

# ENGLISH LORDS DOOMED TO LOSE LAST VESTIGE OF THEIR POWER

**LIBERALS OUTLINE PROGRAM WHICH WILL GIVE RULE TO THE PEOPLE.**

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LONDON, Dec. 28.—The English liberal parties at last have pretty definitely made up their minds what to do with the house of lords, of course in case the liberals win at the coming British national elections.

The program is this: Assuming that the liberals win at the polls in January, the Lloyd-George budget will be reintroduced. It will unquestionably pass.

A bill will then be passed by the commons declaring the lords unentitled to interfere with any financial legislation passed by the lower chamber. It may be decided not even to send such bills to the upper branch for ratification, but even if ratification by the lords is required it will be merely nominal, as the later will have no vote power in the matter.

The next step will be the introduction of a measure providing that any bill, not of a financial nature, passed by the commons, rejected by the lords, re-passed by the commons, again rejected by the lords and then re-passed by

the commons, after an intervening election, is to become a law without further submission to the upper house.

This will, of course, mean that two sessions of parliament and a referendum will be required for the passage of such a controverted measure.

It will amount, however, to the depriving of the lords of power to do more than delay fulfillment of the popular will. The last vestige of their veto power will be gone.

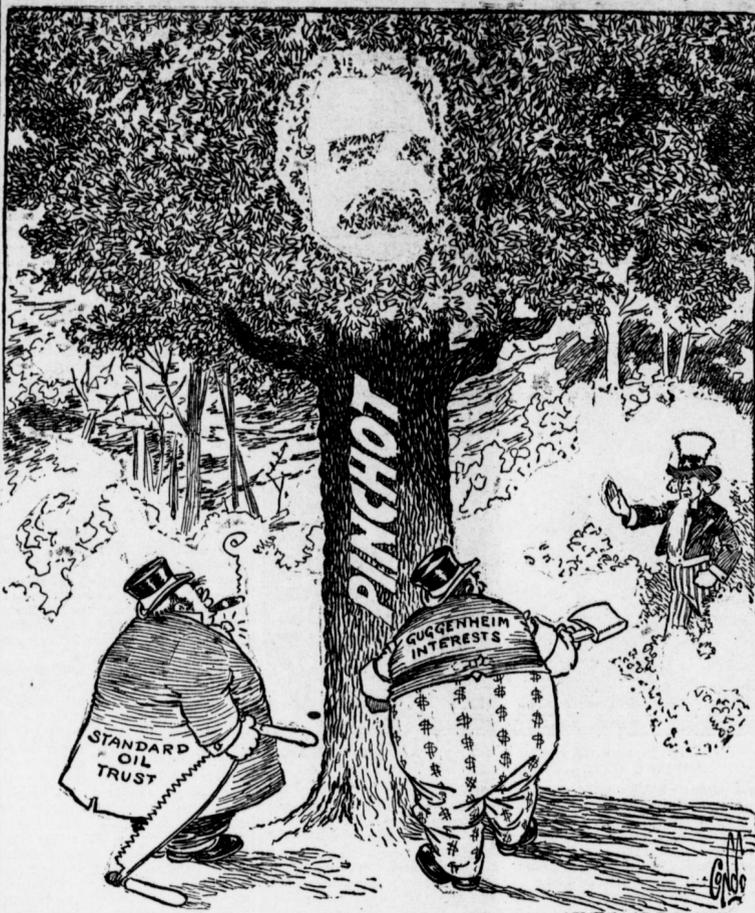
Then will come the very last step. The house of lords will be reduced by legislation to a membership probably of 150.

**Mere Empty Honors.** Titles will doubtless be conferred even after the reformation of the house of lords, but they will be mere empty honors. The British nobility has, consequently, practically reached the beginning of its end.

King Edward is said to be seriously uneasy concerning the future of the crown itself.

While the king remains satisfactory to a majority of the people, it is more than unlikely, however, that anything will be done toward depriving him of his figurehead post. The tenure of a monarch who undertook to thwart his subjects would in the England of the present day be extremely short.

# Woodmen, Spare That Tree!



# NOW THE WHITE GIRL CRIES HERSELF TO SLEEP, AND THE CHINAMAN BROODS ALONE

He Was as Near to the White Man as Ever a Chinaman Could Be, Only His Skin Was Yellow.

(Special Correspondence.) SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—"For East is East, and West is West, And never the two shall meet."

Mark Ten Sule, wealthy Chinese merchant, may well read his Kipling now. Perhaps it will explain some things. Perhaps it will afford some consolation to him.

It is all the consolation he has. For Mark Ten Sule is lonely in his handsome residence on fashionable Queen Anne hill. And pretty Helen Tobeyne cries herself to sleep. She might read Kipling, too.

"For the East is East, and the West is West."

Mark Ten Sule and Helen Tobeyne wanted to marry. They were in love with each other. But they couldn't. They weren't strong enough to brave public opinion—to fly in the face of the prejudices of their friends, to form a union, neither yellow nor white.

Mark Ten Sule was a good Chinaman, as near to being an American as he could make himself. He had been born in this country. He had been educated in American schools. He wore American clothes. He mingled with Americans, ignoring the people of his own race.

At the Methodist church he was a valued worker, an officer of the church. The pastor was his good friend.

But Mark Ten Sule wasn't an American. In spite of everything he did, everything he was, he was a Chinaman. Nothing he could do could alter that fact.

And when he announced proudly that he was going to marry pretty Helen Tobeyne, a member of his church, his best friends shunned him.

It was the plot of the play "Strong Heart." Everybody was his good friend—until—the great barrier of racial antipathy loomed up between him and happiness.

