

SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS.

Sunday. The jury disagreed as to the guilt or innocence of Mrs. Ford, charged with blackmailing C. F. Warriner.

Chicago high schools are honey-combed with fraternity chapters despite the Board of Education's ban.

The Pope rejected audience with former Vice President Fairbanks because he addressed the Methodists in Rome.

"Big Tim" Sullivan, Tammany boss of New York's Bowery, made his annual distribution of 6,000 pairs of shoes and stockings to the poor.

Monday. The King of Sweden was operated on for appendicitis.

John L. Sullivan married an old sweetheart in Boston.

Mrs. Lavender, of Chicago, has filed a \$25,000 slander suit, naming Rev. W. E. Tillot.

Howard G. Hetzler, of Chicago, was elected president of the Chicago and Western Indiana railroad.

The Federal incorporation bill, introduced into Congress, is likely not to be passed at this session.

Wade H. Ellis resigned as assistant attorney general in Washington to take charge of the Ohio campaign.

Strychnine formed part of much medicine taken by Colonel Swope, his nurse testified at the inquest in Kansas City.

Tuesday. The Senate adopted a resolution to take up an investigation of the cost of living.

An agreement practically was reached to hold the Jeffries-Johnson bout in or near San Francisco.

General Vasquez reported to Madrid that he had won a victory over army of Camorro at Boaco.

New and startling testimony was given at the inquest into the death of Colonel Swope at Independence, Mo.

Commander Peary announced his willingness to head an expedition to the south pole, and gave \$10,000 to start a fund.

The report of the investigation of the Hocking pool said that some firms merit "severe condemnation," but nothing more drastic was recommended.

Wednesday. Federal juries in Illinois were held up by deadlock between Senators Cullom and Lorimer.

Dr. Mary E. Green, famed for her fight to become a member of the medical profession, died in Seattle, aged 66 years.

A house bill in Washington provides appropriations of \$13,000,000 for improvements of waterways in Mississippi valley.

The coroner's jury named Dr. Hyde as the slayer of Col. Thomas H. Swope, but was unable to determine the position was given with felonious intent.

Thursday. Prices in New York of beef and other staple foods made a sudden rise, despite the boycott.

Guggenheim copper stocks depreciated \$23,000,000 in a smash of prices; Morgan's vengeance was seen.

The United States and Germany reached an agreement on the main points at issue in the tariff situation.

Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw was granted separation from W. Gould Brokaw and \$15,000 a year alimony in New York.

The Lavender case was practically thrown out of court in Chicago when a new bill of particulars was ordered and the jury dismissed.

Charles L. Warriner, embezzler of the Big Four at Cincinnati, unfolded a remarkable tale of crime, naming Frank Comstock and E. S. Cooke as short in their accounts.

Friday. The Seine fell rapidly and Paris was again approaching normal.

The Nicaraguan insurgents bombarded Greytown and captured Boner.

The Roosevelt party arrived at Nismule; all members were in good health.

An official of the Canadian Pacific says 100,000 will quit the United States for the Dominion this year.

Wireless telegraph saved the captain and forty-six men of the sinking steamer Kentucky off Havana.

A verdict for \$22,000 damages was rendered Dr. E. Loeve of Danbury, Conn., against 200 hatmakers of that State.

Managua heard that the government forces scored a victory at Santo Tomaso.

Robbers blew the safe of the State Bank at Wister, Okla., and escaped with \$17,400.

When ex-State Treasurer Glazier, of Michigan, was sentenced to prison, he fainted and his wife and daughters fell beside him.

In Chicago the grand jury reported four indictments in the shale rock scandal, related to the former indicted in connection with work on section N. of Lawrence avenue sewer and concluded the inquiry.

TOLD IN A FEW LINES. Henry W. Taft, brother of the President, who is ill of erysipelas in Los Angeles, has been pronounced out of all danger.

Nearly 1,200 employees of the machine shops of the Bethlehem, Pa., steel works went on strike over a wage controversy, and indications point to complete tie-up of the shops.

Motion for a new trial for Colonel D. B. and Robin Cooper, convicted of slaying former Senator E. W. Carmack, before the Tennessee Supreme Court, but a decision is not expected soon, as the case is very voluminous.

John Kilpatrick, a negro, was electrocuted in the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus, for the murder of John Steele, a Steubenville druggist, last March.

