IVE VACANT SEATS.

TESTING TIME FOR GOVERNMENT.

HOUSES FIRST.

CANDIDATES NOW IN THE FIELD.

The miniature General Election which The miniature general Election which offen agistes the saind days of a seriement is about to begin. No ser than five by-elections are answerd, the divisions concerned that

MITCHAM. BAST WILLESDEN. liverpool (EdgeHill) DARLINGTON.

MERTFORD. something like 150,000 electors will bearing an opportunity to express a the most selling form their views pon the accordance of Housing. It is profit that in every case this will be he most hotly debated of all the topics elore the constituencies.

PARTY CHAMPIONS.

Labour Not to Fight in Willesden.

The position of parties at the moment in constituencies to be fought is as

allows: . MITCHAM.-Licut. Ernest Brown, of alisbury, will very likely be adopted s Liberal candidate for this constitua .. . le will address a mecling of iberals to-night. He has contested alisbury twice, and come within 300 alisbury twice, and came within 300 cies of win: __ at the last election. Is has a tight grip on agricultural and cusing problems—wi'ch will be distribing news for Sir Arthur Griffith.

oscawen. Mitcham Liberalism has got into nich with a strong man in Lieut.
Rown. He is a Devon man, and a born

ghier. "If we start on Mitcham," he said o a Daily News" reporter lest pight,

a baline for the thing the Tories are trightened about—an exposure of the political carcor of Sir Arthur Griffith-

"Just look at it! He won a by-election m the strength of the Agricultural Act is 1920, and was responsible within two months for repealing the measure Then there was the cattle embargoher for it and then against it when it born near Chepstow in 1848. and cost him the Dudley election. Next is best known, perhaps, for her went to Taunton, stood for the collition, and had Mr Lloyd George to music-hall prodeciloneer for him. In October last tear the same man was busily smashing up the Coalition—anything, in fact, wilcong as he remains blinister.

. of believe in the Liberal revival, an epm-handed, open-air Liberalism which too the energy and epirit to apply that to problems.

Take rents, the Unclow report. We simply must have besses first, and that is my policy. The Government may block discussion in the Commons, try iummy measures, but they cannot close our mouths at Mitcham."

Lieut. Brown will appeal to the exservice men. He joined the Sports men's fictialion in 1915, was commissianed in the americals was wounded iwice, and gained the Military Cross. the Italian Silver Stor for valour, and in all things, and was one of the lead

several mentions in dispatches. While other parties have been conidering their positithe Health Minister has started an intensa camizn. The very considerable atten-is which the Conservative machine is paying the constituency suggests that it is not over-confident, in spite of he 5,000 majority at the last election.

Polling day is March 3. DARLINGTON.—Nominations are duc esday week A Labour demand for a Saturday poll has been unavail-

The candidates in the field Mt. W. Sherwood (Labour) and Alderhigh W. E. Pease (Conservative). The liberals have decided not to run a can-

EAST WILLERDEN .- At Willenden labour has decided not to run a candists in opposition to Mr. Harcourt Ichaton (Liberal). Colonel the Hon. G. P: Sianley (Conservative), and Mr William Lannard, who entered the field menday as an Independent Conservalive. Mr Johnstone made a splendid usch on the cent last November, and 1 Delian the rents question has a dominate the contest, All 11 is cottreable that Colonel Stan-W.has taken his stand on an am has datement that the Ciovernment

is not in any way bound to accept the Ren Bestriction Report. LWERPOOL — Sie Walson Rutherford Witnesding his sent for the Edgehill division, and the local Conservative Medition is being invited to adopt liber L. W. Hills, Financial Secretary led at the General Election. WERTFORD. This seat is rendered Nearl by the rettrement of Rear-Admined Suctor. The Hon. William will be the Conservative candidate. The Comervative majority at the last decien was 4 900 odd.

Princess Mary's Baby. The little on of Princess Mary and or its passengers.

