THE WEATHER TO-DAY

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POLITICAL CRISIS IN MEETING OF NEW COMMITTEE

The "Reorganizers" Say They Have Enough Voters to Put Black in the Chair to Replace Miles and to Revise Rules.

PENROSE MEN CLAIM STATE

Knowing Politicians Believe That "Dave" Martin Is Out of the Game, and That Miles Will Not Be Re-elected as Member from Thirteenth Ward.

To-morrow's meeting of the new Republican City Executive Committee promises to mark a crisis in the movement to bring about a reorganization of that body.

The leaders behind the proposed reorganization yesterday asserted that they controlled the committee and that former City Commissioner Hugh Black, of the Twenty-sixth Ward, would easily be elected chairman to succeed former Sheriff Miles. The reorganizers claim the support of thirty-four of the forty-three members of the committee, not only for the election of Black to the chairmanship, but for revision of the rules and other projects.

Representatives of the old Penrose-Martin regime yesterday conceded control of the committee to the reorganizers, but said they had control of a majority of the State delegation from this city.

Vare Indorses Black.

Recorder of Deeds William S. Vare, in indorsing Hugh Black for chairman of the City Committee, gave out the following statement last night:—

"My friends are going to support Hugh Black, of the Thirty-sixth Ward, for chairman of the City Campaign Committee. I think it proper for me to make this statement at the present time in view of the fact that many of my friends have requested me to be a candidate myself, and I have discovered there seems to be a general impression throughout the city that I would consent to the use of my name.

"The onerous duties of my office of Recorder of Deeds and the attention which I must give to my other private interests render it absolutely impossible for me to entertain the thought of becoming chairman of this committee.

Ripe for Change.

"There was never a more opportune time than the present for the Republican Organization, through its Campaign Committee, to declare for and enact proper rules which are fair in every particular, and in general to become the vehicle of public thought. A new order of things has been established; the Republican Organization must bow to the will of the people, and there is no man connected with this committee who should not stand for and advocate the most drastic and revolutionary changes in party management and party rules.

"I realize that the public is standing back looking upon our movements at the present time in a somewhat skeptical attitude, and I also know that the future of the party is in the hands of this committee, which must be properly guided by its presiding officer.

"If through this committee the Republican party places itself upon a platform of honor and fair dealing; if it opens the way through its rules for every man to easily cast his vote; if the Organization returns to the traditional principles of the party, then, surely, the Republican voters of this great Republican State and Republican city will return to the Republican fold.

Committee is Free.

"I pledge the honor of myself and friends that there is no man or set of men who, to-day, stand between this committee and its proper performance of its duties and obligations. I believe that no man or set of men control this committee, and every man will go into it eager to do the right thing, and each man will be eager to out-rival the other doing the proper things.

"The chairman of this committee must be a man willing to accept all the burdens of its many duties; he must be a man to whom no one can point and say aught against; he must be no man's man; he must stand for the highest type of civic virtue and citizenship.

"I believe that in Hugh Black we have all these qualifications. I have asked all my friends to support him and I believe that he will meet with no opposition."

Penrose Claims 82 Delegates.

Senator Penrose declares that he will control eighty-two of the 114 delegates to the State convention. He made this claim in personal telegrams to the leaders of several western counties.

The anti-Penrose element in the Organization ridiculed this assertion of the old leaders. Upward of 100 of the 114 delegates, they declared, would refuse to recognize either Senator Penrose or Insurance Commissioner Martin.

A philosopher and a veteran of many years experience in the game of practical politics, advanced his view, which also expressed the sentiment of disinterested observers, in this light:—

"Claim Everything."

"The State convention is six months off. No one to-day knows definitely who will control the State delegates from Philadelphia. I see both sides are claiming more than a majority. In politics when it comes to claims one might as well go the limit and claim everything in sight."

Republican State Chairman Andrews yesterday announced that the State convention in June will not be held in the Harrisburg Opera House as originally planned, but will be called to order in the Lyceum Theatre. Notices to this effect were sent to the chairmen of the several counties in the State.

In addition to the election of a chairman to-morrow's meeting of the City Executive Committee will be enlivened by the contests from the Tenth, Thirteenth, Nineteenth and one or two other wards. That from the Nineteenth Ward probably will determine the political future of David

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MAGEE LOSES MAYORALTY FIGHT

Close Contest in Pittsburg for Republican Nomination Likely to Result in Contest—Detectives in Every District.

Special Despatch to "The Press."

