British Peers Selling Estates

Claim Action Is Forced Upon Them by Taxation and Death Duties.

MUST SEEK SMALLER HOMES

One Big Landed Proprietor After Another Is Dividing and Selling His Holdings—In Same Families for Many Centuries.

London.—England's great estates are crumbling under the weight of taxation and death duties and one big landed proprietor after another among the nobility is dividing and selling his holdings, many of which have been in the hands of single families for centuries.

The latest indication that peers are finding it necessary to seek smaller homes comes in the announcement of the duke of Portland that he may have to abandon his palatial mansion, Welbeck Abbey, in Nottinghamshire. This is only one of the residences of the duke, who owns some 200,000 acres in England.

Duke Expresses Fears.

"For centuries past landed estates have been handed down from generation to generation," said the duke, addressing his tenants on the occasion of the coming of age of his son Lord Francis Cavendish. "Landlords and tenants have lived on terms of mutual trust and affection. I fear, however, that the state of things is passing away, for with the present weight of taxation and the extremely onerous death duties, the future may become very uncertain for all landed proprietors. If this is good for the country, I certainly do not complain.

"With regard to my own case, it may not be possible for me and my family to continue to reside at Welbeck, but I fear that there can be little doubt that those who come after me will not be able to do so."

Many Connections Severed.

On all sides historic houses are finding new tenants and ancient families are severing their connection with the soil. The duke of Devonshire sold Devonshire house in 1919 and Stowe house, the property of Baroness Kinloss, was disposed of recently.

Others who have sold their properties recently include the duke of Bedford, the duke of Westminster, the duke of Rutland, the duke of Grafton, the duke of Marlborough, Lord Leconfield, Lord Beauchamp, Earl Bradford, Lord Aberdeen, Lord Lovat, Lord Harrington, Lord Harlech, the countess of Warwick and Sir Richard Bulkeley.

Runnymede, a meadow on the bank of the Thames river, in Surrey, site of the historic battle where the barons wrested from King John the Magna Charta in 1215, was up for sale but aroused sentiment compelled its withdrawal. Attacking the government in the debate on the corn production acts repeal bill, Lord Lincolnshire in the house of lords declared the present ministry was preparing to sell the crown lands and said nothing remained but "to pawn the crown jewels."

Aged Woman Chokes Weasel.

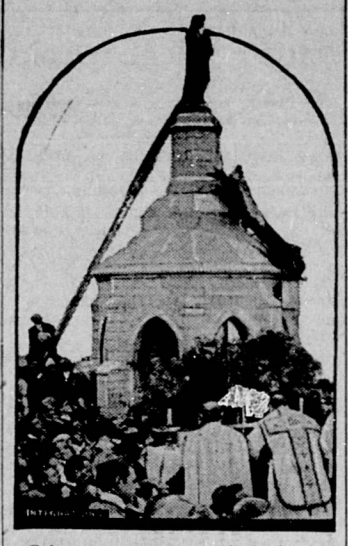
Mount Carmel, Pa.—Although seventy-seven years old and recovering from a fractured rib sustained three weeks ago, when a door blowing shut knocked her down the cellar steps, Mrs. Mary Ramsey of Fisherdale went to the rescue of a chick she heard crying in distress and found a large weasel carrying it away. She caught the weasel with her bare hands and choked it to death.

Man's Span of Life Increased Four Years

Columbus, O.—The span of man's life has lengthened fully four years within the last quarter century, in spite of the extra hazards which have come with Twentieth century progress.

So declares Dr. George W. Hoglan, secretary of the American Insurance union, who adds that "within another generation the allotted threescore years and ten will be a thing of the past."

RESTORING A SHRINE



Solemn ceremony marked the restoration of the statue of the Madonna Marie at Monta Grappa, Italy. During the war, Monta Grappa became one of the front-line trenches, and the statue of the Madonna was removed.

British Take German Wives.

London.—Seven British officers with the army on the Rhine have married German women since the occupation, it was stated in the house of commons by a government spokesman in reply to a question.

Bandits Robbed Soldiers in Hospital.

Chicago.—Bandits invaded a government hospital here and took all the money and cigarettes possessed by two wounded veterans of the World war.

Army of 50,000 Lost in Month

General Lu's Forces Wiped Out by Mutiny, Surrender and Battle Losses.

CANTONESE WIN THE "WAR"

Righteousness of Their Cause Given as Cause for Victory in Battle Between Two Chinese Provinces—Gambling Licensed.

Canton.—The "war" between Kwangtung and Kwangsi has seemingly terminated with the fall of Nanking on July 22—just a month after the beginning of hostilities—when Lu Yungting, the foremost of southern militarists, made his official exit from the province which he had dominated for ten years.

General Lu was at one time inspector general of the two Kwang provinces, and a constitutionalist leader when constitutionalism was popular in the southwest.

50,000 Army Wiped Out.

Prior to the opening of recent hostilities General Lu had an army of nearly 50,000. He lost it all within a month by mutiny, desertion, surrender and loss in battle.

