

# GOVERNMENT CRISIS

## Serious Divergence of Views

### Redmond May Defeat the Government To-Day on the Question of the Lords' Veto.

Special to Evening Telegram.

LONDON, Feb. 26. Premier Asquith had an audience with King Edward at Buckingham Palace this morning and the meeting has given rise to many reports. The fact seems that the Premier after yesterday's Cabinet Council asked for today's audience with the object of acquainting His Majesty with the proposed modifications of the Government's attitude towards the principal questions dealt with in the Speech from the Throne. That the modifications of the Cabinet's original plans have been forced by the rebellious Radicals and Nationalists is not to be doubted, but the Cabinet is represented as having decided not to continue the demands of the extremists and that all mention of Reform of the House of Lords should be dropped from the Government's plans. The Ministerial view, or at least the view of an important section of the Ministry, is that if its programme is confined to a proposal on the question of Veto pure and simple, it would in effect be a proposal for a single chamber government to which plan the country would be opposed. In all probability a plan for the limitation of the Lords' Veto will be coupled with a reconstitution scheme in which the elective principle will be substituted for the hereditary one as a good battle cry on which they might appeal to the country when the time arrives for an election, which is inevitable, before their proposals can be embodied in the Constitution. Today's Cabinet Council was prolonged unusually long. The Ministers required three hours in which to reach a final decision upon the plans to be presented to the House of Commons on Monday, when they will be obliged to come into a close grip with the question of Finance and the Veto powers of the Lords. Subsequently the Premier and most of the other members of the Cabinet left to spend the weekend in the country, where they will be out of reach of the rebels, whose

barrying during the past week has made life a burden. It is authoritatively stated that the Prime Minister conveyed to His Majesty and afterwards to his colleagues a belief in the impossibility of proceeding with the proposal for the reconstruction of the House of Lords, and in the necessity of concentrating all force on the Veto question, although several members of the Cabinet strongly favor reconstruction. It is not believed that a split will result, but the attitude of the extreme Radicals and the Nationalists is disquieting. It was thought that the motion of Sir James A. Duff, the Radical, disapproving any Government resolutions aiming at reform would be ruled out, but Sir James has submitted the motion to the Speaker and secured the certainty of its discussion after slight alterations are made. There are persistent rumors from Dublin that the Government will be wiped out. Wm. O'Brien in a published article declares that John E. Redmond, leader of the Nationalists, is disgusted to find that Mr. O'Brien's views on the Budget were right, and has now decided to seize an earlier chance than that which the Budget affords of ending the Government's existence. There is a possibility that the Cabinet on Monday may be defeated by a combination of the Nationalists and a section of the Radicals. The idea of the Government retaining office by the help of the Unionists is repugnant to all sections among the Liberals. The organ of the moderate Liberals, the Westminster Gazette, appealing for fair play, says: "It would be better for the Government to go than to live miserably and discreditably as it has been up to the present." It is assumed that the Conservatives will support the Government at this stage with a view to securing appropriations, but the latest indications are that the rank and file cannot resist the temptation of defeating and discrediting the Government at an early opportunity.

## The Life of the Ministry Hang on a Hair.

Special to Evening Telegram.

LONDON, Feb. 27. The session of the House of Commons to-morrow is likely to prove fateful for the Liberal Government. Premier Asquith's Ministry may be defeated by the adverse vote of the Radicals and the Nationalists. It may survive only to be plunged into the throes of a ministerial crisis and possible disruption owing to the divergent views of the ministers on the question of the Reform of the House of Lords, or it may even be saved by the votes of the Unionists. Everything will depend on the nature of the statement of the Government's policy, which Premier Asquith will present to the House, as a result of last week's Cabinet Councils and the Prime Minister's interview with the King on Saturday. To a great extent the situation is still dominated by the

fact that everybody concerned is more or less desirous of avoiding a general election. The Nationalists will hold a meeting before the Parliament assembles to decide their course of action, and if, as now seems certain, the Premier has decided to postpone the attempt to reform the House of Lords and confine his immediate policy to an attempt to limit or abolish the power of Veto held by the Lords, there is every probability that the Government will survive, at least for a few months. The situation, however, is so complicated and the changes are so continuous that it is impossible to predict what may happen. Chancellor Lloyd-George, John Burns and Winston Spencer Churchill among others were the guests of the King at a dinner on Saturday night. Premier Asquith dined with the King to-night at the Austrian Embassy.



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\$2.20 to \$3.30.

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\$2.00 to \$2.80.

### Here and There.

PARADE RINK open to-night; ice in splendid condition; band in attendance.—Feb. 28, 11.

NEW SAILINGS.—The R. N. Co.'s new schedule on Pictoula Bay steamers went into effect to-day.

Capt. Hanks, of the S. S. Almeriana, reports seeing heavy ice to the N. E. of Cape Spear, twenty miles off, when making this port yesterday morning.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.—Oct. 25, 11.

SEALERS ARRIVE.—The first of the sealers arrived from Placentia Saturday night. They will join the s.s. Kite for the Gulf.

HERRING.—On sale 30 barrels bright, large No. 1 Herring. At LARACYS, 345 and 347 Water Street, opposite Post Office.—Jan. 3, 11.

MASON & HAMLIN ORGANS.—The Standard of the world. A splendid line of these Organs at reduced prices. CHESLEY WOODS, The White Piano and Organ Store.—Feb. 26, 11.

