

LIBERALS LOSE SEATS, BUT ARE STILL IN LEAD

Elections Indicate That British Cabinet Will Have Good Working Majority

Premier Says Settlement With Lords Will Be First Problem for Parliament

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The unionists had decidedly the better of the elections today. Of 44 seats contested they won 21, of which 12 were represented by ministerialists in the last parliament.

The elections today resulted in the return of the following:

Unionists, 21 Nationalists, 1 Liberals, 19 Laborites, 3

The standing of the parties at the conclusion of today's polling was as follows:

Unionists, 129 Nationalist gains, 51 Liberals, 98 Laborite gains, 1 Nationalists, 20 Laborites, 28

CONSERVATIVES ADMIT DEFEAT

With the exception of North England, Scotland and the big manufacturing towns, the result of the polls shows a steady trend toward the fiscal policy of the unionists, but, calculating returns thus far announced, the political oracles maintain that this will not be sufficient to overcome the big liberal majority obtained in 1906.

There will have to be a big turnover, however, before the government is put out. A conservative estimate now places the liberal-labor majority over the unionists at between 80 and 90.

Laborites LOSE SEATS

The laborites it is true, are not likely to be so strong in the new parliament as in the last. They have already lost several seats, and several of their members have won by narrow margins.

Several of the liberal losses, as on preceding days, were caused by three-cornered contests, the intervention of a labor or socialist candidate precluding the success of the government supporters.

GAINS BY UNIONISTS

Fourteen of the London boroughs returned eight liberals and six unionists, as compared with 11 liberals and three unionists in the last parliament.

The unionist gains include Miles End, a division of Tower Hamlets, where H. L. W. Lawson, manager of the Daily Telegraph, was elected, and one division of Liverpool. Many of the seats they won were unionist before the great liberal victory of 1906, and are returning to the conservative fold.

CABINET MINISTERS RETURNED

Three members of the cabinet—Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the board of trade; Sydney Charles Buxton, postmaster general, and Walter Runciman, president of the board of education—retained their seats.

Churchill, with his labor colleague, A. Wilkins, increased the majority usually given by Dundee. Sir W. S. Robson, the attorney general, also holds his old seat for South Shields.

T. P. O'Connor's grip on the Scotland division of Liverpool was proved by the increase of 500 which he received over his big majority of four years ago.

SUPFRAGETTES DISAPPOINTED

The surprises which the suffragettes were expected to spring have not yet materialized. They have been actively canvassing against the government and they made a strong stand against Sydney Buxton today, but thus far they have not engaged in militant tactics.

Premier and his cabinet, addressing his constituents at East Fife, said that the remarkable feature of the election so far was that with two or three exceptions such gains as had been secured by the unionists had been in the small towns of England.

The great centers of industry were nearly all solid for free trade, and whatever might happen, he said, one thing was certain—that in the new parliament tariff reform was a political impossibility.

Lord Charles Beresford, in an interview, declared, as it was his belief that the principal question was responsible for the turnover of votes, he would demand an inquiry into the last four years' administration of the admiralty.

ALLEGED MURDERER CAUGHT—Salt Lake City, Jan. 18.—By means of a photograph and Bertillon measurements, the Chicago police have identified a man in Salt Lake as Mike Uebel, alias Steve Kavon. An Illinois officer is coming with a requisition and Uebel will be tried for the murder, January 27, 1908, of Steve Lambert.

Former Army Captain and Affinity Languish in Jail



Amelia Calderon, Mexican actress, and her daughter, Aurora.

COUPLE TRACED BY FEDERAL SLEUTHS

Failure to Marry Before Entering Country May Result in Deportation

Capitan Jose Frances de la Franconia of the Spanish army and late singer at the Portola cafe, and his affinity, Amelia Calderon, a well known actress in Mexico and member of an aristocratic family of Guadalajara, have spent another night in the Alameda county jail at the instigation of the department of commerce and labor.

While hope of escaping deportation is small, an effort was made yesterday to obtain liberty for the singer, C. O. Swanberg, manager of the Portola, produced a bag of gold to meet the bail fixed at Washington, which was for \$1,000 each, but in the absence of Commissioner Hart North, who had sent a wire to Washington recommending the amount be raised to \$5,000 each.