The Cantonese have won. They attribute their victory to the righteousness of their cause, to disaffection among the Kwangsi forces toward their leader and to better organization and discipline in the Canton army, to assurances given the people of Kwangsi of noninterference with their ambition for self-government, and to Dr. Sun Yat-sen's political doctrine of representative government.

The military governors of Kwantung province have looked upon that province as conquered territory since the one-time monarchist governor, Lung Chi-Kuang, was ejected, notwithstanding the Cantonese played no small part in ousting Lung.

Gambling Is Licensed.

Under the administration of the Lu Yung-ting faction licensed gambling was revived under the pretext of raising revenue for military purposes, burdensome taxes were imposed to the detriment of trade and industry, and millions of dollars of worthless paper money issued without security.

The Kwangsi people themselves have played an important part in helping the Cantonese to drive the militarists out of the province. Besides organizing revolutionary forces to supplement the Canton armies, they have carried on valuable propaganda to convince their fellow clansmen of the good intentions of the Cantonese.

Cantonese leaders now declare that they have no ambition to dominate Kwangsi. Gen. Chen Chung-ming has repeatedly refused to allow military authorities occupying Kwangsi towns and cities to establish political organs or offices which will be misinterpreted or misunderstood by those who are antagonistic to the constitutionalist government.

Home of the Roumanian Embassy

This is the Franklin Ellis home in Washington which the Prince and Princess Bibesco will occupy as the Roumanian embassy. This home is noted for its large ballroom. It has been occupied for the last few years by Colonel and Mrs. Robert M. Thompson of New York. It is located just off Sheridan square.

Three-Year-Old Girl Walks Up Pike's Peak

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Miss Helen M. Riordan, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Riordan of New York city, holds the world's record for the ascent on foot of Pike's Peak.

She and her mother walked up to the burro stand, where they stayed all night. Early next morning they started afoot on the last lap of the ascent, where all the difficult climbing comes in, because of the altitude and cold and winds. The child walked the entire distance unaided.

At the summit, which was reached about noon, she appeared less fatigued than her mother.

Some men judge by appearances, but detectives judge by disappearances.

LISTEN TO THIS, YOUNGSTERS!

No Exams, No Home Work in These Public Schools.

Evanston Superintendent Announces New Regime Which Includes Music, Folk Dances and Movies.

Evanston, Ill.—Music is just as important as the multiplication table and folk dancing is as great a spur to youthful brains as is geography, in the opinion of Frederick W. Nichols, superintendent of school district No. 76, comprising the South Evanston schools, who announced a new regime for the Lincoln, Oakton, Central and Washington grade schools.

The four schools will be open to the pupils from 8:30 o'clock in the morning until ten at night. Classes will last until 3:30 in the afternoon, but pupils will be permitted to go home at any hour their parents desire.

"I am going to eliminate home work," said Superintendent Nichols. "It is the bugbear of school children. And there will be no examinations; they merely worry the youngsters. The students will do all their scholastic work right in the classrooms."

In addition, the schools will remain open until ten o'clock in the evening for special classes in manual training, music, languages, art, dramatics, athletic games, folk dances, domestic science and movies. The parents will be invited to come to these classes with their children.

"Examinations are an unhealthy, antiquated tyranny," added Superintendent Nichols. "Growing children should not be compelled to sit in classrooms all day and then lug books home for night lessons. You can't get an estimate of a child's mental equipment by insisting that he cram a lot of facts in his head and scribble as many as he can remember on the semester exam papers.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 2

PAUL IN CORINTH.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 18:1-23.

GOLDEN TEXT—I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.—I Cor. 2:2.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—I Cor. 2:1-5; 4:12; II Co. 11:7-9.

PRIMARY TOPIC — Tentmaking and Teaching.

JUNIOR TOPIC — Paul Working and Preaching in Corinth.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC —Teaching and Tentmaking in Corinth.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC —Paul in a Commercial Center.

The establishment of the church at Corinth is an example of missionary endeavor for all ages. The method employed, which resulted in success then, will result in success now.

I. The True Missionary Method (vv. 1-3).

Paul came to Corinth a stranger in a strange city. He did not have an advance agent to do his advertising; neither did he have his photograph put in the daily paper with sensational announcements, upon his arrival in Corinth. He did not have a trained singer with him; neither did he have his salary guaranteed. His method in gaining a foothold in Corinth was as follows:

1. Finding a home (v. 2). This he found with Aquila and Priscilla, Jews who were recently expelled from Rome by the cruel edict of Claudius. Being Jews, he found natural affinity with them.

2. He toiled for his daily bread (v. 3). He was of the same craft with them, being tentmakers. Every child among the Jews was taught some trade by means of which he could gain a livelihood should occasion require. One of the rabbis said that he who failed to teach his boy a trade taught him to steal.

II. Preaching in the Synagogue at Corinth (vv. 4-8).

1. Though compelled to toil for a living while getting a foothold in Corinth, he did not lose sight of his main work (v. 4). He reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, persuading the Jews and Greeks.