Pittsburg, Jan. 14.—At the Republican primary election, held here yesterday, for the selection of a candidate for Mayor, with a few districts missing, at 1.15 this morning, Jenkinson had 16,978, and W. A. Magee, Jr., 16,086 votes, a majority for Jenkinson of 882.

Magee had employed 800 Pinkertons to watch every election district, and the returns of last night will be contested.

Neither candidate would make a statement this morning, except that Magee replied, when asked if he had given up the fight:—

"Not by a d——n sight."

WOMAN HOLDS UP BIG LINER

Officials Had to Bring Her Ashore After Vessel Started.

Special Despatch to "The Press."

New York, Jan. 13.—A little woman with a big smile and lots of nerve held up the 10,000-ton ship Vaderland, of the Red Star Line, to-day.

All the gangplanks had been withdrawn and the vessel was ready to move out from the pier for the voyage to Antwerp when the woman was seen to push her way to the rail and say: "Wait a minute. I want to get off."

Superintendent Wright, of the pier, shouted to one of the ship's officers: "Hurry that woman aft and I'll rig out a gangplank there."

A six-footer in gold braid took the little woman by the arm and hurried her inside to go aft.

When the woman came ashore she was laughing. Everybody else around was swearing. Detective Leeson asked the woman her name and reprimanded her for delaying the ship. All she said was:—

"My loss is a great deal more. I dropped a box of chocolates somewhere."

COPS GET TINY BURGLARS

Two Wagon Loads Finally Capture Two Lads.

Notified that four burglars had been trapped in the cellar of a house on Fourth, near Christian Street, yesterday, two patrol wagons loaded with policemen from the stations at Seventh and Carpenter and at Second and Christian Streets hurried to the scene.

Two hundred persons were in front of the house, occupied by Louis Dillstein. Quickly the police pushed their way through. A dozen strong, perspiring men were holding the cellar door. The policemen opened it in a crack.

"Come up, sir. Do you hear? Come up, sir," they cried. There was no response. They grew bolder and peered cautiously down the cellar stairs. How to bag their game without getting shot bothered them.

Two policemen solved the problem. They entered the cellar. Behind the stairs and covered with cobwebs they discovered two boys, aged 9 and 12 years. They were sobbing.

The lads had been robbing gas meters. One was Jacob Eilbert, aged 12, of 1610 Beulah Street. He had a chisel, a candle and four quarters in his pocket. The other lad was Morris Singer, aged 9 of 1212 South Fourth Street, who had run away from home a week ago. They admitted they were out to rob meters, but said that they had only taken refuge in Dillstein's cellar when chased. They were locked up.

EIGHT ACTORS, NOT A NICKEL

"Girl from Mars" Star Went to Jail. Associates Dead Broke.

Special Despatch to "The Press."

Altoona, Jan. 13.—"There are eight of us in the company and, to tell the God's truth, we can't raise five cents between us," testified one of the actors of the stranded "Girl from Mars" Company at the hearing of E. J. Nugent, manager and treasurer, and the star, Dorothea Duryea, to-day.

Miss Duryea was brought back from Pittsburg to be jointly charged with Nugent of conspiracy to defraud. Lacking bail they were sent to jail. Yesterday's charge of absconding against Nugent was dropped. Nugent entered cross-suits against Jack Spaulding and Ralph Rollins, two of his company, for conspiracy. All are still here, unable to raise enough money to get out of the town.

The company played to poor business in the West, but in Altoona made some money, which Nugent, it is charged, planned to appropriate, and of which the players desired a share.

MARSHALL FIELD WORSE

At Midnight World's Richest Merchant Shows Much Exhaustion.

New York, Jan. 13.—The following bulletin relative to the condition of Marshall Field, of Chicago, who is ill with pneumonia at a hotel in this city, was issued at midnight:—

Mr. Field is not feeling so well to-night. The disease has not extended, but Mr. Field shows very much exhaustion.

James H. Harris, a Chicago stock broker, who has for many years been a personal friend of Mr. Field, and Henry H. Rogers, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, called on Mr. Field to-day.

Banker's Widow Must Pay $22,000.

Lancaster, Jan. 13 (Special).—Judge Hassler handed down an opinion to-day in which he holds that Mrs. Lila R. Locher, widow of Charles H. Locher, who was president of the defunct City Trust Company, is indebted to the institution in the sum of $22,000 on notes. Mrs. Locher resisted payment on the ground that she was merely an accommodation indorser for her husband.

