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JOHNSTONE IS KILLED DURING DENVER FLIGHT

AMERICAN AVIATOR WHO HELD HEIGHT RECORD FALLS FIVE HUNDRED FEET; CROWD IN SOUVENIR FIGHT.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 18.—With one wing tip of his machine crumbled like a piece of paper, Ralph Johnstone, the brilliant young aviator, holder of the world's altitude record, dropped like a plummet from a height of 500 feet into the inclosure at Overland park aviation field late yesterday afternoon and was instantly killed.

When the spectators crowded about the inclosure, reached him, his body lay beneath the engine of his biplane with the white planes that had failed him in his time of need, wrapped about it like a shroud. Nearly every bone in his body was broken.

He had gambled with death once too often, but he played the game to the end, fighting coolly and grimly to the last second to regain control of his broken machine. Fresh from his triumphs at Belmont park, where he had broken the world's record for altitude with a flight of 9,714 feet, Johnstone attempted to give the thousands of spectators an extra thrill with his most daring feat, the spiral glide, which has made the Wright aviators famous. The spectators got their thrill but it cost Johnstone his life.

The fatal flight was the second Johnstone had made yesterday afternoon. In the first flight when he was in the air with Hoxsey and Brookins he had gone through his usual program of dips and glides with the machine apparently under perfect control. Then Johnstone rose again and after a few circuits of the course to gain height, headed toward the foothills.

Still ascending he swept back in a big circle and as he reached the north end of the enclosure he started his spiral glide. He was then at an altitude of about 800 feet. With his planes tilted at an angle of almost 90 degrees he swooped down in a narrow circle, the aeroplane seeming to turn almost in its own length.

As he started the second circle, the middle spur which braces the left side of the lower planes gave way and the tips of the upper and lower planes folded up as though they had been hinged. For a second Johnstone attempted to right the plane by warping the other wing tip. Then the horrified spectators saw the plane swerve like a wounded bird and plunge straight toward the earth.

Johnstone was thrown from his seat as the nose of the plane swung downward. He caught on one of the wire stays between the planes and grasped one of the wooden braces of the upper plane with both hands. Then, working with hands and feet he fought by main strength to warp the planes so that their surfaces might catch the air and check his descent. For a second it seemed that he might succeed, for the football helmet he wore blew off and fell much more rapidly than the plane.

The hope was only momentary, however, for when only about 300 feet from the ground, the machine turned completely over and the spectators fled wildly as the broken plane, with the aviator still fighting grimly in its mesh of wires and stays, plunged among them with a crash.

Tear "Souvenirs" Off His Body.

Scarcely had Johnstone hit the ground before morbid men and women swarmed over the wreckage fighting with each other for souvenirs. One of the broken stays had gone almost through Johnstone's body. Before doctors or police could reach the scene, one man had torn this splinter from the body and ran away, carrying his trophy with the aviator's blood still dripping from it at the ends.

Frantic, the crowd tore away the canvas from over his body and fought for the very gloves he had protected his hands from the cold with.

The machine fell on the opposite side of the field from the grandstand, and there were but a few hundred near the spot, but physicians and police were rushed across as soon as possible. Physicians declare death must have been instantaneous, as Johnstone's back, neck and both legs were broken, the bones of his thigh being forced through the flesh and the leather garments he wore.

Native of Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 18.—Ralph Johnstone, the dead aviator, was born here thirty years ago. His parents are dead. An invalid sister, Miss May Johnstone, lives in Moberly, Mo. Johnstone's wife and two children, a boy and a girl, are in New York.

Johnstone was a trick cyclist before he became an aviator. He traveled extensively abroad giving exhibitions on his bicycle. He met in Berlin the girl who later became his wife.

Six months ago Johnstone, through Roy Knabenshue, secured an engagement with the Wright brothers. They liked his work and a few weeks ago he signed a contract extending until January 5, 1912.

Johnstone had the greatest confidence in his ability to keep the world's record for height. He said while here that if anyone broke the world's record which he held at the time of his death he would go even higher.

Quincy Refused Permission to Leave League

Chicago, Nov. 18.—The baseball board of arbitration today refused Quincy's application to leave the Central association for the Three Eye league.

This leaves Quincy in the position where it has to accept the terms of the Central association. If it is determined to withdraw from the league, it can withdraw but it cannot enter another league unless the Central association is paid the draft price of $2,500.