A gift of \$150,000 for the erection of an administration building and library at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., by the Pittsburgh Alumni Association, is announced.

Four defendants in what is known as the Routt County land-fraud case were dismissed by Federal Judge Treiber at Denver. They are Lewis M. Runney, Charles H. Dodge, Charles Habertack and Gus Habertack, all of St. Louis.

SENSATION AT SWOPE INQUEST.

Nurse Says Hyde Told Her to Give Capsule and End Came Quickly.

With the testimony of Miss Pearl Keller, a nurse; of Dr. Ludwig Hektion of Chicago, of Mrs. Logan H. Swope and of Dr. Frank Hall in the inquest over the body of Colonel Swope in Independence, Mo., came developments in the mystery of the millionaire's death more startling than any facts heretofore produced.

Miss Keller's detailed story of the last moments of Colonel Swope's life, replete with features of happenings in the Swope household, produced a sensation. Miss Keller testified that immediately following the death of Colonel Thomas Moss Hunton, Dr. B. C. Hyde asked her to use her influence with Colonel Swope to have him appointed administrator of the Swope estate. Mr. Hunton had been the administrator.

On the morning of Colonel Swope's death, the nurse said, she gave him a three-grain capsule, supposed to contain dyspepsia medicine. This she did at the direction of Dr. Hyde. Twenty minutes later Colonel Swope was in a convulsion. His death soon followed. Five minutes after the death of Swope, according to the witness, Dr. Hyde appeared, and with Attorney John G. Paxton secured Colonel Swope's will from his vest pocket.

Dr. Hektion testified that one-sixth of a grain of strychnine was found in the stomach of Colonel Swope's liver. The doctor said he might have a grain in the entire organ. Half a grain would cause death.

IS BARRED FROM VATICAN.

Charles W. Fairbanks Falls to Visit Pope After Delicate Intimation.

The visit to Rome of Charles W. Fairbanks, former Vice President of the United States, brought about a very delicate situation, owing to the fact that he wished to pay his respects to the King of the Vatican, a Roman Catholic Methodist church. By a tactful arrangement Mr. Fairbanks' audience with King Victor Emmanuel was fixed for one day, and that with the Pope for two days later, and when everything seemed satisfactorily planned, the Vatican suddenly announced that it would be impossible for His Holiness to receive the former Vice President if he carried out his announced intention to speak in the American Methodist church there, because the Methodists had been active in proselyting among Catholics.

Negotiations were immediately begun with a view to avoiding any unpleasantness, and a situation which might give rise to misconceptions, and in these negotiations prominent Vatican officials exerted every influence to remove the difficulties which had so unexpectedly presented themselves to Mr. Fairbanks' audience with the Pope. But Mr. Fairbanks finally declared that, although he was animated by a strong desire to pay his respects to the head of the Catholic church, whose followers had played such an important part as good American citizens, he could not withdraw from his promise to deliver an address before the American Methodist church.

22,587,079 CATHOLICS IN U. S.

Illinois Drops to Third Place in Official Directory.

There are 22,587,079 Catholics under the United States flag, according to advance sheets of the Willits Official Catholic Directory, published in Milwaukee. The directory includes those of the United States proper, Alaska, the Philippines, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands. The Catholic population under the British flag, according to the same directory, is 12,063,418. In the United States proper there are 14,347,027 Catholics, showing a gain of 111,716 over a year ago. The directory shows 4,845 parochial schools in this country with an attendance of 1,227,251. Catholic population of the leading States in the Union is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State, Catholic Population. Includes New York (2,723,649), Pennsylvania (1,494,768), Illinois (1,443,723), etc.

Sugar Men to Pay \$600,000.

Six hundred thousand dollars is the amount the National Sugar Refining Company will pay the government as restitution for back duties for the underweighing of sugar. The amount was fixed at a conference between representatives of the company and counsel for the government.

Hang Negroes at Same Time.

George Reynolds and John Williams, negroes, were hanged simultaneously in the county jail in Kansas City for attack, this marking the first time the death penalty has been inflicted in Missouri for this crime. The negroes on the night of Dec. 23, 1909, attacked Mrs. W. H. Jackson, a violinist.

Girl Kills Self Over Dress.

After a disagreement with her mother over the purchase of a dress pattern, Cora Brown, 16 years old, the daughter of a farmer, strangled herself with a ribbon in the Brown home near Hot Springs, Ark.