A Gallery of Wonders.

Next Sunday "The Press" will present a unique and novel Gallery of Wonders—a brand new idea in colors, 10x21 inches. Free exclusively with "The Press."

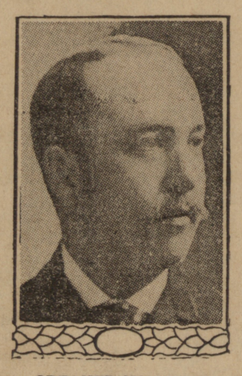
Work Begun on $7,000,000 Mills.

Pittsburg, Jan. 13.—Operations were begun to-day in Homestead borough for the erection of the large steel mills recently authorized by the United States Steel Corporation. An expenditure of $7,000,000 will be made.

Florida's Famous Trains.

"N. Y. & Fla. Special," W. Phila., 4.38 P. M. "Fla. & W. Indian Ltd., W. Phila. 11.55 A. M., via. Penn. & Atlantic Coast Line. 31 S. 3d St.**

NO PROGRAM AND NO BOSSES FOR THE LEGISLATURE



SPEAKER WALTON

Who held a lonely vigil last night in Harrisburg, on the Susquehanna, and found "nothing doing."

Speaker Walton Says No Plan of Work Has Been Outlined for Extra Session.

FEW MEMBERS IN HARRISBURG

Special Despatch to "The Press."

Harrisburg, Jan. 13.—Here we are within twenty -four hours of a special session and no legislators; that is only a handful!

The scene is unprecedented. Like homeless cats on a wet night the forlorn leaders,—no there are no leaders,—wander about the hotel corridors and get what cheer they can by discussing their experiences; and what experiences!

If you hunt for those on deck you will find them around somewhere: Plummer, of the forlorn hope, and Walton, once the most assured of all men, and with them a small group of familiars who seem to wonder why they are here. And as they chat drearily and the wind howls outside the refrain seems to be "Who'd a' thought it?" and then, in response to queries "no; nothin' doin'."

This keynote was struck to-night by Walton who, subdued and chastened, listened to the queries put to him and replied with an almost laconic brevity, that was however eloquence itself, as follows:—

"What is the program for Monday?"

"There is no program."

"When will the caucus be held?"

"There will be no caucus."

"Who will be the boss?"

"There will be no boss," said Walton, and Plummer echoed sadly, "No; no boss."

The other members who were asked about a boss, also said there would be no boss, and added: "We will be the bosses."

"However," said Representative Kennedy, of Beaver, "some good men will naturally come to the front as leaders, and it will be safe to follow them."

And there you are.

Kept Home by Lack of Passes.

Naturally the question is asked as to what causes this slim attendance on the eve of what is considered the most important session of the Pennsylvania Legislature held since that of 1861, when measures were drafted for Pennsylvania's part in the Civil War.

There is only one answer, and that is: "The free transportation has been cut off."

It used to be the custom on the week preceding the assembling of a Legislature for the legislators to drop into Harrisburg about Thursday, look things over, go to Philadelphia for a day, and return to Harrisburg on Monday, ready for business. They are not doing that this year. It is too costly. It takes money for railroad transportation now.

Saturday Sessions Suggested.

The legislator now carries a mileage book and he clings to his hearthstone until the last day before coming to Harrisburg. That is the reason he is not here to-night, and that is the reason the rural legislator will want to hurry legislation and get through in a month. They even talk of holding Saturday sessions, for, if they adjourn from Friday until Monday, following the old custom, they will have to stay in Harrisburg anyhow, unless they pay fare to get away, and if they stay in Harrisburg they will not care to be idle.

Those here at present include Speaker Walton, Senator Fisher, of Indiana, and Representatives Plummer, of Blair; Hayes, Butler; Jackson, Armstrong; Robertson, Forest; Farley, Wayne; Hitchcock, Tioga; Berry, Washington, and Kennedy, Beaver, and every one is for a short session.

They want to hurry their work and get away, and it is the talk that the session will close on the Friday preceding the Spring election, or about February 16.

All for Reform Laws.

All who are here favor the Governor's legislative suggestions and say there will be no trouble in adopting them, but they would like to see the bill presented as early as possible, so that the work can be done quickly.

Summed up, the general expression is, "We will all go along with the Governor and pass the bills he wants, including uniform primary elections, apportionment, State Treasury reform, civil service and everything else."