SPEND DAY ON ONE QUESTION

FEDERATION OF LABOR CONVENTION GIVES TIME TO ELECTRICAL WORKERS' FIGHT

St. Louis, Nov. 18.—The question before the Federation of Labor today is the settlement of the electrical workers' controversy. It is expected to occupy all the day's session.

John Mitchell, former head of the United Mine Workers of America, presented a resolution pleading for legislation in the several states designed to prevent occupational diseases, such as phosphorous and lead poisoning in match making, paint factories, mining, and other industries.

Mr. Mitchell pointed to the Illinois and other state occupational disease commissions as being engaged at present with investigating the subject of industrial diseases with a view to recommending bills to their respective legislatures. Stripped of preambles, the resolution read:

"Resolved, That the American Federation of Labor urges such investigation of conditions, such labor legislation, such thorough factory and mine inspection, such provision for the health of the workers, such enforcement of labor laws, as shall place America on a level with the most progressive of European nations, and it indorses and commends the American association for labor legislation for the work it is doing in this direction."

Says Gas Blew Up Times Building.

Job Harriman, attorney for the strikers in Los Angeles, was granted the floor to make an appeal for funds for the strikers and to explain the fight with the Merchants and Manufacturers' association. Harriman declared that the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building was caused by gas and that organized labor was innocent of the charge of having destroyed the plant with dynamite.

Victor L. Berger, socialist congressman-elect, demanded that a special committee be appointed to investigate the Los Angeles situation. He withdrew the demand, however, after President Gompers and the California delegates explained that a resolutions was presented to cover the situation and providing for an appeal for funds.

"NOT A WORD," SAYS ROOSEVELT

"They Say You Can't Come Back" Ventures Reporter; "Not a Word," Repeats the Colonel.

New York, Nov. 18.—"Not a word—not a word," said Col. Theodore Roosevelt in answer to a question as to what he thought of the recent election, when he returned to his magazine labors for the first time since Nov. 8.

"They are saying you can't come back," ventured a reporter.

"Not a word," said the coloned as he bounded out of his automobile and hurried into his office.

TOLSTOI STILL ALIVE.

Count Passed Sleepless Night, But Fell Into Deep Slumber This Morning.

Astapova, Russia, Nov. 18.—A bulletin issued this morning by physicians says that Tolstoi passed a sleepless night but fell into a deep slumber this morning. His temperature was 99.1 and heart action was weak though his pulse was better.

KIRKVILLE MAN HAS DISAPPEARED

OTTUMWA POLICE ASKED TO SEARCH FOR NEWTON COCKEFAIR, WELL KNOWN FARMER

Ottumwa police have been asked to aid in the search for Newton B. Cockefair, a well known farmer living one mile east of Kirkville, who disappeared from his home Monday morning, November 14. No word or trace of him have been heard or received since. Robert Anderson, a brother-in-law of the missing man in a letter to Chief Gallagher states that they believe that Cockefair was demented. This is the only reason they give for his absence.

Cockefair is 34 years of age, about six feet two inches tall and slightly stooped. He is smooth shaven, has black hair, hazel eyes and a Roman nose. When last seen he was wearing a brown cap, gray duck coat and grayish brown wool trousers. Any information concerning his whereabouts should be communicated to his sister, Mrs. Robert C. Anderson, Kirkville, Iowa or Chief of Police Gallagher.

MEXICO ENDS INVESTIGATION OF EXECUTION

CONSUL LEARNS THAT RODRIGUEZ, WHOSE DEATH CAUSED RIOTS, CLAIMED TO BE FROM LAS VEGAS.

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 18.—Mexican Consul Villasana returned to Eagle Pass late last night from Rock Springs where he was authorized by the Mexican authorities to investigate the killing of Antonio Rodriguez. The consul stated he had reached the conclusion that Dodriguez was insane or a fugitive from justice. Nothing was known of the man except that he asserted he came from Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Invading Texas Town.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 18.—Marathon, a town of 500 persons, 200 miles east of here, is under heavy guard owing to the report that a band of sixty armed Mexicans has crossed the Rio Grande from Mexico and are marching in that direction.

