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PREMIER ASQUITH
DEFENDS BUDGET

In Great Oration at Birmingham He
Declares Lords Will Not Dare
To Throw It Out.

London, September 17.—Prime Minister Asquith made a speech defending the budget before an immense gathering in Birmingham tonight. It was a reply to the speech made a short time ago by Lord Rosebery and had been awaited with keen anticipation by all parties. It was hoped that something definite might be learned from it concerning the government's attitude in view of the supposed intention of the House of Lords to reject the finance bill, which embodies the budget. It was also surmised that it would contain more than a hint of dissolution of parliament in the event of the rejection of the bill.

Asquith takes an added value. The speech was a great partisan oration, but it left the main question, which is absorbing political interest, much as before. The Premier contended that the government's proposed land taxes, which form the crux of the opposition, were taxes not on land, but on the value of the land due to social causes. These values were passing untaxed to the pockets of the fortunate owners of a particular class of land. It was the government's object, in addition to producing revenue, to put into the market land artificially withheld from the view of dissipating congestion of population and paving the way for a healthier people.

Lords Will Not Throw It Out. Mr. Asquith professed that he was unable to believe that the House of Lords intended to reject the measure. Such a step, he declared, would be the most formidable and most fundamental revolution since the days of the Long parliament. In matters of finance the House of Commons had an absolute and decisive voice. Amendment by the House of Lords was out of the question. It would bring the whole executive machinery of the country to a standstill. It would mean financial and administrative chaos, fraught with injustice to individuals and danger to the state.

Revolution That Way. "Is this issue going to be raised?" Mr. Asquith asked. "If it is, it will carry with it consequences which will be a bold man to forecast. That way revolution lies, and if it is going to be raised, it will be in a form involving, as I venture to predict it will, issues far wider and far deeper than the mere right of the House of Lords to meddle with finance. I say that the Liberal party is not only ready but anxious to take up the challenge."

Guard Against Suffragettes. The City Hall, where the Premier delivered his address, was elaborately guarded against interference by the Suffragettes. Fortifications were erected in the streets, the skylights of the hall were protected with tarauline, and a cordon of 1,000 policemen were stretched around the building. The Premier demanded that the local police guard the hall in such a way that no Suffragette would be able to come within a stone's throw of it.

Suffragettes were busy all day laying plans for a grant assault upon the barriers. They planned to mount the roofs of adjoining structures and take bricks through the skylights of the hall. All adjoining buildings were policed. A strong guard accompanied the carriage of the Premier to the hall.

But They Got In. Despite the extraordinary precautions, a band of women succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the police and ascending the roof of a house adjoining the hall. Reaching the roof the women, with an axe, loosened the slates and bricks, which they threw at the police in the streets. The police finally dislodged the Suffragettes with a fire hose and they were taken to goal. While Mr. Asquith was leaving the hall another Suffragette hurled a brick at his automobile, narrowly missing him.

MAKE PREMIER A TRIBUNAL. To Take Question of Setting Strike to Premier. Murray.

Glouce Bay, N.S., Sept. 17.—A delegation of prominent Liberals and Conservatives, 12 in all, will meet upon Premier Murray tomorrow to discuss the present strike situation and see if steps cannot be taken to end the state of affairs now existing in the collieries of the Dominion Coal company. Murray arrived in town tonight and will meet the delegation. It is thought the delegation will be made a satisfactory settlement, fair to both sides, could be arranged.

Terrific Explosion at Tangier. Paris, Sept. 18.—Reports from Tangier say that a hundred persons were killed and others wounded at the explosion of a powder magazine at Hish, Morocco. The market place was crowded at the time. Heavy rain was scattered broad, and many buildings were demolished, the entire village being damaged.

LABOR OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

British Labor M. P. Thinks It Was Never So Satisfactory.

Quebec, Sept. 17.—Will Brooks, labor M.P. for the Metropolitan constituency of Woolwich, spoke freely on labor questions here today and interestingly on personal topics and reminiscences, referring with very naturally pride to the fact that amongst other public positions held by him he had been chairman of the very Board of Poor Law Guardians, which in 1881 when he was a small boy, had sent him to the poor house. He had been library commissioner, chairman of the assessment committee, councillor and mayor of his borough and for eighteen years a member of the London County Council.

HIS BOOK WILL ROUSE
THE CIVILIZED NATIONS

Sir A. Conan Doyle Writes on the
Congo Atrocities—His Work, it is Believed, Will Have Powerful
Interference—His Proof of Charge.

London, Sept. 17.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the famous author, left England for Gibraltar tonight. In departing he gave forth a long interview, declaring his views of the Congo atrocities. His book on "The Crime in the Congo" will be issued simultaneously in Europe and America within the next ten days. Sir Conan wrote it without the idea of profit and his royalties will be expended entirely in distributing free copies so that people in all other parts of the world may be brought to realize what a frightful condition exists.

It is the general belief that Sir Arthur's book will force the powers to some action for the uprooting of the evil. He declares that not a promise of reform has been kept and that the crimes against the Congo blacks continue absolutely unabated. Many reports and documents are incorporated in the book, and a charge that civilization has never before condoned a situation of greater cruelty and horror.

OLDS FAIR BIG SUCCESS

Splendid Exhibits and Interesting
Racing Events.

Bulletin Special.
Olds, Alta., Sept. 15.—The Olds exhibition held here yesterday was a decided success both from the point of attendance and exhibits. The show of horses was a very great credit to the district and the cattle exhibit was well up to the mark. Any one seeing the excellent exhibit of grain, grasses, roots and vegetables would be once convinced that the district which can show such products of the soil must certainly be one of the best farming districts in the province.