ANTAGONIZES FEDERAL OFFICIALS

The reasons for recommending the increase in bail are not known, but Impresario Swanberg is thought to have offended the department when the captain was arrested Monday night. He then told the officers that they might find out for themselves where Senora Calderon was staying.

Yesterday he further trampled on the peace and dignity of the United States in too frank an expression of feeling over the refusal of his gold. For this he afterward apologized to Charles Meehan, inspector in charge, while Commissioner North was over at the Angel Island station.

Grief and shame over the arrest drove the senora into a fit of hysterics, which gave the officials some uneasiness. She lay, moaning and rigid, in the arms of her lover until smelling salts were sent for. After recovering control of herself she put a handful of false curls in her lover's pocket and waited philosophically until led away for return to jail.

SERVED IN CUBAN WARS

Capitan Frances is a little, soldierly young man, small in stature and of handsome features. He is a native of Madrid, the son and grandson of Spanish colonels. In his youth he served in the Cuban insurrection, but says he left there before the American war. Last year he obtained a leave of absence, he explains, so as to see more of the world at the expense of his voice. He has never been married.

Senora Calderon's reputed former husband is a matter of some speculation, as she has not given the inspection, she was either married or divorced. Yet she is not inclined to let this stand in the way of her marriage to the captain. Her five year old daughter, Aurora, at any rate is not the captain's child. Little Aurora has her mother's winning ways, for she soon had the entire office force at her beck.

In Mexico Senora Calderon appeared in the popular musical farces known as "zarzuelas" in the best theaters, according to her friends. Guadalajara, her home city, bears the name of having the handsomest women in Mexico, and Senora Calderon is not below standard.

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MURDERS BROTHER AT DOOR OF COURT

Trouble Over the Estate of Sister Leads to Fratricide by Aged Janitor

Michael Kirby, After Shooting, Charges Dead Man With Forgery

Michael Kirby, aged 62, shot and killed his brother, Patrick Kirby, aged 56, at 4:17 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the door of Superior Judge Frank Dunne's courtroom in McAllister street. The murder was an outcome of trouble which the two brothers had over the estate of their sister, Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, who died December 15 last in the Stockton insane asylum.

Patrick Kirby fired three shots into his brother's head, killing him almost instantly. "It is no use for me to speak about it," said Michael after the shooting. "I always treated him right—as a father when he was a little fellow—and now that I'm old he treated me wrong."

"Shut that door," he commanded impetuously, motioning when the murder was committed, but Judge Cabanis, in an adjoining courtroom, was sitting at the trial of Edmund Burke, the lawyer who has recently been accused of several irregularities. The noise of the shooting had broken up the court session and Detectives Steve Bunner and J. B. Freel had rushed out and caught Michael standing with his revolver near his brother's body. Michael was later charged with the murder at the city prison. Patrick's remains were removed to the morgue.

BREAKS UP TRIAL

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Both Michael and Patrick Kirby were janitors. Patrick, the dead man, was a small man, smooth shaven, with a sort of tansure of fuzzy white hair. He had been doing the janitor work about the courts for years and was well known to court frequenters. Michael, the slayer, was in the employ of the board of works. His reputation for sobriety was not as good as his brother's. Patrick was a very religious man.

COURTROOM CLERK JAMES J. McDONALD and Patrick Kirby were in the courtroom shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

ARGUMENT PRECEDES MURDER

"I was writing at my desk," said McDonald, "and Patrick was sitting in the room adjoining mine. He was reading my paper. There was a knock at the door.

"I'll go and open it," Patrick said. He went to the door and Michael came in, doubled up like a jack knife. He looked strange. There were some words which I did not hear clearly. I think Michael said something about going to the county clerk's office and seeing about some papers.

"We can't go down now," Patrick answered. "We have to," said Michael. "It is too late now," replied Patrick. "We'll go down tomorrow."

"I'll be too busy tomorrow," said Michael. "Man, we can't go now," Patrick said, and then the two brothers went outside. I believe," McDonald said, "for I did not see what happened. I was bent over my desk writing. Then I heard three shots; there was a crash and I looked up and saw Patrick reeling in backward and fall to the floor."

CHARGES BROTHER WITH FORGERY

Michael Kirby, when he was caught by Bunner and Freel, was taken into the stenographer's room in Judge Dunne's court and in the presence of the detectives, Judge Cabanis and others made a statement charging his brother with forgery.