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Cannaise Talace.

Cannaise mercan passed some time with a passed Mary at Cheaterfield House on a lands affection, and was greatly defitted with her great-grandson, whom is sumed for some time. It is her lightly intention to be present at the lattering erremony.

Stadium Stand Tests. Sury losts were made restordey on the matter canda at he new Enhibition that we were particular to the that it wempter Part.

5 serting of each, mensuring 66 feet

6 feet, was leaded with 250 tune of

The centing capacity of this section
about 650 people, weighing roughly 60

COLLEGE BOYS' GOOD TIME.

SEEING THE WONDERS OF LONDON.

TOO MUCH OF BOOKS AND CLASSROOMS.

During the past four days 14 school boys from Tettenhall College, Stafford thire, have been taking part in a surprising educational experiment in

London. Mr. Alfred H. Angus, the principal of the college, dursn't believe in a school being isolated from the outside world. and considers it possible to spend too much time among books or in classrooms.

So he brought 14 boys on a journey of discovery to London and made the excellent start-from their point of view- of giving them a table d'hôte breakfast on the train. There followed visits to Westminster

Abbey, the Tower, and other stock places, and also to theatres and Piccadilly Circus in the evening, so that the boys (12 of whom had never been to London before) might have an opportunity of studying the traffic and the surprising electric advertisements. "It is an essential part of the educa-tion of a public schoolhoy," said Mr. Angus yesterday, "that he should have opportunities of increasing his savoir foire and savoir vivre. He must learn how to travel, how to talk to a waiter, how to behave in a big hotel, how to cross a London street, how to get on with all types of people; how, in short, to take a worthy part in the system of co-operation on which sivilisation is

When a "Daily News" representative visited Regent Paince Hotel yesterday he found the boys quite at their ease in the restaurant and it was clear that they had found no serious difficulty in

ordering an excellent luncheon. The head boy maintained that they had learnt a great deal in London, especially on ' how to burry," and it was obvious that they were not unduly anxious to catch the 6.55 last night back to Staffordshire

MRS. ORMISTON CHANT

Death of Veteran Social Reformer.

Mrs. Ormision Chant. well known for her social work and literary lectures, died at Banbury yesterday. She was



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to devise a cosgive freedom for singe dancing and at the same time legs," she said, "it is the motive

menades. She

offered at one time

the buck of it all. Chant. clared that it was natural for a girl to want to look her best. She was a great champion of purity

ing religious and social reformers. KILLED BY MARBLE SLAB

Death on Starting Work After

16 Weeks' Unemployment

William Cordoza, aged 87, a married man with seven children, who had been and Mondey, and polling day will be out of work for 16 weeks, was killed under extraordinary circum stances yesterday. He was given the job of helping to unload slabs of marble from a barge lying in the Regent's Cunal at Hackney. Working with him was a man named A. Jenkins, known as the "Pearly King" of Bethnal Green.

. At 4.30 in the afternoon Jenkins turned to Cordoza and said, "We'll finish now, Bill," and next minute saw Cordoza struck and crushed to death by a slab of marble. He bimself escaped death by inches.

It oppears that while a slab was being hoisted on a crane from the barge to tho bank it swung against other stabs bai Liberals halieve they can wipe out which toppled over on to Cordoza.

> FOOTBOARDS RIPPED OFF Goods Waggon Collides With Express.