This morning the scouts sent out to meet the invaders had not returned and the exact whereabouts of the band had not been ascertained. At that hour sentries had been posted at all the approaches to the town and the citizens were sleeping on their arms.

Marathon is about 100 miles from Rock Springs, where the burning of Antonio Rodriguez took place. Whether or not the invaders are making that town their objective point cannot be learned.

The telegraph operators at Marathon report the town quiet, but apprehensive. The report that a band of Mexicans had crossed the river is seemingly authentic.

Nothing is known of the reported invasion at Marfa, Texas.

General Uprising Planned.

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 18.—Federal secret service officers, who have been working here for several months yesterday learned many dtails of the revolutionary plot in part uncovered by the Mexican government.

A general rising along the border from Nogales, Ariz., to Brownsville, Texas, was set for Sunday, November 20. Nogales is the headquarters for the junta operating in the state of Sonora. The junta organization has been in existence since the raid on Las Vacas two years ago.

The brains of the revolutionary movement are in the United States and Europe. The revolutionists are backed by a seemingly inexhaustible supply of money, which has been used to purchase arms in this country.

The federal authorities in Washington were apprised of these facts, but as yet the revolutionists have committed not an act that can be constituted as overt under the federal statutes. Consignments of arms are under surveillance in San Antonio and elsewhere. When an attempt is made to take them across the border they will be seized.

DEFINES PRIEST IN POLITICS.

Should Not be Identified With Any Political Party, Says Falconio.

New Orleans, Nov. 18.—Mgr. Falconio, papal delegate to the United States, gave out an opinion in the course of an interview here as to the prerogative of a priest concerning matters of public discussion and action.

"No priest should identify himself with any political party," Mgr. Falconio declared. "He must always stand for the right and for the best man for office and he must be free to support the right. There are many political questions which do not concern the priest at all. But as to questions concerning the morality of the people he can certainly express himself."

FAMILY PAYS $48,000 DUTY.

Widow of Collis P. Huntington and Children Arrive From Europe.

New York, Nov. 18.—The first cabin passengers on the steamship George Washington, which arrived yesterday afternoon, paid $75,000 duty on articles which they had purchased abroad. This is said to be a record amount in passenger baggage.

More than half was paid by one family of three persons—Mrs. Collis P. Huntington, widow of the California railroad man; her son, Archer, and his wife. They paid $48,000.

MEMPHIS NOW HAS 131,105.

Population Increases 28.1 Per Cent in the Last Ten Years; Knoxville Has Grown.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—The population of Memphis is now 131,105, an increase over 1900 of 28,785 or 28.1 per cent, according to the official report given out last night by the census bureau. The population of Knoxville, Tenn., is 36,346, as compared with 32,637 in 1900 and 22,535 in 1890.

Falls From Train; Killed.

Mason City, Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Henry Goecken fell from a Milwaukee passenger train last night, two miles east of Dickens and was instantly killed. His home is in Scotland, S. Dakota.

CONGRESSMEN WERE SPENDERS IN CAMPAIGN

SMITH, PICKET AND PEPPER SPENT BIG SUM IN RACE FOR OFFICE: CARROLL AND PORTER GOT OFF EASY.

Des Moines, Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Candidates for state offices and congress are filing their expense accounts with Secreatry of State Hayward. Governor B. F. Carroll spent $287.09 to win and Claude Porter spent $224.25 to get whipped. Congressman Walter I. Smith in the ninth district spent $2,675.34 of which amount he says $1,000 was furnished by the republican national congressional committee. Pickett in the third spent $1,361.16. Goode, in the fifth, $838.43. Pepper, the winning democrat in the second, $1,844. The prohibition state committee says it spent $2,193.35. The democratic state committee came out of the recent campaign indebted to its chairman, N. F. Reed, in the sum of $479.52, according to the statement of the committee filed yesterday with Secretary of State Hayward. The committee received $6,482.35 and paid out $6,961.81.

Other statements filed yesterday with the secretary of state follow:

Horace E. Deemer, judge of the supreme court, $135.48; W. W. Morrow, treasurer of state, $185.75; James Curran, democratic candidate for state treasurer, $361.89; Elbert H. Hubbard, congressman eleventh district, $1,052; John M. Weeks, socialist candidate for governor, $316.10; A. MacEachron, prohibition candidate for governor, $50; Nixon P. Jones, democratic candidate for railroad commissioner, $24.69; John D. Denison, Jr., democratic candidate for congress third district, $406.

