Bridal Trousseau and Sets That Have Been "Broken" to Accommodate Patrons \$1.39

The "White Sale" opened May 1 with Bridal Trousseau, including Tango Garments, Appenzell Motifs, the "En Dishabille" Gown, in conjunction with "Corsetless" Combinations, Bloomers, Underbodices, Princess Slips, Skeleton Skirts, "Fig Leaf" Drawers, Etc. In many instances the complete sets were not required—were "broken" to accommodate visitors. Thus you now find bewitching garments at \$1.39 and \$1.79, in instances worth more than twice the prices asked. While the great collection is now comparatively small in quantity, it is still great in variety, and while some of the garments are now "mussed" instead of "spick and span," the reductions in prices will surely appeal.

89c Were Up to \$1.98. First Floor Near Elevator. 69c Were Up to \$1.25. On First Floor.

Glove-Fitting Swiss Ribbed Underwear

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14c Were to 35c. Women's "Comfy" Cut Vests, lisle thread; all sizes, including extra sizes, at 14c. 19c Were to 35c. Women's Union Suits, vests and pants, ordinary and extra sizes. 27c Were to 50c. Women's Union Suits, all sizes to largest. Boys' sizes, 4 to 16 years. 59c Were to 89c. Women's Lisle Union Suits—Kaysers, Richeileu, and Palais Royal makes. \$1.39 Were to \$1.75. Women's Vests, of glove silk, white, pink, and sky; plain and embroidered.

13c Were to 29c. Women's Ribbed Vests, with plain and lace trimmed yokes; all sizes to largest. 13c Were to 25c. Juveniles' Garments—girls' and boys' ribbed vests, pants, shirts, and drawers, all styles. 49c Were to 75c. Women's Bloomers of superior lisle thread, black and white; in all sizes. 95c Were to \$1.50. Women's Bloomers, mercerized to look like silk; black, white and pink; all sizes. \$2.39 Were to \$2.75. Women's Best Silk Bloomers, Kaysers' make; all sizes, in white and colors.

The New Men's Shop

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Dresses Worth to \$15, \$7.50. First time on Sale—Tomorrow Morning. Materials—Ratine, in white and colors; voiles, in stripes; crepon and lawns, in plain and flowered effects. Styles—New long Russian tunics, draped, ruffled and tiered. Sizes 34 to 44. Details—The pictures give an idea. You need to critically inspect these dresses to truly appreciate their beauty of detail. Have those you fancy tried on—and learn that no alterations will be required.

Cream Skirts, \$5.98 Standard at \$7.50. All-wool Cream Serge and Crepe Skirts, the new season's models. Samples—limited in quantity. Silk Skirts, \$9.98 Values to \$18. Of black taffeta silk, the latest tunic and ruffled models. Samples—limited in quantity.

Untrimmed Hats and Trimmings. The great reductions in prices of the trimmed hats here is caused by the late vast purchase of the untrimmed, enabling bargain prices for made-to-order hats. \$3 Hats 89c \$5 Hats \$3 \$7 Hats \$4. All the new shades in all the wanted braids. The flowers, foliage and white quilts and wings for trimming are 50c to \$1, instead of 75c to \$1.75.

The Bargain Basement—Hints of Tomorrow's Best Bargains. White Dresses, Values to \$8.00 \$2.39. Lace and Embroidery Dresses—last of various lots, some showing signs of handling. Values to \$8.00, at \$2.39 for choice. Wash Dresses, Values to \$4.00 \$1.98. Of filmy wash tissues in Dolly Varden and other summer girl styles. A good variety—for early visitors.

Dresses, Were to \$2.00 95c. Street or Porch Dresses, light and dark shades, some are daintily trimmed with embroidery. All sizes. Dressing Sacques, Were to 50c 29c. Dressing Sacques of superior quality lawn, low neck with flat collar, and with loose belt. Sizes to 44.

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