2. His activity was increased when Silas and Timothy came (v. 5). This resulted from three causes: (1) They brought good news from the church at Thessalonica (I Thess. 3:6). To hear of the steadfastness of those who had confessed Christ under our ministry puts new vigor into our labors. (2) They brought pecuniary gifts from the Macedonian churches (Philip. 4:15; II Cor. 11:9). Being relieved from the necessity of toil for a living, they now could devote more time and energy to the preaching of the gospel. (3) Silas and Timothy became assistants to Paul in the work, thereby strengthening his hands so as to enable him to accentuate his efforts.

3. Paul opposed (v. 6). His increased activity was met with increased opposition. This can always be expected.

4. Paul announces his purpose to turn to the Gentiles (v. 6). Because of their blasphemy and opposition he ceased to work among the Jews. There is a time when good judgment causes one to abandon work where efforts have been fruitless, but it is difficult to know just when to do it.

5. He did not go far away (v. 7). He remained sufficiently near that those whose hearts God touched could easily find him. It is likewise true that although Christ is obliged to depart from the soul that refuses Him entrance, He lingers with yearning love around that heart.

6. His success (v. 8). Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, was converted. Perhaps the severity of his action in turning away from them moved Crispus to action.

III. Paul's Vision (vv. 9-11).

His experiences since coming to Europe were very trying. He needed encouragement at this time. It is just like the Lord to come at the time of the servant's greatest need. Note the Lord's words to him:

1. "Be not afraid." When one is executing the commission of the Lord he need not be afraid.

2. "Speak, and hold not thy peace." The one who has heard the voice of God cannot refrain from speaking—cannot be still.

3. "I am with thee." The Lord is with everyone who faithfully carries out his commission.

4. "No man shall set on thee to hurt thee." The one sent by the Lord to do a work is immune from danger and harm until his work is done.

5. "I have much people in this city." It is most encouraging to know that in the great cities the Lord has His own people and that the one who goes in His name shall have fruit for his service.

Bible Classes Necessary.

Bible classes are as necessary to a healthy parochial life as are any other religious agencies, and the priest who neglects them because they seem to him old-fashioned or connected with the Protestant sectarian system lays himself open to great blame. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my paths."—Dean Larned.

The Builder of All Things.

Every house is builded of some man; but he that built all things is God.—Hebrews 3:4.

Not So Bad for a Novice.

"You look like a smart young chap," said the head of a detective agency, "and I'm willing to give you a trial. Now, suppose a multimillionaire were to tell you he wanted you to trail his wife. How would you act?"

"I'd take matters under advisement."

"Well?"

"Then I'd see if his wife wouldn't make me a better offer to trail him."

"You'll do."

Animal Superiority.

"Did you ever see a movie star without some kind of silly affectation?"

"Only one."

"Man, woman or child?"

"Neither. A dog."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

VEGETABLE CROP NOW NEARLY AS BIG AS SILVER

Denver.—The production of vegetables for market and for seed has developed rapidly in Colorado during the last decade, until the annual value of vegetables and vegetable seed grown in the state is now nearly as great as the annual value of the silver output.

The leading vegetable crops are cantaloupes, cabbage, cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce, celery, onions, beans and sweet corn. In the production of cantaloupes Colorado ranks second among the states, being surpassed only by California. Cantaloupes are raised here both for market and for seed, this state producing a larger proportion of the annual seed output of the United States than any other. Reports of county assessors to the State Immigration Department show that approximately 7,200 acres of cantaloupes were grown in the state this year, of which about 1,000 acres were grown for seed.

School Children Greatest Asset.

Washington. — The govenor of Kentucky, in an address recently before a gathering of people of all political faiths at Louisville, for the purpose of fittingly starting a campaign to put over two amendments looking to the elimination of politics from the election of the state school superintendent, and the making possible of more generous financial provision for the poorer counties in that state, said the movement was dedicated "to the cause of Kentucky's greatest asset—its childhood."

British Disperse Indians.

Calicut, British India.—A British column inflicted a severe defeat on the rebellious Indians at Sulliod Mala, near Karavarakunda, says an official statement. The rebels were dispersed by the British, the statement adds.

Record Tonnage Through Canal.

Washington.—Despite the world-wide trade depression which held during the fiscal year 1921 a new high record was established for American tonnage passing through the Panama canal, according to official reports received here. In a total of 2,892 ships traversing the waterway, 1,212 were American, exclusive of government-owned and chartered vessels. The nearest competitor to the United States was Great Britain, whose flag appeared on 970 ships carrying 3,722,000, against 5,179,000 tons freighted under American colors.

Urge Tax Cut on Small Incomes.

Washington.—Reductions in the normal tax rates on individual incomes of $15,000 or less and a graduated tax of from 10 to 20 per cent on the incomes of corporations in place of the suggested flat rate of 15 per cent, were proposed in amendments to the Republican tax revision bill offered in the Senate by Senators Walsh, Massachusetts, and Gerry of Rhode Island, Democrats, on the finance committee.

Bogus U. S. Agents Sell Cars.

Tacoma, Wash.—Alleged widespread swindling activities by men representing themselves to be government agents were revealed by Capt. George A. Hunt of the military intelligence office at Camp Lewis. Army motor cars and trucks have been represented for sale at various points through the middle West and deposits on them have been collected, said the captain. The purchaser was told delivery would be made following payment of the remainder to the Camp Lewis authorities.