The records in the county clerk's office show that Margaret O'Brien died testate at the Stockton asylum on December 15, 1909. Previous to that time her two brothers, Michael and Patrick, were guardians of her \$5,000 estate. On the day after the woman's death Patrick secured letters of administration over the estate, which were granted by Judge Graham, January 11 the first letters were revoked and joint letters of administration were issued to the brothers. The only signature of Michael Kirby found in the records was that on the joint application for letters. Attorney Sullivan said that that signature could not have been forged, as he saw Michael affix it to the petition.

Patrick Kirby was a single man, living at 1005 McAllister street, where, it is said, he owned flats valued at \$30,000. Michael has a wife and six children.

Patrick's estate will go in part to the brother who slew him, just as the estate of the parents of Adolph Weber went to their murderer.

HEATED DISPUTES MARK OPENING OF CONVENTION

Session of United Mine Workers Is Stormy

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 18.—Thomas L. Lewis, president of the united mine workers of America, was the storm center of several heated disputes which arose today in the annual convention of the organization which was called to order this morning. In each instance when he ruled combative orators out of order he was sustained.

William Green, defeated for the presidency by Lewis, attempted dilatory tactics but was suppressed. The credentials committee will bring in its report tomorrow, and the committees will be appointed at once.

"I hope and expect to see an employers' liability law providing that all injuries to employees under whatever conditions or contributory negligence, shall be paid for by the corporations," said Governor Thomas R. Marshall today in Tomlinson hall in a speech of welcome to the delegates.

Twelve Hundred Miners Strike

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 18.—The 1,200 miners employed at No. 5 colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre coal company went on strike today to enforce their demands for a checking boss.

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CASORA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. H. H. H. H.

COTTON REACHES NEW LOW LEVELS

New York Market Again Demoralized by Heavy Liquidation

Enormous Demands of Trade Interests Strengthen Prices and Close Is Firm

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The New York cotton market, following the downward movement which began soon after the new year, touched new low levels again today with estimated liquidation of \$90,000 bales. The recurrence of extreme weakness seemed to create more apprehension than other recent breaks in prices, and the market was utterly demoralized.

At the low point of the day March contracts showed a decline of 76 points from the closing figures of last night, while May registered a loss of 73 points. In the latter case, as compared with the high point of the season, this is a drop of \$1.45 a bale. When these low levels were reached, however, an enormous demand from strong trade interests, whose purchases checked the decline Friday, brought about a rally and a firm close.

Purchases by spinners who realized that future markets have had a decline of nearly 3 cents a pound from the top, while spot markets have lost little more than \$5 per bale, and who are buying as a hedge against forward requirements, also had a strong influence toward sustaining the market.

FATHER IS ACCUSED OF KIDNAPING SON

Grandmother of Child Makes the Complaint

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—An information charging R. D. Stack of Escanaba, Mich., with kidnaping his 6 year old boy was issued here today on complaint of Mrs. J. W. Allen of Nashville, Tenn., the child's grandmother.

The boy was taken from St. Louis last week and Stack announced that he was going to London. He was divorced in Spokane two years ago. Mrs. Stack was given \$50,000 alimony and the custody of the boy 10 months each year.

Mrs. Stack was married in New York two months ago to Orion Burbank of Los Angeles. She was on her honeymoon when the boy was taken.

BEATS HIS WIFE WITH PICKET; LANDS IN JAIL

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

RED BLUFF, Jan. 18.—Jack Donovan is in the county jail charged with beating his wife with a fence picket. He was arrested last night by two men who found him beating the woman on the street.

CORNELL HONORS CALIFORNIAN—Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 18.—At a meeting of trustees of Syracuse university today George Furman Bovard, president of the University of Southern California, was given the honorary degree of LL.D.

COURT TO DECIDE IRRIGATION RIGHTS

Appeal in Case of Miller & Lux Against Rickey Argued in Washington

Contest Involves Jurisdiction of Nevada Judge Over California Land Title

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—A controversy between citizens of the states of California and Nevada, involving the right to use for irrigation and other purposes the waters of the Walker river, which flow in both states, was argued in the supreme court of the United States today.

