

# LORDS MAY BECOME AN ELECTIVE BODY

### Predicted Result of Overwhelming Rejection of Budget by Peers.

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down's amendment that the lords was not justified in giving its consent to the bill until it had been submitted to the judgment of the country. The crowds, cleared from the galleries, cheered a little when the vote was announced. There was something like a counter-demonstration on the outside of the chamber, however, when the result was made known.

The final day's debate, like the preceding ones, brought to the chamber aged peers, who had not been there in years. Among these was the Earl of Wemyss and March, who is in his ninety-second year. He was led in by a faithful attendant, who has performed this office for nearly thirty years.

Earl Cadow, who was the final speaker for the opposition, declared that if the house passed the bill they would destroy forever all the powers of the second chamber. To this declaration he added that the government wanted a single chamber, absolutely free from the check of the house of lords. The only way to get rid of the aristocratic chamber, however, he declared, would be by revolution.

# TAX ON LAND VALUE FEATURE OF BUDGET

Foremost among the provisions of the bill to which the lords object is the land value tax of 20 per cent on the unearned increment, or the value added to land by the growth of the community and not by any productive enterprise on the part of the landlord.

The lords were originally landlords, and in feudal times used to contribute their quota of soldiers for the defense of the country. Because of this they were exempted from taxation. When the military system was reorganized the army was recruited directly from the people, and the lords were no longer obliged to furnish the state with troops, but the exemption from taxation remained.

In the last two centuries the rental value of the land of Great Britain has tremendously increased by the mere growth of population, adding enormously to the rent rolls of the landlords, without any corresponding productivity or responsibility on their part. David Lloyd-George's bill did not go so far as to take for the state this great rental value created by the people of England. Nor did he propose to take all the future increase. The bill provided that the land of Great Britain should be revalued and one-fifth of any future unearned increment should be taken in taxation, leaving to the landlords all they had gained without any effort for the last 200 years.

Nevertheless, the lords, finding themselves menaced as to the main source of their income, regarded this bill as the entering wedge, raised the cry of socialism, and determined to oppose it. Income taxes, death estate and legacy duties, already levied, were largely increased by the bill, but from the speeches made it is evident that the land value tax was regarded as the crux of the whole bill.

Increased duties on the liquor business and on tobacco were responsible for the abstention of the Irish national party from voting for the bill when it passed the house of commons on November 4 by a vote of 273 to 140.

# TO SING IN TOSCA



GERALDINE FARRAR.

MISS GERALDINE FARRAR as Floria Tosca in the magnet which is expected to draw a large Washington representation to the Lyric Theater, Baltimore, on Friday, when the former Washington girl will make her debut in Puccini's great role.

Bonaf, Scott, Paul Annlan, Eduardo Missiano, and Angelo Bada are the more important members of the Metropolitan forces who will be heard with Miss Farrar in "Tosca."

The story of Miss Farrar's entrance into the world of song reads much like a fairy tale. When but a young girl her wonderful voice and attractive personality attracted the attention of Mrs. William F. Holtzman, of this city. Recognizing Miss Farrar's great gift, Mrs. Holtzman generously took the little singer under her wing, and through her instrumentality the proper persons had an opportunity to hear and form a judgment of Miss Farrar's possibilities.

Her training began at the most auspicious moment in Miss Farrar's career, and many remember a certain evening a decade ago when under different circumstances Geraldine Farrar, a shy little maid with a young girl's timidity and self-consciousness, made her first public appearance as the "star" of a pupil concert at the Belasco, then the Lafayette Square Theater.

Apart from the question of the provisions of the bill, a grave constitutional crisis is raised by the action of the house of lords. Financial measures originate in the lower house, and for the past two centuries at least the house of commons has held the purse strings of the nation and been the absolute dictator of its finances.

Without a written constitution, parliament has been governed by a custom stronger than any law, and for the first time the house of lords issues a direct challenge to the commons. Lord Rosebery, in his speech in the house of

lords, called it "the greatest political moment in the lifetime of any man born since 1832." In that year the last great struggle between the commons and the lords arose over the reform bill.

This resulted in new elections, the formation of a new cabinet, and the continuation of the struggle, the ministers again leaving office. On the reorganization of the cabinet, under the menace of additions to their numbers, the peers abstained from further opposition, and the great charter of 1832 received the royal assent.

# SWITCHMEN CLAIM SUCCESSFUL STRIKE

### Traffic Halted at Twin Cities and Lake Terminals by Union Men.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 1.—President Frank T. Hawley of the Switchmen's Union of North America, today declared the strike for increase of pay of switchmen on the railroads entering the Twin Cities today a success, and said every union switchman between St. Paul and the Pacific coast will have quit his job by tonight.

Officials of the railroads, however, declared that large numbers of men were still at work, and that the strike was a failure.

