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Sinks Ten Millions in Fight Over Oil.

After a great liberal reception at the home of Earl Crewe recently, there was a secret meeting of government leaders to discuss the advisability of raising Sir Weetman Pearson to the peerage with the title Lord Cowdray, after the historic country seat which he has just acquired.

It was finally decided to hold the matter in abeyance until Sir Weetman's tangled financial affairs take definite shape. It was believed unlikely that he would gain his lifelong wish.

Back of the conference is a thrilling story of high politics, international finance and society warfare. The American interest lies in the fact, not heretofore commented on by the press, that in Mexico one of the greatest commercial battles in the history of the world is being waged.

On one side Sir Weetman Pearson, head of the great English engineering firm of S. Pearson & Son, Limited. On the other the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, which is another name for Standard Oil in that southern territory.

The fight is over the control of the Mexican oil business, and so far, according to English oil experts, the honors have all been with the American company, the cost to Pearson being estimated at \$10,000,000 last year, with no end in sight.

These losses have so crippled Pearson that the government leaders yesterday seriously questioned his ability to maintain the prestige of the peerage. In his struggle for this honor he has had the staunch support of the Countess Crewe, who was Lady Peggy Primrose, the daughter of Lord Rosebery, and now the greatest liberal hostess in England.

It seems that Lady Peggy and Weetman Pearson were childhood sweethearts. They have remained loyal friends ever since. Then Pearson's daughter married Lord Denman, who is captain of the gentlemen-in-waiting to King Edward.

Pearson's reputation as an engineer is world-wide. He built the government works at Malta, and is now engaged in a controversy with the government over a matter of \$140,000 of the final payment. He be-

came interested in Mexico when called upon to build a drainage system for Mexico City. He engineered the harbor works at Vera Cruz and Tampico and built the Tehuantepec Railroad. He became a great personal friend of President Diaz, recently entertaining Diaz's son for several weeks in London.

Some years ago he organized the Eagle Oil Company of Mexico to compete with the Waters-Pierce company. He started to explore the Mexican fields on a gigantic scale, but was singularly unfortunate. The only great gusher struck was fired through the carelessness of the drilling crew. For months flames stabbed the air to a height of 2,000 feet. The fire could be seen for twenty miles, and it was impossible to approach within a quarter of a mile of it. Half a million dollars was wasted trying to get the blazing gusher under control. It finally burned itself out and was worthless.

After losing \$3,000,000 in exploration without a well to show for it, Pearson recently abandoned the search for Mexican oil and began a straight import vending business. In this he was at a disadvantage, as the Waters-Pierce company had an older and better trade organization.

Pearson's enemies say that has entrance into the Mexican oil field was a direct attack to force an alliance with the Standard Oil Company, and a division of the Mexican monopoly. Last April he tried to effect a compromise, but overtures were refused by the Waters-Pierce officials. He then tried to use the power of the friendly Mexican government, but President Diaz decided to remain neutral. It is said that he even appealed to No. 26 Broadway, but was told that he must fight it out with H. Clay Pierce. Recently he has been buying oil of the Texas company of which John W. Gates is president.

Compromise now seems impossible, and both sides have adopted a slogan of "No quarter." In the end price-cutting promises the complete annihilation of one or the other.

All political, social, and commercial England is talking about the oil fight. Every effort is being made to keep the facts from the public, on account of the tremendous amount of English capital invested in Pearson's companies.

The recent financial panic in Mexico seriously handicapped Pearson by clipping the powerful financial institutions with which he was allied, and to which he could have appealed under normal conditions.

Household Hints.

Whitefish that is to be boiled will be greatly improved in flavor if lemon juice is rubbed on it generously before cooking.

All porcelain yellowed with iron sediment may be cleaned with muriatic acid, but this must not be allowed to touch the hands.

To test tea, put a little of it in a pan and touch a match to it. The best tea leaves very little ash; inferior tea leaves considerable.

One housekeeper prevents her salt meat from maling by rubbing every fortnight with white of egg, mixed in a little salt water about equal parts of the egg and water.

If water is spilled on a book, do not try to dry it by the fire, as this will ruin it. Mop it as dry as possible, and then put it in the open air.

To whiten tea towels, wash them in the usual manner, then boil in good suds containing a large amount of borax; then rinse it several times.

Salt mackerel should be soaked over night with the skin side up. Change the water the last thing before going to bed and again on rising.

Potatoes should be peeled as thin as possible. Turnips must be peeled thicker, taking as a guide the line that appears just inside the skin.

The cellar should be thoroughly ventilated every day, even in the coldest weather. Mustiness is more likely to cause colds than cold air.

Peroxide of hydrogen will remove ink stains from colored goods without fading the color. Soak the spots and put the material in the sun for half an hour.

How a Girl May Become Popular.

I am sure there never was a healthy-minded girl in the world who did not want to be popular.

What will make us popular? asks Hope Canby in the Delineator for March. Well there are dozens of things that would be helpful. I know one girl who added a great deal to her popularity by learning to tell fortunes by palmistry. No one seriously believed in them, nor did she; but it was always interesting and made fun and conversation.

Another girl I know has a sweet voice. She has never had it cultivated, but she has learned a number of lovely and very simple old fashioned songs, Scotch, Irish and English, which she is willing to sing when asked. Another, who has very little money, still manages generally to be the most daintily dressed girl in any gathering. Another girl is an especially good dancer; another has cultivated pleasing and gracious manners.

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