Speaker Walton came in this afternoon and had a long talk with Governor Pennypacker. He says the Governor is in the best spirits because of the friendliness manifested toward the legislation he recommended.

Governor Says It's Legal.

The Governor is not concerned about the contention raised by Representative Cook, of Allegheny, that the legislation suggested in the supplemental proclamation cannot be constitutionally considered.

"I have seen Mr. Cook's point," said the Governor to-day, "but I have the opinion of some eminent lawyers that such legislation will be constitutional. One of them was of the opinion that even when the Legislature is in session I can address a note to it asking that certain additional legislation be enacted. Those

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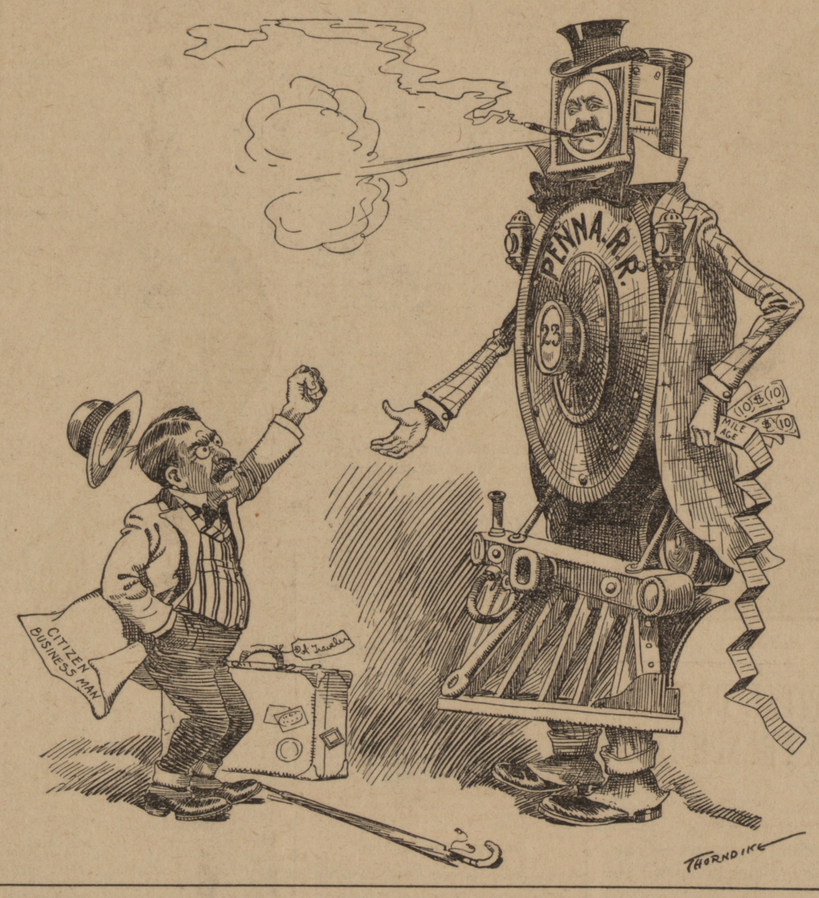
The Latest in Hold-ups—"Ten Dollars, Please!"



"SUPER" STRICKEN WHILE BERNHARDT SIMULATES DEATH

Actress Conceals Suffering Man with Train of Her Dress Till Attendants Remove Him, and Proceeds with Scene Undisturbed.

The tragic death scene in the last act of "Phedre" at the Lyric yesterday afternoon—the scene in which Phedre, having taken poison, totters and falls dying on her throne—was heightened by a bit of real tragedy so tense and so dramatic that for the moment it held the few people who comprehended it in a horrified and fascinated spell.

While the semblance of death was being acted by Bernhardt, while the semblance of pain and agony stood forth in her distorted features, real pain and real agony, and, through them, the possibility of real death were being shown in a real way by Charles Forrestal, who while "suping" as one of the attendants fell in a convulsive fit.

The Culminating Scene.

The scene in which Forrestal fell was the culminating part of the whole play. Brilliant in gold and turquoise, with long, heavy train, Greek sandals and a white embroidered Greek veil, Bernhardt had just broken forth with the wild announcement of her suicide. Over to the right, before a dais, Theseus, dumbed by the announcement that his son, Hipolytus, was dead, stood stricken by this new grief. Behind him stood four grim, silent attendants. It was a scene of death.