Rich Man Shoots Self.

Colonel T. F. Allen, wealthy and noted paint manufacturer, while cleaning a revolver mortally wounded himself in his office in Cincinnati.

Three Bodies Are Found.

A double murder and suicide was discovered in Cleveland, according to the police, when the bodies of John Janowsky, his wife and another man were found in an unfinished house on Riverbed avenue. Janowsky is believed to have slain the couple and then killed himself.

Killed in \$50,000 Bank Fire.

Three persons were killed in a fire which destroyed the First National Bank building in Jersey Shore, Pa. The fire did \$50,000 damage.

Abdul Hamid Attempts Suicide.

A special from Vienna says that Abdul Hamid, the former Sultan of Turkey, was recently seized with a paroxysm of frenzy and attempted to strangle himself with a silk handkerchief. He was prevented from suicide by a servant and subsequently was placed in a strait-jacket.

According to government statistics the industrial awakening recently noted in this country is now world wide.

CHERRY WORK SLOW; MEN ARE BURROWING

Explorers in Mine Have Penetrated Only 400 Feet of Many Miles Underground.

KICKING MULES TAKE LIFE.

Bodies of Animals Which Hurt Those Trying to Escape Found—New Timbers Placed Under Roof.

After three days of incessant labor only 400 feet of the many miles of subterranean passages of the St. Paul mine in Cherry, Ill., were open, and it was problematical when the 167 bodies could be brought to the surface. Every effort was being made to clear a runway from the main shaft to the air pit. The inspection of the lower portion of the second level showed that from the bottom of the main shaft 350 feet underground, westward for 250 feet, the main road is in good condition. Some of the heavy timbers near the shaft are charred, but they are solid and intact. The main passage to the east is walled up. Behind this wall is a smoldering fire. Back of the fire is about 100 feet.

About 250 feet west of the shaft the bottom level ends in a blind alley, in which lie the bodies of two mules, killed by a fractured timber. These mules kicked viciously at several miners as the men ran for their lives through the smoky passageways after the fire started. One miner was kicked into unconsciousness and could not escape, while his companion was injured so severely that he is still under the care of a surgeon.

Near the end of the main road a tortuous runway branches off to the south, ending in the air shaft. The top timbers in this passage are broken, letting shale rock through. Some of the fractured scantlings appear blistered. There was no fire in this tunnel.

As fast as men clear the runway new timbers are placed under the crumbling roof, making the ceiling so low that a man cannot stand erect. Rocks as large as a steamer trunk were piled as high as the roof. So narrow was the tunnel and so dangerous was the work that only two worked at a time.

AGREEMENT WITH GERMANY.

Commercial War Averted and Door Opened for Other Settlements.

By the tariff agreement with Germany announced the other day the United States has not only avoided a commercial war with the empire, but has paved the way for a settlement of the differences existing with France and Canada.

It seems certain now, that the business interests of the United States may look forward to a period of peace in the commercial relations of the country. To obtain this result, Secretary Knox and his advisers in the State Department, as well as the tariff board, were compelled to abandon their demands for concessions on American live cattle and meat products and for the modification of the German customs rules governing drawback of duty allowed on four when exported from Germany.

A promise was obtained, however, that the German government would discuss these matters diplomatically with the United States. As German goods will be allowed to enter the United States at a minimum rate of duty, the French government must seek like treatment for its products, many of which compete with those of Germany. Otherwise the market here will be lost to them.

If an arrangement be made with France as expected American goods will enter French territory upon precisely the same grounds as those of other foreign countries. This will mean that the Franco-Canadian reciprocity treaty will be of small benefit to Canada, and enjoy rather probably will decide, in view of the circumstances, to accord to American imports treatment equivalent to that offered to those of France.

ROBBERS HOLD UP TRAIN.

Three Men Commit Bold Robbery on the Missouri Pacific.

Three unidentified men held up and robbed the passenger train which bound Missouri Pacific passenger train five miles east of Pittsburg, Kan., the other night. They were unmasked. About \$400 and a small amount of jewelry was taken from the passengers.