The case was originally entitled "Miller & Lux vs. Thomas P. Rickey." The plaintiffs own about 23,000 acres of land in Nevada, lying along the Walker river, and the defendant, Rickey and associates, hold title to about 40,000 acres located in California along the headwaters of the same river and above the Miller & Lux property.

Miller & Lux began the original action in the United States circuit court in Nevada in 1902 to restrain the Rickey interests from using the waters of the Walker river in California, which they alleged deprived them of their supply in Nevada. Rickey pleaded lack of jurisdiction on the part of the court, but Judge Hawley of the United States circuit court of Nevada held that he had a right to regulate the titles to land in California. The defendants then brought suit in the superior court of Mono county, California, against Miller & Lux to quiet title to the California land.

Judge Hawley, upon application of Miller & Lux, enjoined this action on the ground of an invasion of the jurisdiction of the federal court. The circuit court of appeals at San Francisco sustained the injunction and the case reached the United States supreme court on appeal of the Nevada parties from that affirmation.

The court is expected to decide the ownership of the waters of a river running through two or more states and also the question whether the courts of one state have a right to render decisions affecting the titles to land lying within another state. Charles C. Boynton, attorney for the Rickey interests, denied this right in his argument today.

NONUNION MINERS GO TO WORK IN HOMESTEAKE

Strike Breakers Conducted to Shaft Under Heavy Guard

DEADWOOD, S. D., Jan. 18.—Several hundred nonunion miners went to work in the Homestake mine today. They were well guarded by detectives. The company says it has all the men it can use for the present.

ENORMOUS SUM FOR ROAD'S EQUIPMENT

Head of Harriman Roads in the Northwest Puts in Heavy Requisition

Details to Be Announced When Budget Is Approved by Eastern Officials

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—Vice President and General Manager J. P. O'Brien of the Harriman roads in the northwest has put in a requisition for the greatest line of equipment for 1910 than has been asked for in any year in the history of these roads.

O'Brien is not in a position to announce the details at the present time, inasmuch as the budget has not yet been approved, but is in the hands of the eastern officials of the system.

Some idea of the size of the equipment budget for the Oregon lines may be gathered from the fact that last year the appropriation allowed O'Brien was in excess of \$2,000,000, which was nearly one-third of the entire appropriation for the whole Harriman system.

Lehigh President Re-elected

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—President E. B. Thomas of the Lehigh Valley railroad company was today re-elected by the stock holders of the company at their annual meeting here. William H. Moore, Edward S. Moore and Daniel G. Reid were elected members of the board succeeding Robert C. Lippincott and George H. McFadden of Philadelphia and Irving A. Stearns of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The fact that the three new directors who are identified with the Rock Island railroad group would go into the Lehigh Valley board was announced some time ago.

The re-election of Thomas settles, of course, the rumors of a possible change in the present administration of the road.

NAPA BURGLARS ARE CAPTURED IN SUISUN

Ex-Convicts Who Robbed Factory "Caught With Goods"

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NAPA, Jan. 18.—Frank Roberts and Frank Hall, who were arrested at Suisun late last night on suspicion of being the men who robbed Evans' shoe factory here last Friday night, were brought here this afternoon by Sheriff D. A. Dunlap.

There is no doubt of the guilt of the two men, who are believed to be ex-convicts. One was wearing a pair of stolen shoes from the factory and the other had sold another pair to a Suisun shoeman a short time before he was arrested.

The Talk of the City. Never before in the history of merchandising in San Francisco have such really marvelous furniture bargains been offered as the John Breuner Co. are now offering in their temporary "shack" on Van Ness avenue prior to their removal "downtown." Here, in an old dilapidated building—the first temporary store erected on the avenue after the fire—we are doing a business so sensationally large that it is really the "talk of the city." An instance of our prices we quote today in the Turkish rocker pictured above. Turkish Leather Rocker—the great, big, luxurious kind in which you can bury yourself and your troubles. The very personification of comfort. The seat and back of genuine leather—the outsides in imitation leather. This magnificent rocker for \$12.50. Have you ever heard anything like it before? Think of the smallest price you've ever heard named on a Turkish Chair—before—and figure up the difference. Chair or Rocker at same price. And of Course Your Credit Is Good. John Breuner & Co. 1451 Van Ness. Corner of Van Ness and Pine. Exclusive Agents for the World's Best Furniture—"CRAFTSMAN"