A waggor that was being shunled at Matlock last evening took the wrong points, and r : towards the main line is the Tisasury, one of the Ministers on which the Manchester express we

Before the express could be stopped the waggon had crasbed into the first in Sucter. The Hon. William carriage, and the whole of the foot in Lord Adverses for Scotland, beards throughout the length of the boards throughout the length of the train were ripped off. Three or four shunters on the spot were the centre of a whirling ass of splintered wood, but all escaped injury, and there was no c'her damage either to the express Middle Eastern Services, £350,000 of the condesses of the condesses £350,000 of the condesses £350,00

> GIRL'S GAS TAP INVENTION. A young women in her twenties here invented a device which will greatly minimize the deager of gas poisoning in houses.
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> The applicace is a small adjustment which can be fitted to the tep of a gas steve, ring or barner. When the money in the meter is exhausted the adjustment will outomatically turn off the tap.
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> The young inventor, who is a Londaner, has been working for two years on perfecting the property of the patent has now been applied for.

help for "Captain Blank" The earling especity of this section is the casting especity of this section is seen as the people, weighing roughly completed in the casting especity of this section is selectant to "Captain Bleak," the master series who, as described in yesterday's indicated in probably celdiers or callers will be called the casting probably celdiers or callers will be religious to the casting the casting the casting the casting the captain bleak, and as a spotices record in the casting the captain bleak, and as a spotice record in the captain bleak, and as a spotice record in the captain bleak in the captain bleak. The captain bleak in the captain bleak. The captain bleak in the captain

DANCES OF THE NEW CULT.



Students of the Company of Harmonious Devolopment in a Dervich dance.

PISTOL GOËS OFF IN POST.

explosion at a london SORTING OFFICE.

There was a sensational disclosure vesterday bearing on the sending of loaded arms through the post to persons in Forest Gate and Clerkenwell. A third parcel, containing a revolver. it is stated, exploded at the Coburnroad sorting post-office, Bow, on Mon-

day evening. The parcel is believed to have been a box which was in a mail-bag. The explosion occurred while the mail-bags were being loaded into a motor van for dispatch to the Stratford area.

Happily the explosion did not injure any of the posts: staff, and no harm was done beyond damage to the bag. Whether the address on the wrapping is still recognisable has not been re-

venica.

There is a strong probability, however, that the parcel was posted somewhere in the neighbourhood. It is significant that the incident coincided with the posting of the revolver to Mr. Childs, of Henderson-road, Forest Gate and the spring-gun to Mrs. Hobbs, of Little Northampton-street, Clerkenwell. The shattered parcel and the fragments that were collected in the van have been handed to the Limehouse

TOWARDS RE-UNION.

tume which would Primate on Attitude of the Vatican.

"I am not one of a joint session of the two Houses of those who think it Canterbury Convocation at Westmina shame to have ster yesterday, the Archbishop of Canterbury made important and significant reference to the Roman Catholic

> Church. After speaking of conditions in the East, the Primate, in impressive tone, remarked:

"Even of the great Church of the West, with its centre in the Vatican, obdurate and unyleiding as the present problem looks.

" I am not propared to say that there may come to preduce new and perhaps unexpected tentacles of appresch.

" If such there be, I can promise you that I at least shall not willingly be either blind or incensitive to their

elightest throb." and clergy allke.

The Patriarch of Constantinople, added the Archbishop, wrote that in the view of the Orthodox Church the Angilcan ordinations "possess the same validity as those of the Roman, Old Catholic and Armenian Churches" as all the assautials held indispansabl from the position of the Orthodox Church were found in them.

Whilst that declaration was not decree the Pairlarch felt sure il at the Archbishop would recognise it it a step forward in that work of teneral

The Bishop of Oxford invited tha assistance of the bishops with respect to the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Coroner yesterday that these were Churches by appointing representatives the council and by assisting the painter's ichourer, as he turned the removement through their diocesan maga-If they could not unite the Christian

he despaired of their ever being able to i unite in anything. \$813,000 FOR IRAQ.

bodies for this cause, the Bishop said.

Another Little Bill for Over a Million.

A Civil Service supplementary estimate for £1,209,098 was published yes

which is for defence, £153,000 for capital expenditure on the Iraq railway, and £310,000 for maintenance of the

FOLICE-STATION SCENE. FOLICE-STATION SCENE.