As Bernhardt staggered forward, gasping and clutching at her breast, the largest of the attendants all of a sudden threw up his hands. The next instant he fell, face downward, on the little incline reaching directly toward the middle of the stage. The tawdry leopard skin, which had been thrown over his shoulders, covered the skirt of Phedre's train. His head struck the floor with a resounding thump that was heard distinctly in all parts of the theater. His body, shoulders, arms and legs moved convulsively.

With a single movement Bernhardt extricated her train. With another she threw it slightly in front of the writhing, moaning man. But she never stopped. While the man at her feet suffered an unaffected agony, the great actress artistically proceeded to the psychological moment of her own death. So powerful was her acting, so perfect her control, that her audience forgot the other completely. Taking the cue two of the three attendants covered the body of Forrestal with a fur rug and bore him from the stage.

An ambulance was called and he was taken to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, where it was found that his nose had been broken by the fall. His condition last night presented puzzling complications and was said to be serious. He is 52 years old, a widower and lives at 911 Vine Street.

Gets Great Ovation.

At the performance of Fedora last evening Bernhardt got the greatest ovation ever accorded an actress in this city. Fourteen times was she called to the curtain and the only way the management could get the audience out of the theater was to turn out the lights, open the doors and let the cold air in.

Bernhardt kissed her hands and cried words of farewell to her Philadelphia friends. The roses, lilies and flowers that were sent to her would have filled a fair-sized wagon.

AVALANCHE KILLS SEVEN

Party of Theological Students Overwhelmed in Austrian Tyrol.

Innsbruck, Tyrol, Austria, Jan. 13.—Seven theological students out of a party of twelve were overwhelmed by an avalanche to-day, while on an excursion in the Hall Valley.

California Service via New Orleans

Excursion sleepers without change from Washington, via So. Ry. & So. Pac. Berth. $8.50. Personally conducted, 632 & 828 Chestnut St. **

SLASHED BY INSANE MOTHER

On Being Released from Hospital She Attacks Child.

Special Despatch to "The Press."

New York, Jan. 13.—Katherine Wilcox, 6 years old, went to sleep Friday night, the happiest little girl in the big tenement at 346 East Sixty-second Street, because the mother who had been kept from her so long by doctors, who said she was out of her mind, had come back to her. She had been back only a few days. The Bellevue Hospital doctors had said her mind was all right.

Little Katherine awoke suddenly, feeling a stinging pain in her cheek. Then something was drawn across her face again and the pain grew excruciating. The child screamed, the father, who was sleeping in the next room, awoke, rushed to the child's bedside and found the mother standing over the little one grasping a razor.

Wilcox grappled with his insane wife and wrested the razor from her hand. Then he seized the child in his arms and ran with her a few doors below to a laundry, from which she was taken to the Flower Hospital. She has two great razor cuts across her face and neck.

"I want to take Katie to heaven with me," the mother said, as she was taken away again to Bellevue.

HELEN GOULD SUED

Gardener Smith Claims He Was Poisoned Through Negligence.

Special Despatch to "The Press."

New York, Jan. 13.—Henry Smith brought an action in the Supreme Court at White Plains to-day against Miss Helen Miller Gould, for $10,000 damages for injuries he received while spraying trees at her country estate, Lindhurst, near Irvington-on-the-Hudson.

Smith charges that the hose through which a chemical solution was sprayed on fruit trees was in bad condition and had been negligently allowed to be given to him for use, and that as a result the poison got in his eyes, on his face and arms and injured him seriously, if not permanently.

CORDOVA BREAKING DOWN

Imprisoned Minister Considers Himself Martyr to Public Sentiment.

Special Despatch to "The Press."

Trenton, Jan. 13.—J. Frank Cordova, the unfrocked South River minister, now serving a four-year term in the State Prison on the charge of twice deserting his wife and children to elope with Miss Julia Bowne, a member of his choir, is now declared by former friends who have recently seen him to be the worst convict in the institution.

It is said that he regards himself as a martyr to public sentiment and declares that it is an outrage for him to have to comply with the prison regulations. He obeys the commands only with the utmost sullinness, and only then to escape the punishment that follows the infraction of regulations. It is also declared that his mind is showing signs of giving away under the strain of his constant fretting against prison discipline and worrying over his separation from Miss Bowne.

R. G. ERWIN FALLS DEAD

President of Atlantic Coast Line Expires in Game Preserve.

Saybrook, Conn., Jan. 13.—Robert G. Erwin, former president of the Atlantic Coast Line, fell dead in the woods here this afternoon while going over his vast game preserve. Mr. Erwin was with a friend and collapsed suddenly from heart disease.

