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Britain Acts Constitutionally.

The government of Great Britain is being carried on according to the unwritten constitution. The Baldwin government retained power to the last possible moment and then has been defeated and is being replaced by a Labor government with J. Ramsay Macdonald as prime minister. This was inevitable from the moment the election returns came in. Labor is the predominating power in the British parliament, but it can only retains control of parliament through the co-operation of the Liberals. Under this group system there will be a Labor government with Liberal control. At any time the Liberal vote may bring on a crisis resulting in either an appeal to the country or a coalition of Liberals and Conservatives to carry on.

How long the Liberals will continue to support the government will depend very largely on the stand the Labor government takes on public questions. Should they try to force through a capital levy, as proposed, they would probably go out of power almost immediately but they will not do that. The levy policy will be shelved for the present and possibly for all time.

Capital Levy Hardly Workable.

A capital levy is hardly workable. The idea of ridding the country of its bonded indebtedness to foreign countries is perhaps a rather good one and was doubtless intended to be a beneficient measure. The trouble would come in carrying out the levy. Take a specific instance. A merchant is in business, carrying on as most merchants do with little spare capital and with notes coming due at specific periods which must be met. The state says it wants a capital payment amounting to the value of one fifth of the business. It simply could not be paid. It is difficult enough to pay the taxes much less a levy on the capital. To give the government a charge on the property would ruin the merchant's credit. It is an impossible situation. It would cause thousands of business failures and would end in chaos.

If all businesses were incorporated companies, it might not be difficult to hand over to the state shares in the concern to the value of the levy. The state might also get a share of the bonded indebtedness. Then there would be all corts of manipulations to make the dividends as low as possible so that the state should not get its share. While some would pay the levy faithfully, because they could not help themselves, others would manage to squirm out of it just as Germany today is squirming out of paying her levy to the allied governments.

Reports Against Vancouver Charges.

J. D. O. Mothersill, special commissioner investigating the grain shipping at the port of Vancouver, urges providing more grain storage facilities and a lowering of the charges which at present amount to six cents a ton. One feature of the cost, which is alluded to, is the installation and operation of belt evonveyors. One at the Ballantyne pier he says will cost over half a million dollars to install.

Mr. Mothersill did not visit Prince Rupert because his commission did not include this port and he was asked to hurry with his report. Vancouver is objecting to the report as untrue in some particulars.

To bring Prince Rupert to the attention of the Alberta people a campaign of publicity is desirable, and this, it will be remembered, was suggested by Mr. Mothersill to Prince Rupert people who interviewed him at Vancouver.

Necessary City Should Make Itself Known.

It seems very necessary that there should be a great deal of publicity on the prairies and in the far east to keep the port before the public so that when they think grain shipments they shall think Prince Rupert as well as Vancouver. Today shipping grain westward means shipping by way of Vancouver. We are but a small place and to make ourselves felt we should exert a great deal of energy else we shall be buried as we deserve.

A Letter from Old London

Empire Exhibition, Indian Rope Trick, Crystal Palace Revival, Engineer's Exhibition, Holiday Theatres

(By Panton House)

LONDON, Jan. 22.—In connection with next year's British Empire Exhibition, a Fellowship has been formed, with the Prince of Wales as its first member and president. The primary object of the Fellowship is to promote Imperial trade and industry, and the scheme embraces the provision of prizes and scholarships, the former designed to further the cause of Imperial education. The scholarships of £1,000 each will be intended, in the case of a young citizen of the Overseas Dominions, to give him a university or technical education in the Motherland; and in that of a young citizen of the United Kingdom, to provide for his settlement overseas; but each will have the option of using the scholarship for a start in life in his own country.

These prizes and scholarships will be available only to Fellows of the British Empire Exhibition or to their nominees. The subscription to the Fellowship has been fixed at two guineas (about ten dollars) without any further liability, membership being open to any British citizen. Every member will receive a certificate of membership on parchment, signed by the Prince of Wales, which will form an interesting souvenir; a ticket giving free admission to the Exhibition at all times (or, if preferred, 25 single tickets); and a gun-metal badge, issued only to Fellows of the B.E.E.