At the Bargate Police Station, Southampton, lust night, Richard Peet, an eninspector of the police force, who was in
the inquiry office, was found on the floor
with a wound in the threat. A resor was
by his side

He was taken to the hospital, where he
lies in a serious condition. For sume years
he was in the Portsmouth police force,
but transferred to Southampton. Since
leaving the force he has been living at
Southampton.

THE NEW CULT.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.) ecessary household duties But it was The man who stepped forward to meet me as I entered the Study-House; of medium height, well proportioned,

and looking about 50. His features are unmistakably Eastern, and their expression when merepose is mild and placable, while his eyes would be remarkable anywhere for their brilliance. He was wearing a black sheenskin cap, with ordinary Western clothes.

He made me welcome with a grave politeness that triumphed over his slight knowledge of Fnglish—usually he speaks Russian and employs an interpreter. mierpreier.

After inviting me to watch the exercises which had stopped for the

COST OF LIVING DOWN.

Retail prices at Feb. 1 were approximately 77 per cent. above these of July, 1814, and a drop of one point on the Azures at Jan. 1. Ministry of Labour "Gazette."

moment, he turned back towards the waiting students and the music re

Around the walls of the Study House students reclined on the divans and watched their fellows—men and women on the alightly-raised stage at one

end of the hall.

The illuminated fountain threw up head of glowing water which fell back with a pleasant murmur into the carved basin and filled the interior with a faint adour of allar. of roses.

It is impossible to describe infel-ligibly the movements of the dancers. They were entirely unlike any Western Speaking on "Christian Reunion" at physical exercises as far as I know tolk the system of the two Houses of them, and differ from what are usually accepted as characteristic of Eustern dance movements in that they were extremely vigorous. that

movements was designed by the Master, and that to the infilate many of them express symbolically varying phases of thought and emotion. The Study-House is not yet complete gorgeous as is the interior. Gurdjieff told me that he is having built a specie

organ, unique in Europe, with the octaves in quarter tones. Much also remains to be done to other parts of the House. Soon the founare no signs of such movement as | tain will diffuse a different perfume for every hour, and other fountains are yet

to he installed. By his elaborate combination of appeals to the senses Gurdjieff believes he is providing so many aids to medita-

".The senses should be gently dissingular throw." tracted," he said, "and then the mind this passage was applauded by bishops itself untrammelled by the senses is free to work. Only by such means can t be brought into the way of harmonious development together with the How a Retired Rail Official will ody and with the emotions. It is indispensable to develop new faculties which are not given to man in life and cannot be developed by bim, in himself, by the usual methods."

STILL A. MYSTERY.

No Motive Discovered in Battersea Shooting Aftray.

"Good-bye, and God bless you all." A woman witness of the shooting tragedy at Battersea on Sunday, told volver on himself after having wounded Mr. and Mrs. Moore, who are still in hospital and likely to recover. The evidence was to the effect that on Saturday night Moore and Bailey had an argument about a boiler. On Sunday night Balley, the Moores, and a Mrs. Helen Cole had drinks together at a public house, but there was no quarrel. After the other three had returned to Moore's house. Bailey arrived at the door and asked if Mrs. Cole was here. Moore denied that she was. whereupon Balley kicked him, and then shot first Mrs. Moore and then her husband. Mrs. Colo hid in the

Bailey's widow alleged that the Moores had caused trouble between her and her husband. Mrs. Moore was fond of Bailey's company, and had said that she treated him as a brother. Verdict: "Suicide while of unsound

an infatuated engineer.

REVOLUTION IN COURT DRESS.

DEBUTANTES MAY WEAR COLOURS.