The robbers boarded the train on the outskirts of Pittsburg. They took seats in the chair car and rode quietly along until the train was near Cornell, Kan. There they leaped from their seats, backed Conductor Garrity into a corner and drawing revolvers warned him not to call for assistance. One of the robbers then covered the passengers with two large revolvers. "You will now prepare to give up your valuables," he said. "My partner here will pass among you. Please be quiet." The "partner" thereupon produced a gunny sack and started on his collecting tour. From each passenger he took everything of value. Money, watches, diamonds and rings all went into the sack.

BIG FOUR TO BUILD BIG SHOPS.

Railroad Now Has Investment of \$5,000,000 in One Indiana Town.

Car shops, to cost more than \$1,000,000, are to be built by the Big Four Railroad at Beech Grove, near Indianapolis, according to an announcement by William Garstang, superintendent of motive power. Twelve buildings are planned and they will be ready for occupancy within a year. The erection of the shops will bring the amount invested by the Big Four at Beech Grove to about \$5,000,000 and will give employment to 1,500 additional men.

MRS. BROKAW WINS CASE.

Is Granted Separation and Awarded \$15,000 a Year Alimony.

Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw was granted a separation from her husband, W. Gould Brokaw, a millionaire, and was awarded alimony of \$15,000 a year. The decision was handed down in the Supreme Court at Misola, N. Y., by Justice Putnam, before whom the case was tried.

HOW!



SOMEBODY SAYS WE CAN LIVE ON 20 CENTS A DAY.

CONSEQUENCE OF BIG PRICES.

High Cost of Living in New York Cause of Suicides.

Effects of the increased cost of living upon the working classes are shown in the largely expanded number of applications to the city of New York, for aid as disclosed in figures made public the other day. The rising tide of inability to make income keep pace with living expenses is indicated in the fact that during the last twelve months more than 60,000 persons sought relief from the charities department, an increase of more than 80 per cent in five years. There were 32,995 applications in 1904. In seven years the number of persons seeking shelter in the city lodging houses has increased until last year 102,400 persons applied, an increase of more than 100 per cent for the period. From 112 in 1906, the daily average has risen in three years to 251. Suicides have increased nearly 50 per cent from 1904 to 1909.

FAITHFUL DOG BARES SUICIDE.

Youth Found Dead Asks That Letter Be Buried With Him.

Harry Hill, aged 19 years, son of the chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, disappeared from his home near Hastings, Neb. Nearly a week afterward the actions of his pet shepherd dog prompted the young man's mother to follow the animal to a strawstack on which he had fallen. Partly under the hay and nearly covered with snow, she found the body of her son, who had committed suicide by inhaling chloroform. A letter directed that letters from his sweetheart be buried with him. The police objected to his attentions, and this is supposed to have caused him to take his life.

DERRICK DROPS; TWO DEAD.

Second Fatal Accident in Building Makes Death List Five.

Two men were killed and two will die as the result of a second accident at the Peilberg Building in Cincinnati. John Zeach, an employe of the Bishop Wrecking Company, was killed instantly, and Charles Fox was so badly hurt that he died when a significant derrick upon which they were working collapsed. This makes five lives which have been lost in the one location within a fortnight. Two weeks before the east wall collapsed and buried an adjoining house beneath it. In this accident three were killed and one other is fatally injured.

ARMOURS PLAN MODEL TOWN.

Buy Hill City, Minn., Site and Wooden Ware Company There.

Armour & Co. have begun to make Hill City, Minn., a model factory town. New houses are under way and 175 families have been located in the new town. The Chicago packers have closed a deal with the owners of the Hill City town site and will expend \$200,000 in improvements within a year. They have purchased all the property of the Hill City Wooden Ware Company. The Mississippi, Hill City and Western Railway, built into that section six months ago, was backed by Armour interests.

Falls Dead in Court Room.

As the cases of John J. Keane, P. J. Keenan and T. O'Leary, the insurance solicitors charged with conspiracy to defraud life insurance companies, were called in the police court in Louisville, George D. Sparks, a real estate dealer, fell dead in the courtroom.

Boston Has \$30,000 Fire.

Fire that broke out in the financial district of Boston, caused general alarm and did \$30,000 damage. The seven-story Richards Building at 114 State street was badly damaged. Intense cold and a gale made the firemen's work difficult.

Suicide Coroner by Poss.

Walter J. McDonald, who had been defying the sheriff's posse since Thursday night, when he barricaded himself in his house at Walker, Minn., after shooting his house, committed suicide by shooting. Sexton died later in the day.