The Indian Rope Trick

Many people have heard of that alleged masterpiece of Indian jugglers, the "rope trick," by which a rope thrown into the air appeared to stiffen, and was climbed by a boy who seemed to vanish at the top. It was described by Marco Polo, the thirteenth century traveller, and has been a favorite legend ever since. Large numbers of people profess to have "known someone who saw it done in Inida," but few—if any, claim to have seen it themselves. Famous English conjurors have searched India for someone who could perform this trick, but entirely without success. Captain Clive Maskelyne, of St. George's Hall, London, tells us that his father (a wonderful illusionist) did not believe that the thing was possible as described, though it might be done after a fashion on the stage; he had offered to take Lord's cricket ground to stage the trick if a performer could be found, but no one had ever taken up the challenge. However, a London merchant, himself a native of India, has just departed for his Motherland to look for a rope trickster, who, if found, will appear in the Indian theatre at the Empire Exhibition next spring.

The Crystal Palace

Canadians who did not know London before the war have probably seen and heard little of the Crystal Palace. The enormous structure of glass and iron on the heights of Sydenham, in South London, is the same which housed the Great Exhibition in 1851 in Hyde Park, and retains several relics of that enterprise, such as the reproduction of Egyptian and Pompeian rooms with their wall paintings. As a Bank Holiday resort of the democracy, it was a rival to Hampstead Heath. It was the scene of all England's important musical festivals, and of countless gatherings, entertainments and shows, including an annual Christmas pantomime; its weekly fireworks nights were a joy, not only to those who paid for admission, but to large tracts of South London. To many of its patrons, its flowery and well-wooded grounds, with their fishing and boating lakes and realistic figures of prehistoric beasts, were its greatest charm. During the war it became, of all unlikely things, a training ship—"H.M.S. Crystal Palace," headquarters of the Royal Naval Division — and later it was an important demobilizing station. The Imperial War Museum, housed here since 1920, is now being transferred to South Kensington, and the trustees, with more space at their command, intend to restore both the building and the grounds to their old glories, at present a little faded. A resort with so many possibilities of indoor and outdoor amusement is assured of a prosperous career.

Engineers' Exhibition

All right-minded people who are or have been boys delight in the Model Engineers' Exhibition, to be held next week in the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster. Among the exhibits entered by amateurs for competition, will be seen the smallest internal combusion motor in the world, complete with electric ignition, water cooled, and capable of being covered by an ordinary tea-cup. A working model of a post office railway van will demonstrate how mails are taken off and on a train travelling at sixty miles an hour. At last year's Exhibition, over 6,000 visitors enjoyed free trips on miniature railway trains. This time a fourteen inch locomotive—a perfect model of one of the London & Northwestern "flyers"—will draw six full - grown passengers the length of a 72 ft-track in five seconds. This locomotive is stopped and started, like its big brother, from the driver's "cab."

Holiday Entertainment

Of some fifty productions now running in inner London, only two are pantomimes of the orothodox kind, but there are six or seven other plays for children, including the perennial "Peter Pan,, and a new and charming version of Thackeray's "The Rose and the Ring." A successful dramatization of Stevenson's "Treasure Island" which delighted London last year, has been revived, and Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird" has returned. The ever-popular farces, "The Private Secertary," "Charley's Aunt," and "When Knights Were Bold," which are again here, probably have more patrons under than over the age of twenty. At the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, the late lamented "Beggar's Opera" has been succeeded by a rollicking production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor." And, if all this good fare is not enough for the youngsters the suburbs of London can muster no less than fifteen pantomimes.

The Man in the Moon SAYS:-

AN optimist is said to be a wife who thinks her husband is going to live up to all his good new year resolutions.

WHATSOEVER a man rippeth that his wife shall sew—perhaps.

MISS Neda Bracer was entertained last week by Mrs. Hardup. Among the guests was Mr. Beery, Miss Shivers, and Mr. and Mrs. Soak.

A Modern Dance

WITH rhythmic regularity
Yet smacking of vulgarity
They wiggled and twisted
Wherever they listed
All buoyed up with hilarity.

IT is easy to evade provincial or dominion laws but for the breaking of the laws of nature there is always a penalty and none escape.

IT is said the reason the results from the leap year open season have been so small so far is because there has been so much bagging of game out of season.

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Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

L. E. McFarlane has been committed for trial by Magistrate Carss on a charge of perjury arising out of the recent $10,000 slander case in the Supreme Court assizes.

J. C. Gillingham, road superintendent, issues a lengthy review of public works done in the district last year by the provincial govenment. He is asking for large appropriations this year and hopes to have the support of William Manson, M.L.A., in his requests.

T. D. Pattullo has been elected chairman of the Prince Rupert committee of the Mainland Fire Underwriters' Association. W. M. Law is vice-chairman.

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