Though the official regulations for the forthcoming evening Courts at Buckingham Palace have not yet been issued, it is understood that they will include a change almost revolutionary in its effect Debutanies are to he perinitied to wear coloured dresses and

Hitherto white costumes alone have been permitted for all unmarried "We calculate that the work will give women attending Courts, though the employment to about 16,700 men for two been permitted for all unmarried women attending Courts, though the older women have been free to choose any colours they preferred. This change, which it is understood has been brought about as the result of a suggestion made by Princess Mary, will be welcomed in many quarters, and undubtedity will aid to the brillinnes of Courts. It is to be imagined, however, that the work will directly absorb large number of fthe unemployed in and around London.

"The manufacture of the plant will be contracted out to various firms in the Midlands, and in the North of England.
"The actual work of plateinging will be done mainly by the company's present staff, and so far a landon is concerned. only a little rough labour will be absorbed."

Man on Back Page. The dates for these Courts remain to

be fixed, but it is understood that at least one will take place before Whit-suntide Last year the whole of the three Courts held took place in June, which meant a very crowded time for the King and Queen.
The remaining regulations for pre-sentation at Court are the same as

12 months ago, with the exception that the carrying of fans and bouquets will made optional.

INDUSTRY ON SHOW. 300.000 Invitations to Pair

which Opens on Monday. Lule jast night the White City was in the hands of exhibitors, workmen cleaners, sweeters, and policemen, all bent on making final preparations for the opening of the British Industries Fair on Monday

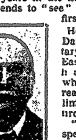
Many tons of exhibits still remain to be unpacked, and this morning an army of painters and sign writers will continue their work. Trade buyers from all over the world are coming to London this week-end,

and West End hotels are rapidly filling Over 300,000 invitations have been ssued for the Fair, which will remain open tili March 2. The catalogue is printed in several langunges. Interpreters, whose services will be available free of charge,

will be on duty.
A small section will be devoted fo proadcasting and broadcatching apparatus. There is to be a special display of toy puzzles for children and

COCKNEY TO 'SEE' LONDON

Spend His Leisure. A Cockney who was born within sound of Bow Bells, and has worked for over 50 years in the heart of London, now intends to "see" London for the



Arst time. He is Mr. Charles Davis, late secratary of the South-Eastern and Chath a m Railway. having reached the age limit, has just renred.

mean

spend part of my new-lound Mr. Charles Davis. "Dally News" representativo yesterday, "in viewing the sights of London. Although I have worked at the London Bridge office since I was 14, I know very little of my native city. "Now I shall make a round of the museums, the picture galleries, and all he other sights, which are better

known to the visitor than to the Cockiey. He entered the service of the South Eastern Company on June 17, 1872, as a junior clerk and in 1808 rose to be assistant secretary. He became secre-

tary last December. DRESS OR DRAMAP

DRESS OR DRAMA?

There was a crowded house at the tenth anniversay of the maning of the Birming hum Repertory Theatre, which also was the first night of the new production of Mr. Drinkwater's 'Abraham Lincola."

Evening dress was prevalent, a commentary on the service of the theatre should be treated at a social function.

The question whether the theatre should be treated at a social function.

The question request for evening dress in the Repertor. Theatre's advertisement of the anniversary night. Mr. Hernard Shaw adaes a irminal telegram to the many protest. AN INFATUATED ENGINEER.

A young engineer, Robert Milton Robertteen (2), where home to at Birmingham, and who was tound shot dead in his cabin on the Nelson Line steamer Highland Glen, lying in Victoria Docks, Landon, was left behind a cetter addressed to "My darling Ethel."

In it Robertson referred to an appointment which had act been kept, and stated that no intended to take his own life.

The letter was signed, "From your broken-hearted Robbie" and a pantecript after work of that he valended that on the night before Robertson was found that on the night before Robertson was found abot he had eaid was walking for a young married woman.

The Coroner, remarking that Robertson to had probably been infatuated with some twenne, recorded a wardlet of "Felo of Felo of the grandmother's house and was in business in the City.

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BIG RAILWAY SCHEME.

ELECTRIC TRAINS FOR SUBURBAN LINES.