Presses on Club Veranda.

Michael Geary was found frozen to death on the veranda of the Apawamis Club near Post Chester, one of the best known golf clubs in the country, by Sydney Lawton, president of the club.

Robert Taft Is Best Scholar.

Robert Taft, son of the President, won the 1910 vote as the best scholar in the senior class at Yale. He had led the class during most of the year.

Cell for Pastor-Abductor.

Former Rev. Wallace M. Stuckey, formerly pastor of a Williamsburg, Kan., church, was denied a new trial and sentenced to from one to five years in the penitentiary. He was convicted of abducting Miss Lorena Sutherland, a 17-year-old choir singer in his church.

ENFORCES SUICIDE AGREEMENT.

Letter Carrier Shoots Spouse and Her Father and Then Kills Himself.

Six years ago, when they were married, Sandie Morrison, an Omaha letter carrier, and Miss Hattie Sumner entered into a suicide agreement. Frequently since then Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have talked of suicide and agreed that one could not live without the other. Last Saturday, when Morrison came home from his work, he remarked: "Hattie, I have decided that we are to go." She begged for delay. He attacked her with a knife, wounding her on the neck. She ran away and sought safety with her parents. A few days later Morrison held a conference with his wife and her father, J. H. Sumner. He entered into a suicide agreement with her father to accompany him to the office of a justice, where, he said, he wanted to deed over his property. As the three reached the street he pulled a revolver and shot his wife in the back of the head and his father in the right eye. As the two fell to the sidewalk he turned the gun upon himself and sent a bullet in his forehead, dying instantly. Mrs. Morrison may recover, but Sumner will die.

REPORT SHOWS PRICE JUMP.

Climb Since 1899 Indicated by Government Experts.

That there has been a general increase in wholesale and retail prices of food between the years 1899 and 1908 is indicated by a report sent to the Senate by the Department of Commerce and Labor in response to a resolution introduced by Senator Crawford of South Dakota calling for the trend of prices. For purposes of comparison the prices in 1899 are used as normal, and the percentages of increases were about as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Commodity, Percentage Increase. Includes Bread-Wholesale (25.1%), Butter-Wholesale (20.8%), Coffee-Wholesale (3.9%), Eggs-New laid (39.8%), Wheat flour-Wholesale (43.6%), Lard-Wholesale (63.3%), Bacon-Wholesale (54.5%), etc.

LAKE DOMESTIC COMMERCE.

Tonnage in 1909 About 2,500,000 Below That of 1907.

Domestic commerce on the great lakes during the calendar year of 1909 aggregated 80,974,605 tons of freight. This tonnage, while about one-third greater than for the year before, is about two and one-half millions below the tonnage for 1907, the largest total in the history of the lake trade, according to a report by the Department of Commerce and Labor. Of the total, 44,087,071 net tons are credited to ports of Lake Superior, 14,120,029 to ports of Lake Michigan, 13,919,879 net tons to Lake Huron ports, 18,599,221 tons to Lake Erie ports, and 535,943 tons to Lake Ontario ports. In the case of Lake Superior and Lake Michigan the bulk of the shipments were iron ore and grain.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

The 1,200 miners employed at No. 5 colliery of the Dehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company went on a strike to enforce a demand for a checking boss.

Wisconsin Railroads Mine Workers.

Wisconsin railroads recently issued the order that coal should have preference of all shipments until the present shortage and urgent need for coal was supplied.

Three head of Holstein cattle were recently sold by the College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin, to G. L. Saito, of Tokyo, Japan, who will ship them to his dairy farm in the vicinity of Tokyo.

A corporation in New York capital-food to \$300,000 own control everything pertaining to the manufacture of women's wearing apparel, is under consideration by the Associated Waist and Dress Manufacturers.

Control of the Fifth Avenue motor bus line and the New York Transportation Company of New York, which operates between 500 and 600 taxicabs, has been acquired by the Interborough Transit Company and the Metropolitan and Securities Companies.

Statistics prepared in the secretary's office of the board of trade indicate in Duluth, Minn., that the total shipments of grain from that port last year were 75,418,404 bushels, of which 13,941,369 bushels were consigned to American ports and 61,477,035 bushels to foreign ports.