Mark Ten Sule's friends avoided him on the street. His pastor flatly refused to perform the ceremony. So did other ministers. Baffled, but not beaten, he went to the girl.

"We could have a civil ceremony," he suggested.

But the girl's courage had broken under the strain of universal disapproval. "I can't do it," she sobbed. "I haven't the strength. We can't cross the gap. If we married, we would be neither yellow nor white. We would be shunned by both peoples. We must give it up."



HELEN TOBEYNE.

So that is the reason why Mark (planned for his white bride; why Ten Sule, Chinese merchant, sits Helen Tobeyne cries alone at alone in the big house he had night.

# JEFF READY TO GO INTO TRAINING

**WILL START PREPARATIONS WITHIN THREE WEEKS AT LOS ANGELES FOR THE BIG FIGHT.**

(By United Press Leased Wire.) PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 28.—James J. Jeffries, undefeated heavy-

weight champion of the world, said today that after three weeks more of theatrical life he will go to Los Angeles to start training for his fight with Johnson.

The prizefighter said he does not care whether he fights in California or Utah.

# CONGRESS TO SWAT PINCHOT FOR TAFT

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the people's side are a very small party called "insurgents."

Publicity is now the people's only hope. If an aroused public sentiment forces an investigation open to the press, and permits the development of all the evidence there will be a verdict which cannot be twisted or perverted to the end intended.

President Taft has been assured that Pinchot can be eliminated without drawing down unpopularity on the white house. Congress is quite willing to assume the responsibility.

A carefully packed committee is planned to do the work. The present scheme for a joint committee of the house and senate which would be named by Cane and Vice President Sherman. Mr. Ballinger has been working on the files of the land office and the interior department, and he believes he has the cards all stacked.

What Judge Lindsey calls "the beast in the jungle" prowls Washington, and nothing is more cruel or more savage when aroused or driven to bay. Pinchot has got the beast on his track and the beast is determined to have Pinchot's blood.

Gifford Pinchot will not resign. The forest service has been a life work. Possessed of a large independent fortune, he has devoted 20 of his best years to the branch of the public service. To see his work crushed before his eyes will be a deep grief to him. He says frankly that this is the prospect which now seems inevitable.

But he will not surrender. He will go down fighting, and letting the people know who and what their enemies are.

**BIG RECEPTION PLANNED FOR ZELAYA**  
(By United Press Leased Wire.) MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—Mexican government officials are preparing a cordial reception for former President Jose Santos Zelaya of Nicaragua, who is expected to arrive tomorrow from San Juan, to which port he sailed in his flight from Nicaragua. President Diaz of Mexico will attend the reception. Minister Castro stated that after Zelaya has remained in the country for a few weeks he will sail for Belgium to take up his residence in the palace he owns near Brussels.

# DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IS NARROWLY AVERTED LURED FROM HOME YOUNG MOTHER IS STRANGELY SLAIN

Another big fire was narrowly averted yesterday afternoon when the fire department by quick and effective work extinguished a blaze in the Wheeler-Osgood mill. Flames broke out about 4:25 p. m. in the dry kiln. The loss is about \$500.

**LARCHMONT CLUB TO MEET.**  
The Larchmont Social club will hold its regular annual holiday meeting tomorrow evening instead of Thursday.

**MOTHER OF SIX CHILDREN IS VICTIM OF A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.**  
(By United Press Leased Wire.) DENVER, Col., Dec. 28.—Half stripped of its clothes and the skull crushed, apparently by a heavy blow, the body of Mrs. Ernest Rupp, aged 26 years, was found early today in the waters of the Platte river near this city. The woman's husband is employed on a night shift in a local roundhouse. When he returned this morning he found his six children alone.

Mrs. Rupp left the house alone last evening to call a policeman, as she had been frightened by several negroes.

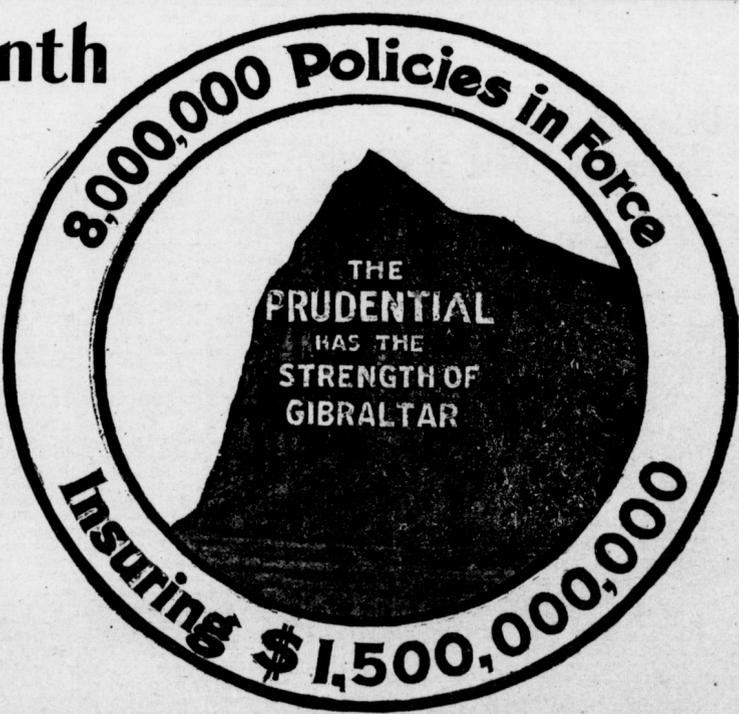
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