S. E. & C. R.

2 YEARS' WORK FOR NEARLY 17,000 MEN.

BY the end of Liarch the Southern the task of electrifying the suburban services of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway, now merged in Surrey) has saved that wife's life. Railway roup hopes to begin this group.

Specifications have been prepared, and in a week or two they should be in the hands of the prin cipal firms manufacturing electrical plant, who will be invited to esti mate for the work.

The immediate work contemplated includes electrification of the line. roughly, within a 15 mile radius of Charing Cross. This will embrace the collowing roules:

Oharing Grees, London Bridge and Gannon-street to Dartford by tha North Kent, Dartford loop lines and the Bexley Heath line. Charing Cross, Lendon Bridge and

Cannen-street by mid-Kent line to Addiscombs-road and Hayso. Helbern to Herne Hill and also the

Catterd loop. Victoria to Cryslai Palaco. Victoria, main line to Beckenham and Orpington.

At a later stage it is proposed to carry
the electric services still farther afield
to dillingham, Borking and Tonbridge.
"We calculate that the work will give
employment to about 16,700 men for two
years.
"It must not be assumed, however. At a later stage it is proposed to carry to Gillingham, Dorking and Tonbridge.

Map on Back Page.

CHANCE FOR CYCLISTS.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Passenger, entried by the Lindon traffic commune in 1922 numbered 1,171,927,766, an increase of 72,919,511 ever 1921. There is a decided improvement in the health of Dr. J. H. Jowett, who is receiving open-are recatment at Matteck. B. was announced in last night's "threete" that theread Sie C. F. N. Macroudy retire on attired pay from to-

Bull Kills Former. John Davies, aged 20, a farmer, of Upper Chapel, Breeon, was attacked by a bull yesterday, and died five hours afterwards.

The Rev. Dr. James Gow, life head-master o Westminster School, who under-went an operation in Excember, died at Hampstead vesterday, used 69.

£103,000 Super-Cinema.

An inquest is being held of Cowes to-day on Mills Emily Board (1.5), dressmaker, whose body was found in the seu a lew hours after she bad received notice to quit her lodgings and workroom

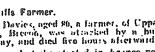
THIS WEEK'S HOME PAGE PROBLEM.

Men broke a plate glass window in the Irish Free State Stationery Office, a lect-street, L bins, last night, and exploded a mine. The contents of the shop were burled in ail directions.

i'or the misappropriation of nearly £1,000 of public money. Capt Thomas Bromley, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, was, at Hants Assizes, yesterday, sentenced to eight months in the second division. Cat" for Assault.

ACCOMPLISHED PARTNERS.





A miners' strike storted in France yes-terday. Except in the Loire, where 75 per cent of the len are out, the strikes are only partial

A provisional licence for the "super-cinema" to be built in Edwards-square, Kensington, at a cost of 2000,000 was granted by the Theoties and Music Hull Committee of the L.C.C. yesterday.

" What to Do with the Boys Leaving School?" See Page Twe.

Shareholders of the London County Westernster and Furr's Bank yesterday confirmed the change of name to that of the westerinster Bank, which comes into operation from March 1. No reason was forthcoming at the inquest yesterday for the doubt of Ellen Rowlands, aged 26, a domestic servant employed at Bushey link lodge. First road, Teddington, who was found drawned in Sady-lane Pool, Teddington. A verdict of "Found drawned" was recorded.

CHANCE FOR CYCLISTS.

Those who anticipate the delights of cycling in the coming spring should note that Meastra. A. W. Gamage, Limited, who made a speciality of cycles at popular prices before the war, are now offering prices before the war, are now offering where all was sweetness and light. We william Murdech, and it was a concert where all was sweetness and light. We extra. Every model is equipped with pump, pamp-clips, tools and bag, and is thoroughly examined and tested for flaw or blemish before it is dispatched. Those who cannot call should write for the full specification, which will be sent post free by return if the "Daily News" is mentioned.