A grape grower in the Ozark mountain country in Missouri is experimenting with new grape land by following the Switzerland plan of planting sticks of dynamite deep in the ground and exploding them. By this means the soil is thoroughly loosened to a great depth without turning it over.

Powerful foreign interests, headed by P. E. Pearson, a London banker, owner of Mexican properties and with strong Canadian connections, have recently acquired, in the open market, large blocks of Rock Island common and preferred stocks. The exact amount is not disclosed, but probably represents about one-fifth of the whole.

DISAGREEMENT IN FORD TRIAL SHOWS EIGHT JURORS VOTED FOR ACQUITTAL.

After twenty-four hours' deliberation the jury in the case of Mrs. Jeannette Stewart Ford, charged with blackmailing Charles L. Warriner, defaulting the Railroad Commission, was unable to reach an agreement and was discharged in Cincinnati. Judge Swing stated after he dismissed the jury that he had been informed that on the last ballot eight jurors had stood for acquittal and four for conviction. The number of jurors who stood for acquittal was explained by two of the jurymen as due to the fact that a majority of their colleagues refused to give any credit to the testimony of Warriner. They asserted that a man who had confessed embezzling for twenty-five years would not be believed to perform himself against a woman who he believed to have been the cause of his exposure.

OPERATE ON KING GUSTAVE.

Swedish Monarch Submits to Drastic Remedy for Appendicitis.

King Gustave of Sweden was operated on in Stockholm for appendicitis. The official reports given out state that the operation was a success. The King had been suffering from continual internal pains. It was not for several hours that the physicians diagnosed his case as one of appendicitis, requiring an immediate operation. The physicians first diagnosed the King's illness as catarrh of the stomach, and the matter was taken with such little seriousness that several members of the royal family attended a concert at the Hotel Grand at Stockholm before they returned to the palace, where they were apprised of the physicians' intention to operate on his majesty.

KING REX RULES NEW ORLEANS.

Mardi Gras Festivities at Height Under Carnival Monarch's Swag.

Hailing "Rex, King of the Carnival," New Orleans the other day approached the climax of Mardi Gras festivities. The siren of river craft and the cheering of thousands on shore welcomed the approaching monarch, who came up the Mississippi river and landed from his royal yacht. The formality of turning over the keys of the city to him followed. Every train into the city, including many specials, brought hundreds of visitors. It is believed that the Mardi Gras attendance is the largest on record. The pageant and ball of Proteus took place at night. The next day the parade and ball of Rex was given, followed at night by the pageant and ball of Comus.

MANY SLAVEN BY PIRATES.

Robber Bands Raid Villages, Loot Stores and Kill Chinese.

Depredations of pirates on the West and the Pearl rivers have caused a reign of terror among Chinese, say advices brought from Hongkong by Victoria, B. C., by the Awa Maru. The village was captured by the pirates, who looted houses and stores, carried away two officials for ransom, and killed many villagers. Pirates took possession of Sheung Shan island and nearby villages on the mainland, fortifying both. Troops drove them out after a hard fight.

Four Children Cremated.

Four children named Tatum, ranging in age from 3 to 16 years, were burned to death in the home of their grandfather near Dover, Del.

Engineer Is Killed in Collision.

One man was killed and two others were injured when a north-bound passenger train on the Southern Railway struck an open switch at Waddy, Ky., and crashed into a freight train. E. A. Dudley, passenger, of Louisville, is dead.

Kills Family of Five.

A legal clash developed in the sensational Swope case in Kansas City when Frank P. Walsh, attorney for Dr. B. C. Hyde, dismissed the slander suit brought recently by the physician against John G. Paxton, executor of the Swope estate, for \$100,000.

THE ENGLISH ELECTIONS.

Liberals Will Continue to Direct Policy of British Empire.

The Liberals will continue to direct the policy of the British Empire. The lead is cut down some in the present appeal to the voters. The last time the Liberals had 354 over the Unionists, counting 83 Irish Nationalists and 55 Laborites. Now this supremacy has been reduced to 124, including 82 Irish Nationalists and 26 Laborites.

The result is disappointing to the party of progress. It was expected that the Liberals would elect at least 50 members more than they have and that they would carry all the measures they advocated through Parliament without the aid of any other party. As it is now the Liberals are in a close contest with the Unionists that they must count upon the Irish Nationalists or the Laborites to get certain of their bills through. The rightful abridgment of the power of the House of Lords can only be done by an alliance with