MAY HAVE CAR STRIKE

Des Moines Street Car Union Sends Ultimatum to President Hippee of Company.

Des Moines, Nov. 18.—(Special.)—The street car union by direction of President Fred Fay of St. Joe has sent an ultimatum to the street car company and 350 men may be out before the dark, unless the company reinstates a motorman who testified against the company in behalf of his sweetheart in a personal damage suit. The street car men are firm and having the backing of 100,000 union car men. They insist on arbitration. The last conference will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon and a strike is expected if President Hippee of the street car company does not back down and reinstate the man.

HONOR FRANCES WILLARD

W. C. T. U. Convention Holds Exercises at Statue of Late Leader in Hall of Fame.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Around the statue of Frances Willard, which Illinois placed in the nation's hall of fame at the capitol, 500 members of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union gathered today to pay tribute to their noted leader. The principal feature was the address of Miss Anna M. Gordon, vice president general of the W. C. T. U. Each member of the Illinois delegation deposited a flower at the feet of the leader of their cause.

INSPECTION CAR IN IOWA.

School on Wheels Conducted by Bureau of Mines Stops in Des Moines Today.

Des Moines, Nov. 18.—(Special.)—The mine inspection car from the bureau of mines at Washington on its way to Rock Springs, Wyoming in charge of S. S. Smith gave exhibitions for the benefits of the coal miners of this district here today. Many miners witnessed the latest metrods of resuscitation of miners overcome by gas and also inspected the equipment of oxygen helmets etc.

FOOTBALL IS FATAL AGAIN.

Brooklyn Boy Who is Injured in Public School Game Dies as Result.

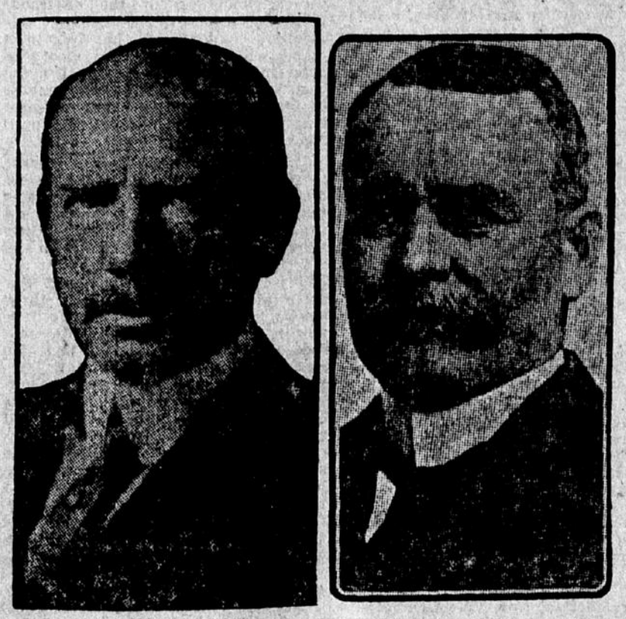
New York, Nov. 18.—As a result of injuries received a week ago while playing football, John Fisher, 13 years old, died in Brooklyn yesterday. He was a member of the foothball team of a public school. The game in which he was injured was between his school team and that of another city educational institution.

FEWER STUDENTS ENROLLED.

Higher Standards at Iowa City Reduces Attendance at S. U. I.

Iowa City, Nov. 18.—(Special.)—The university total enrollment has fallen off 270 as compared with the corresponding weeks in November 1909. The elevating of standards as to entrance to class rank and graduation, it is stated, has caused the decrease. The grand total for the year it is believe will reach 2,080 as against 2,352 in 1909.

The Democratic Surprises For Rock-ribbed Republican Michigan



AT LEFT—FRANK E. DOREMUS, WHO SUCCEEDS EDWIN DENBY, REPUBLICAN, IN THE FIRST MICHIGAN DISTRICT. AT RIGHT—EDWIN F. SWEET, WHO SUCCEEDS GERRITT J. DICKEMA IN THE FIFTH MICHIGAN DISTRICT.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 18.— Michigan republicans awoke with surprise on the morning of November 9 to find that two democrats had been elected to the United States congress in strong republican districts. In the First district it was conceded there was a hard fight on to reelect Congressman Denby, but the republicans, after a strenuous campaign, thought that the results would be entirely favorable. Frank E. Doremus, however, won the day for the democrats.