He came here this morning to look over the property. His home was in Hartford, Conn.

You Will Never Want to Miss.

the new idea in colors, a Gallery of Wonders. Free exclusively with "The Sunday Press" next week. Never introduced in Philadelphia before. Order your copy of "The Press" in advance.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Name.	Date.	From.	At.
La Savoie	Jan. 13	Havre	Siasconsett
Lucania	Jan. 13	Liverpool	Siasconsett
St. Louis	Jan. 13	New York	Plymouth
Amerika	Jan. 13	Hamburg	New York

THE WEATHER TO-DAY

Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania (Philadelphia and its vicinity)—Rain Sunday; Monday partly cloudy, brisk northeast to north winds.

MAYOR INDORSES GORDON'S ACTIONS IN POLICE AFFAIR

Mr. Weaver Says Reports That He Disavowed Attorney's Policy Were Misapprehensions. Will Punish Guilty Persons.

Mayor Weaver, when seen late last night by a "Press" representative, said that Judge Gordon had acted as his representative in the Fifth Ward case and that he intended to probe the matter to the bottom to find out who gave the orders to the police to prevent a fair primary election in the ward.

"In explanation of the contradictory stories which have appeared," he said, "in which I was quoted as saying that Judge Gordon was not my representative, I would say that Mr. Gordon called me up on the 'phone on Thursday morning and told me that there had been trouble in the Fifth Ward and that the case needed his attention in the Central Police Station. He asked me if he should go there and straighten it out, and I told him to go.

"I did not get a clear understanding of the circumstances over the 'phone and did not connect the case in which Judge Gordon officiated as the one referred to over the 'phone. Consequently when I was asked by the newspaper men whether it was true that Judge Gordon was my representative I at first denied it. I have seen Judge Gordon since that time and he explained the situation to me. I desire it to be distinctly understood, however, that I indorse the action of Judge Gordon in liberating the accused men and reiterate my statement that I will see to it that the man who gave the orders for police interference shall be brought to book."

The Mayor has instructed Director Potter to make a rigid investigation into the occurrences of last Thursday night. On that occasion the bluecoats, led by Lieutenant Koester, of the Third and DeLancey Streets Station, who acted on orders emanating from some mysterious yet official source, raided the Finletter Club, wherein Fifth Ward Republicans were holding their primaries, and it is charged for political reasons solely arrested a score of election officers after a free-for-all fight.

Citizens to Ask Inquiry.

Meanwhile, residents of the Fifth Ward, bent on punishing those responsible for the raid, will on Monday place in the hands of Mayor Weaver a petition asking that the Mayor order a searching inquiry into the raid and inflict severe punishment, not alone upon the patrolmen charged with assaulting the election officers and destroying property, but upon the mysterious official at whose orders the police took the election officers into custody.

Thomas Norris, a well-known attorney and prominent resident in the ward, and a candidate for City Committeeman on the reform ticket, with the aid of Isadore Stern, another lawyer, is collecting evidence against the raiders. In this he is being assisted by Secretary D. Clarence Gibboney, of the Law and Order Society, who has placed at the attorney's disposal his staff of detectives, who will seek witnesses against the policemen.

"The petition that we shall present to the Mayor demanding an investigation," said Mr. Norris yesterday to a "Press" reporter, "will bear the signatures of the best-known citizens of the Fifth Ward. We are determined that the great wrong perpetrated by the police last Thursday night without provocation shall be righted. Mr. Stern and myself are busy now preparing the affidavits which we will give to the Mayor, together with the petition. The perpetrators of this outrage must be punished."

"Pull" of No Avail.

Political "pull," official standing and social and political importance will offer no loop hole of escape to the mysterious police official, when the identity of the latter is revealed and his connection with the arrest of the Fifth Ward election officers established. And it will take more than the terse and char-

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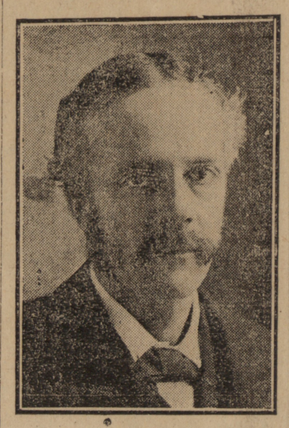
BALFOUR BEATEN; LIBERAL VICTORY A LANDSLIDE



A. J. BALFOUR

Former British Premier, who was defeated in the Parliamentary election.