AT THE MECHANICS' HALL.—The Pansy Club will have a tournament in the Mechanics Hall to-night. Four prizes are offered for competition. A keen contest is expected.

THE KOHLER PIANO and the Tonk Piano celebrated for purity and excellence of tone along with strength of construction.—CHESLEY WOODS, Sole Agent for Nfld. Inspection invited.—Feb. 26, 11.

CURLIANA.—A meeting of Committee of Management of the Mc Mac Curling Club will be held at their Rooms in the Rink at 8 o'clock this evening.—Feb. 28, 11.

LECTURE TO-NIGHT.—Mr. M. A. Devine will lecture to-night at the British Hall under the auspices of the Nfld. British Society on "Parliamentary Pen-Pictures."

COLLEGE DEBATE.—The students of St. Bonaventure's College are now preparing a debate on "Limited Monarchy vs. Republic" which will take place next Saturday.

The Materials Used in "The D. & I." Emulsion are the finest the market affords, regardless of expense, in cases of wasting diseases, loss of weight, or loss of appetite, it is taken with great benefit.

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### Shot Dead in Duel.

Special to Evening Telegram.

VIENNA, Feb. 27. A duel with pistols was fought here yesterday between two Austrian Government officials, Dr. Oscar Mayer and Baron Hermann Widerhofer. Mayer shot Widerhofer dead.

### OBITUARY.

#### DEATH OF MRS. SMITH.

We record with deep regret the death of Mrs. Smith, wife of Canon Smith, which occurred at Portugal Cove yesterday. Deceased who was an estimable lady and remarkable for her charity and practical acts of kindness to the poor and distressed, had been suffering from a serious internal complaint for a long time, and her death was not unexpected. The people of Portugal Cove will miss her in particular. To her bereaved husband, Rev. Canon Smith, to whom she was so great a helpmeet in church work and deeds of charity, the Telegram extends its sympathy. Funeral will take place at Portugal Cove at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow.

### Strike Situation Worse

Special to Evening Telegram.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27. Action fraught with possibly momentous consequences to Philadelphia was taken to-night by the Central Labor Union when that body, representing 140 unions with a reputed membership of 125,000, voted to begin a sympathetic strike next Saturday in aid of the striking street railway employees. This action came at the end of a secret session of about seven hundred delegates, which lasted more than six hours.

## 108 Nox a Cold In One Day

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WILL BRING UP CREWS.—The s.s. Bellaventure and s.s. Beothic will go north about Wednesday next to bring up the sealing crews from points between Bay de Verde and Pool's Island.

### Bay de Verde Notes.

Early this month the Bay de Verde Dramatic Company presented in St. Joseph's Hall a pleasing entertainment. The chief promoters were Miss Gertrude L. O'Rourke and Mr. Denis Noonan. The hall was packed with an enthusiastic audience. From the opening chorus to the close everything went with a swing and without a hitch.

It would hardly be practicable to select any of the company for special comment in their different roles, as in the farces and dialogues or which there were four very interesting ones, all acquitted themselves to the utmost satisfaction of the audience as was shown by the unrestrained applause accorded each item.

After the singing of God Save the King our beloved pastor, Rev. J. V. Donnelly, who was present, rose and in a few well chosen words deservedly congratulated the company on their acting, laying particular stress on the elocution, which he said was the best he had ever heard in our entertainments. He then granted a dance, which was enjoyed immensely.

The Dramatic Company was entertained on Monday night at a supper by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hennebury at their residence, where speeches and toasts not to mention the tempting viands provided, occupied the time until after midnight, when they returned to the hall to trip the light fantastic till morning.

TOMBO.

### Again to the Rescue.

That the days of chivalry are not yet gone was amply demonstrated this morning when a modest but brave Knight of the Custom House was seen coming to the rescue of a lady who was unable to get along on the slippery street, coming over the hill from Church. This is the second time that we have had to chronicle a deed like this on the part of this gentleman who is setting so graceful an example to the youth growing up.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE.—It is also announced that Mr. James B. Slater will come as a candidate in the forthcoming Municipal Election. Mr. Slater is a well known citizen and should make a good city representative.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

### Banking Voyage.

Capt. W. Hollett of the schr. Australia, of Grand Bank, left for Rose Blanche Thursday to seek bait for the first banking trip. The schr. Almeida, Capt. T. Hollett, has made up his crew and left on Friday to seek bait. Men are hard to get. Several schooners at Burin and Grand Bank have not yet made up their crews.

### Against Daylight Bill.

Some very numerous signed petitions from members of Labour Unions of the city against Hon. J. Anderson's Daylight Bill will be presented in the House of Assembly this afternoon by Mr. F. J. Morris.

We learn that Capt. W. Winsor is going to the ice in the s.s. Florizel with Capt. Kean.

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TINNED Shrimps, 15c, 3 for 35c, Kipperd Herring, large oval tins—15c, Oysters, 1lb tin 15c, 3 for 35c do 2lb tin 25c, 3 for 60c

TINNED Commodore Sardines—15c, 3 for 35c, Janes' No. 1 Salmon, No. 1 Lobster, Mussels—tins and bots.

C. P. EAGAN,

Feb 25

Duckworth Street and Queen's Road.