The election of a democrat in the fifth district is almost revolutionary in the rock-ribbed republican state. Mr. Sweet is well and favorably known but his election was not generally conceded by the republicans as even a possibility in the recent democratic landslide.

Mr. Sweet ran against Congressman Dickema and carried the district by a small majority. He was formerly mayor of Grand Rapids and has announced himself as a progressive democrat.

HUTCHINSON HITS THE ARISTOCRACY

PHYSICIAN TELLS LEAGUE THAT "LOWER CLASSES" ARE HOPE OF THE NATION.

New York, Nov. 18.—"The best thing for this country is to to get rid of our useless so-called 'aristocracy.' In truth there is no such thing as 'aristocracy' here. It is the most arrant piece of nonsense for any one to claim that there is an 'aristocracy' or 'old families' or 'strains of the best blood' here. The truth is that there isn't an 'aristocratic' family in the country that couldn't be produced in fifty years—if all the present members were to die out—from the so-called 'lower classes.'

"I am not sure but what the strain produced by the 'lower classes' would be better than the present 'aristocracy.' This latter class, by the way, usually assists the decimination of their number by drink and other vices."

This is what Dr. Woods Hutchinson said in part in a lecture before the members of the League for Political Education. The audience about him included many from the "400" of New York. Among the members of the league are Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, Mrs. J. P. Morgan, Miss Anna Morgan, Miss Grace M. Dodge, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Mrs. John C. Breckenridge, Mrs. F. C. Havemeyer, Mrs. Philip M. Lydig, Mrs. Clarence Mackay and Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee.

Dr. Hutchinson declared that if proper preventive measures which science's present knowledge can dictate, were legislated into law, tuberculosis could be "rendered as rare as smallpox within five years."

"Consumption is one of the disgraces of civilization," he declared.

MAXWELL'S MARGIN IS EIGHT.

Contest May Insue in Third District as Result of Close Vote on Judge.

Creston, Nov. 18.—(Special.)— By the completion of the official count in Decatur county the election returns gives Thomas Maxwell, democrat of this city, a plurality of eight votes over James H. Jamison of Osceola for district judge of the third district. There is a probability of Jamison contesting the election.

BAD FIRE AT CLINTON.

Towle Block Badly Damaged By Blaze Starting in Sheridan Club Rooms.

Clinton, Nov. 18.—(Special)—Fire in the Towle block caused the damage to the extent of many thousand dollars. The blaze started in the store room of the Sheridan club rooms on the third floor and extended to the dance hall and billiard room. On the first floor, the Towle and Streator dry goods store was badly damaged. Howell Bros. jewelry store was also damaged. The loss is still unknown.

Burlington Man Will Give $60,000 To The Y. W. C. A.

Burlington, Nov. 18.—(Special)—Col. George H. Higbee, president of the Murray Hardware company and the People's Gas and Electric company, announces that he will erect a memorial to his late sons, John A. and Harold Higbee, in shape of a fine building for the Y. W. C. A. to cost between $50,000 and $60,000. Mrs. Higbee is president of the local branch of the organization.

Supreme Court Decisions

Des Moines, Nov. 18.—(Special.)—The supreme court decisions today follows:

Fay Short appellant vs. Fort Dodge Light & Power Co. Webster county reversed.

State vs. Charles Davenport, appellant Polk district affirmed, Davenport got a light sentence for burglary.

J. J. Lee appellant vs Iowa City school district Johnson county reversed.

Reintz & De Buhr appellant vs. John Uhlenepp, Butler county affirmed.

John A. Elliott appellant vs. Capital City State bank, Polk district affirmed.

E. G. Coutts vs. Judge Wilcockson certiorori Poweshiek district county affirmed.

LANDIS WILL NOT TRY CASE

FEDERAL JUDGE SENDS PROSECUTION OF PACKERS OVER TO JUDGE CARPENTER.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Judge Landis of the United States district court, today announced to the attorneys appearing before him seeking a change of venue in the cast against the meat packers, that he would be unable to hear the case. Landis gave as his reason that as attorney and agent of the department of justice he was employed in investigating matters related to the packers and therefore felt he could not hear the case. Over the protest of the packers' attorneys he sent the case to Judge Carpenter of the district court.