Former Premier Buried Under Adverse Majority of 1980 and Big Gains Made by the Government in Other Parts of England.

London, Jan. 13.—The political map of England to-day underwent a striking change as the result of parliamentary elections held in thirty-nine constituencies in widely scattered but important centers, and in which the Liberals gained eighteen seats. The laborists, who are counted among the Liberal gains, secured four new seats against Unionist candidates.

In the eastern division of Manchester, Arthur J. Balfour, the former Prime Minister, was defeated by T. G. Horridge, Liberal, who was conceded even by the Liberals a weak candidate against such a person as Mr. Balfour. Mr. Horridge secured the remarkable majority of 1980. This victory, notwithstanding the Liberal predictions, was a decidedly sensational outcome of the day's polling, and will, it is believed, enormously affect the elections, which will continue for a fortnight.

Winston Churchill, Liberal and Free Trader, won the seat for the Northwest Division of Manchester from W. Joynson-Hicks, Conservative, by a majority of 1241.

Everywhere Liberal majorities were increased and the result of the first day's contest between the great political parties was overwhelmingly in favor of the present Government.

The Result to Date.

Although only sixty-six seats are now filled out of the 670 required for the new Parliament which meets at Westminster February 15, the composition of the House as shown by the results declared up to midnight is as follows:—

Liberals	29	Laborites	6
Unionists	14	Nationalists	1

This includes twenty-four candidates who were unopposed and the two candidates elected at Ipswich Friday.

The returns coming in late to-night from all points created a profound sensation in political circles. Fleet Street was packed with howling mobs. Political clubs received the returns by special wires and everywhere the defeat of Mr. Balfour was received as a most complete surprise. Then, as Liberal gain was added to Liberal gain until the remarkable total of twenty-two seats, counting the Laborites, out of thirty-nine constituencies was reached, it was agreed that the Liberal majority in the next Parliament would show the overwhelming decision of the country.

Despatches received from Manchester say that the excitement there to-night was indescribable. Great crowds swarmed the streets cheering and demonstrating with the utmost enthusiasm.

Balfour's Prediction.

Mr. Balfour to-night addressed a gathering at the Conservative Club. He acknowledged the gravity of the disaster, but predicted short life for the Liberal Government. He urged the Unionists to continue to work for the party and the future reversal of to-day's results.

Among the Unionists who saved their seats in the general landslide was Sir Gilbert Parker, at Gravesend, with a majority of 800 over J. Macpherson, the Labor and Liberal candidate.

George Wyndham, former Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Unionist candidate for Dover, also retained his seat over R. J. Bryce, Liberal and Free Trader.

Five of the six divisions of Manchester were won by the Liberals, the other going to a Laborite. Elsewhere in the manufacturing districts in Lancashire and Yorkshire the Liberals took seats from Unionist candidates.

Monday's Voting.

Seventy-three constituencies will vote next Monday, including twenty in London, and all those in Leeds and the other important centers in which the seats of members and former members of the Cabinet and of a number of prominent men of both parties are involved.

Intense feeling has been aroused by the question of Chinese labor in the Transvaal and Arthur Balfour's meetings at Manchester were occupied less with speeches than with his cross-examination on his subject by opponents well primed with awkward posers, and his nimble intellect was displayed to the utmost often without effect.

Chamberlain has had a statistical tussle with John Burns and the latter came off victorious. Chamberlain stated that if his protection policy were adopted constant employment would be found for the million able-bodied men now in British workhouses. Burns proved there were only 12,600 able-bodied recipients of pauper relief, whereupon Chamberlain acknowledged he had been "caught out," but the incident has done him appreciable damage.

Families Divided.

The campaign has accentuated the differences arising in prominent political families over fiscal question. The Duke of Devonshire is supporting free trade candidates everywhere, while his nephew and heir, Victor Cavendish, advocates Balfour's mild protectionism, and Balfour's next brother is an uncompromising free trader.

The Earl of Carlisle, a great power in Cumberland, warmly supports his eldest son, Lord Morpeth, who is contesting a seat in Birmingham as an extreme Chamberlainite protectionist, while the Countess of Carlisle and her two daughters are assisting a second son, who is

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STRANDED LINER IN AWFUL PERIL AS STORM RAGES

Clyde Steamer Cherokee Broadside On Brigantine Shoals with Fierce Northeast Gale Pounding Her Sides.