The switchmen affected are those employed in all the railroad yards in St. Paul, Minneapolis, and at the head of the lakes, and of all the lines of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

The switchmen today declared they had tied up traffic effectively from here to the North Pacific coast, while officials declared the trains have continued in operation. The latter admit difficulty in handling trains at the terminals.

President Hawley of the switchmen today issued a statement that the strikers would keep off the properties of the railroads. The railroads have notified shippers in the Twin cities that warehouses would be closed today and no shipments received except by Lake Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

# HARBAN SELLS LOT ON BELMONT ROAD

### W. W. Lawrence Pays \$6,000 for Property—To Build Home.

For a price said to have been \$6,000, Dr. Walter S. Harban has sold to W. W. Lawrence, a lot on Belmont road, Kalorama Heights, having a frontage of seventy-one feet. It is said to be the intention of Mr. Lawrence to build a residence upon the property.



# Xmas Jewelry at Special Cut Prices

A splendid assortment of choice gifts to go at striking reductions. These items below are just a few of the many bargains obtainable.

A special lot of Solitaire Diamond Rings, full-cut stones; \$9.00 actual \$15 value. Our price only \$6.00

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# OIL MAGNATE GOES HOME UNDER GUARD

### Triple Cordon Hurries John D. Rockefeller From Grand Central Station.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Surrounded, like a Russian grand duke, by a triple cordon of guards, John D. Rockefeller was hurried from the Grand Central Station to his town house in Fifth avenue early today.

The richest man in the world showed plainly the effects of the worry caused by the reported plot to kidnap or assassinate him. Haggard and worn, he kept close to the powerfully built guards who fell in about him as he left his private car in the train shed.

The Rockefeller's private car was attached to train No. 4 on the New York Central which reached New York at 7:55. The car was shunted from the train, and a few minutes later the oil magnate and his guards left the platform, and hurried to a waiting automobile. Four of the guards entered the auto with Rockefeller, and were whisked away to the Fifth avenue mansion.

# NEWPORT PAVILION BURNED.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 1.—The bathing pavilion at Easton's beach, known to thousands of summer excursionists, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

# TARIFF BOARD MEETS.

Messrs. Reynolds and Emery, of the Tariff Board, left Washington today for Chicago, where they will join Alvin H. Sanders, the third member of the board, to begin an investigation into the regulations affecting the meat trade abroad and the subject of the trade in general between the United States and Canada.

# MASS MEETING PLANNED.

A mass meeting in the interest of the Union Industrial Academy, of Port Conway, Va., will be held at the Metropolitan Baptist Church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. W. T. Vernon, Judge R. H. Terrell, Prof. H. D. White, Dr. George W. Lee, Dr. William J. Howard, W. R. Griffin, and Mrs. J. M. Layton will make addresses.

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# Balance of Knabe Piano Stock At Auction Prices

**Purchase by Frederick Music Company of Entire Knabe Warerooms And Necessity for Immediate Liquidation of That Business Offer Lively Chances for Piano Bargains.**

The final chapters of the remarkable purchase by the Frederick Music Company of the entire Knabe Washington business are now ready to issue and they contain sensational reading for people who expect to buy pianos for the holidays. During the six weeks of this great sale at the Knabe building hundreds

of fine pianos were sold at prices which astonished the wise ones. Great as this sale was, it failed to accomplish the one thing necessary—to dispose of ALL of the pianos.

It was agreed between the Frederick Music Company and the Knabe interests that the former would dispose of the entire stock of pianos within THREE MONTHS. The purpose of this agreement was frankly intended to safeguard the sale of Knabe pianos and the other makes of the American Piano Company through their usual channels. To prevent these cut prices lasting beyond a definite time and thus preventing the regular sale at regular prices of these standard goods.

Well—the TIME IS UP DECEMBER 15, and it is up to the Frederick Music Company to do its part.

There are perhaps fifty pianos still left of the Knabe stock and the Frederick Music Company will get rid of these immediately if it is necessary TO GIVE THEM AWAY to accomplish it.

There are a number of Knabe Grands and Uprights; some brand-new; some used a little, and some second-hand. Everybody who knows anything at all about Knabe prices knows that the cheapest Knabe upright sells for \$500 and the cheapest Knabe Grand piano sells for \$750. These very pianos—what is left of them now—will be sold way under price. There are a couple slightly used Chickering Grands taken in exchange for Knabe Angelus, worth \$650 to \$850, to be sold as low as \$495. Used Knabe Grands for \$600, \$500, \$400, \$300, and even \$250. Haines Bros. uprights, Marshall & Wendell uprights, Foster, Armstrong, Brewster, Gerhard and other uprights, BRAND-NEW, worth \$300 to \$500, will be sold at \$155, \$170, \$195, and upward.

Second-hand uprights of fine makes, such as Weber,

Vose, Hardman, Mason & Hamlin, Singer, Stieff, Bradbury, Miller, and many other well-known makes, range down as low as \$125.

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