Driven From His Refuge.

Brazil, Ind., Nov. 18.—Foul air in an abandoned coal mine in which he had taken refuge drove out Henry De Camp, charged with the murder of his wife, and he was captured by a sheriff's posse near here late yesterday.

ASQUITH SAYS LORDS CANNOT CHANGE BILL

PREMIER, PRESENTING GOVERNMENT'S SIDE, SAYS PEERS MUST VOTE "YES" OR "NO" AS IT STANDS.

SUFFRAGETTES IN FIGHT WITH BOBBIES

WOMEN MAKE DEMONSTRATION AT OPENING OF PARLIAMENT TODAY; BALFOUR OUTLINES POLICY OF UNIONISTS.

London, Nov. 18.—Premier Asquith, presenting the government program in the commons today declared there will be no amendment or transformation in the veto bill and the lords must say "yes" or "no." The question is solely one of acceptance and will be sent for final decisive arbitrament to the national tribune." Asquith then detailed other legislation which the government proposed to pass before the dissolution of parliament.

Balfour, the leader of the opposition, and Barnes, the labor leader, made speeches attacking the government program.

Suffragettes Break Loose.

The suffragettes, under the leadership of Mrs. Emmet Pankhurst, attacked parliament soon after the session opened today.

The police were compelled to make wholesale arrests and eighty-two suffragettes and their supporters already have been taken into custody.

About 1,000 suffragettes were engaged in a fight with the police surrounding parliament. Several times the women were driven back but each time they returned to the attack and it required additional police to finally stop the attack.

A large contingent of American bluejackets from the visiting fleet were amused spectators of the struggle and lustily cheered the combatants and incited them to fresh efforts.

Lord Rosebery's Resolutions.

London, England, Nov. 18.—In the house of lords, sitting as a committee of the whole, the earl of Rosebery moved a set of resolutions for the reconstruction of the upper house. They were adopted as follows:

(1) That the house of lords shall consist of the lords of parliament; (a) chosen by the whole body of hereditary peers from among themselves and by nomination by the crown; (b) those sitting by virtue of their offices and qualifications held by them; and (c) those chosen from outside.

(2) That the term of tenure of all the lords of parliament shall be the same except in the case of those sitting ex-officio, who would sit only so long as they hold the office by reason of which they sit.

Balfour Makes Speech.

Arthur J. Balfour in a speech at Nottingham aroused curiosity as to whether the Unionist leader would make any new departure on the Irish question. It was quickly evident that except on the question of the House of Lords, on which the Unionist party is now firmly committed to Lord Rosebery's scheme, the Unionist platform stands the same as at the last general election in all its particular planks.

Unionist Policy Made Clear.

Mr. Balfour referred only incidentally to the home rule question, but sufficiently indicated that he was in as complete opposition to it as ever. Thus the Unionist election policy in the main will be apt to pit reform of the House of Lords against the Liberals' demand for the abolition of the veto power of the lords.

The situation between the opposing forces appeared less aggravated. There is a disposition on the part of the Liberal side to give the peers a longer time to debate the veto bill, possibly even to the extent of admitting a reasonable amendment, provided this does not interfere with the principle of the bill.

American Dollars an Issue.

Mr. Balfour has now set the seal of his approval on the adoption of "American dollars" as the unionist election motto.

The Standard in an editorial declares there would be no constitutional crisis but for this American subsidizing of the nationalists.

"It is Redmond's, not Asquith's, crisis," says the paper. "Redmond's patrons are not the poor, like Parnell's, but the affluent. It is the American business man, the American capitalist and millionaire who are financing the home rule party for purposes of their own. They do not love England, and they want to prevent the adoption of tariff reform."

SALOONS ARE CAFES NOW.

Liquor Dealers' Association Changes Name in Jersey City—Bartenders are "Servers."

New York, Nov. 18.—The saloon has gone out of existence in Jersey City. By edict of the Hudson County Liquor Dealers' association it became known today the word "cafe" is hereafter to be substituted there for the name heretofore commonly employed in connection with places devoted to the purveying of alcoholic liquors. Furthermore the bartender has been done away with, now being known officially as a "server."