LIFE-SAVERS' BOAT GOES TO PIECES

Immense Wrecking Tugs Helpless to Aid the Vessel On Which Sixty Persons Are Momentarily Facing Great Danger.

By Telegraph from a Staff Correspondent.

Atlantic City, Jan. 13.—Securely stranded on the treacherous Brigantine Shoal with her broadside exposed to a ripping northeaster that sprang up with the early morning tide, the Clyde Line steamer Cherokee, with sixty helpless humans aboard, is in dire distress. It may be that with some unexpected stroke of fortune all will come safely through the awful peril, but there are none of the anxious thousands here to-night who have confidence enough to assert it. At midnight the vessel remained in the same position and the gale was still violent.

All day long, peering, supplicating hundreds wandered to every point of vantage along the beach, looking, hoping for some signal that would give them tidings of safety from the ones in danger, but a heavy rain, driven by the fierce gale, hid the stranded vessel from view and precluded the possibility of any signals either from ship or shore.

Last Message from Steamer.

Just before the rain the last message came from the steamer. The signals that were flashed across the white-capped sea stated that all were well aboard, but that the tugs were unable to move her from the perilous lodgment. The last look obtained of the Cherokee through powerful glasses she was lying broadside in the trough of the sea with waves breaking as high as her smokestack. To those who have followed the sea and who are familiar with the perils of the deep and the awful power of the waves there was little that looked hopeful. At times breakers hid the vessel from sight. Huge whitecaps could be seen racing across her deck, and it was known that nothing movable could resist the powerful sweep of the mass of water.

Predicted Fierce Gale.

Early in the day wise seamen predicted an increase to a terrific gale, and they told true. Just before the rain, which practically rode in on the gale, the wind increased to frightful velocity, and the powerful wrecking tug North America was forced to let go her hold of the steamer at which she was tugging. The tug pulled up her anchor and scudded to sea to escape meeting the fate of the craft she was trying to succor. Several times the wrecker had narrow escapes from being driven in on the shoals by the force of the gales and currents. An attempt was made yesterday to signal the stranded steamer that it would be wise to take the daring chance of abandoning the ship and coming off in the life boats. With this end in view the North and South Brigantine Life-saving Stations sent out boats with a message to Captain Archibald and the passengers.

Even this was an undertaking of almost reckless daring. Hundreds of anxious spectators watched the progress of the tiny crafts, which looked like cockles shells as they appeared now and then on the crest of a white cap. At times it disappeared entirely. It could be seen that the daring life-savers had gained the deck of the stranded steamer, and then sight of them was lost. The only tidings from the crew that was received came to-day when the big self-bailing lifeboat, belonging to the North Brigantine crew, was washed ashore and wrecked under the Steel Pier.

Crew May Be Safe.

This does not argue that the crew was lost, as they were seen to gain the deck of the ship, but it shows the fierceness of the gale, which ripped the craft from its moorings by the stranded steamer and sent it adrift. Sensational rumors gained currency and the loss of the crew was supposed to be a certainty until the local member of the Government life saving station picked up the cork jackets which belonged to the lifeboat and which showed that the lifeboat belonged to the upper Brigantine station. Under the rules of the service the surfmen must wear them, when in the lifeboat. That they came ashore was said to indicate that no one was in the boat.

Just before the blanket of rain came down the captain of the Cherokee signalled and asked that lighters be sent to his vessel at once. His request was at once complied with, and orders were immediately sent to the Delaware Breakwater to send the lighters. They will probably reach the Cherokee early to-morrow morning if the storm abates and the vessel is still afloat.

The Real Danger.

The dangers to the steamer, say the surfmen, is the wash of the sea, which may undermine the sand bar on which she is stranded and let the bow and stern rest on two ridges. Should this movement of the sand occur, she is liable to break in the middle from her own weight.

It is now realized that a grevious mistake was made in not landing the passengers while the sea was fairly smooth last night, and there was a fair opportunity. It is possible, even probable, the wise seamen say, for the terrible pounding of the waves that sweep across the dead Brigantine Shoals to pound the steamer to atoms before a rescue could be made.

Since the storm began the Cherokee has likely been moved in further than she was pulled out by the exertions of the wrecking tug North America. Another wrecking tug came in sight this afternoon to join the Cherokee at high water to-night to drag her from the shoal. This effort will be made if the storm subsides and permits them to get within working distance of the vessel.

"The Cherokee's passengers are in the greatest danger if their vessel should spring a leak or break in half in the gale to-night," said Life Guard Conover, of

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