MAKING PREMIER A TRIBUNAL

Among those present at the fair were Hon. W. T. Finlay, Minister of Agriculture; Dr. Markerburg, of Denmark; Dr. M. Clark, M.P.; Duncan Marshall, M.P.; and H. A. Craig, superintendent of fairs.

Government Protects Power Policy. Toronto, Sept. 17.—Provincial Attorney-General, J. J. Foy refused the application of Louise J. Felker for a writ to proceed against the Hydro electric commission for trespass on her lands and for easements for the transmission of line towers. The decision is of great interest as it is an indication of the refusal of the government to allow the power to become entangled in the courts.

EUROPE'S FUTURE
LOOKS RED TO HIM

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford Addresses Pilgrims Club in New York.

New York, Sept. 17.—"The future in Europe looks red to me," was the startling declaration with which Lord Charles Beresford addressed the Pilgrims Club in New York. He was speaking at a luncheon given in his honor this afternoon at the Lawyers' Club by the Pilgrims of the United States.

"There is trouble brewing," he continued, speaking with great force and decision. "Every effort must be made to have peace. In my mind, a big navy is the best means of effecting this end. England must maintain her supremacy on the seas. This does not mean that the sea is to be a hostile attitude, and must not be interpreted that way."

"We do not want to fight a war that would cost us 300,000,000 pounds sterling and countless valuable lives. We are going to maintain the strongest sort of a navy, not because we want to fight, but because we want to be so strong none will dare to attack us."

"Great Britain is once bereft of her great navy, her sea supremacy, she will lose her status as a nation and her nationality. The best way to preserve peace, I say, is to conquer. We are going to maintain the strongest sort of a navy, not because we want to fight, but because we want to be so strong none will dare to attack us."

Reason For Policy of Peace. "There you have the reason for the British policy of peace. We should be the loudest in sounding the cry for universal peace. It will redound to her benefit, just as surely as it will promote a higher civilization throughout the world."

His Tour in Canada. He referred briefly to his recent tour of Canada, whom he had met, he worked out a scheme of defence for the Dominion in case his big navy breaks into a storm of war. He said he had been greatly impressed with Canadian friendliness for the United States.

"We believe that the United States is going to help us to secure peace. This is a good thing for your country on the recent record of the world trip of your fleet, an armed body which made the circuit without meeting anything but the most friendly reception throughout the entire voyage. This goes to prove our contention, that efficient strength is protection of the strongest kind."

Five Nations Should Unite. The fighting Admiral, as a parting suggestion, proposed that the five English-speaking nations should unite to bring about universal peace. He believed such a union was inevitable.

During the luncheon, Charles W. Taylor, the chairman, told the Admiral that the time of the men who were dining with him was worth \$100,000 a minute. He made a laughing apology for taking up such valuable time.

VERDICT: JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE

Coroner's Jury in East Missouri Case Returns This Verdict.

London, Oct. 17.—"That September 19th by a shot fired from a revolver in the hands of Mrs. Wesley Scott in justifiable self-defence," was the verdict given by the coroner's jury at Thordale tonight. Wesley Scott, husband of the woman under arrest, said his father, the late Harvey Scott, owned the house in which they lived. His father was a man of violent temper. He used foul language to the witness' wife and often threatened her. He had made improper proposals to her and the day before shooting the old man had hit her with a pall.

Russian Royalty Voyaging. St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—According to reports from Stockholm the Emperor and Empress intend to remain some time in the south. They will make a long sojourn in the vicinity of Yalta. An imperial cruise in the Mediterranean is also spoken of. Their majesties are travelling in the yacht and will probably visit Italy. The Emperor will during his sojourn in the south, inspect the Black sea fleet.

LITTLE PROGRESS
ON C.P.R. BRIDGE

Two Hours Discussion Brought Out
Nothing New—Committees to
Meet Governments.

Practically nothing new in connection with the high-level bridge proposition was brought out last night at the conference held with F. W. Peters, president of the C.P.R. There were present Mayor Lee and all the Edmonton aldermen but Alderman McInnis; Mayor Duggan and Alderman Bush and Elliott, of Strathcona. Government Engineer Chalmers, Street Railway Superintendent Taylor and others. After over two hours discussion of various phases of the question it was decided that the mayors and two aldermen from each city wait upon the Provincial and Federal governments to ascertain the largest amount each will give towards the bridge. It was thought that the Federal government would give a statement from him that the structure could be built at less cost than first estimated, but the C.P.R. official said such reduction could be reached only by curtailing the bridge itself.

WEST NEEDS MORE
FARM LABORERS

Saskatchewan Crop Dependent on
Help—C.P.R. Will Run Special
Excursion.

Winnipeg, Sept. 17.—In consequence of the continued demand for men for farm work in the west, it was decided by the Canadian Pacific railway authorities to operate another excursion from all points in the eastern provinces of Canada. The special trains of this excursion will probably leave the east at the beginning of next week and men will be brought from all the provinces of Canada, where there are men available. It is the hope of the C.P.R. officials that 3,000 additional men can be obtained and brought to the country in time to assist in the harvesting operations, especially in the province of Saskatchewan. Many telegrams were received at the local offices of the passenger department of the company yesterday and today asking for more men for pressing needs. Many letters have also come to hand, the farmers stating that they were unable to save their crops owing to the need of farm laborers.

Need For Optimistic Estimate.

C. E. MacPherson, general passenger agent of the company, in speaking of the excursion, said that he was optimistic about the success of the project. He stated that the experience of the last year had been clearly recognized by the company, and that it was essential that an optimistic estimate should be issued, when preparations were being made for the importation of harvest hands from the east. The probable number of men that would be needed, owing to the manner in which the C.P.R. officials had been working, was estimated to be 3,000 men. It was always possible to limit the number of men who actually came to the west. These excursions began to be held last year, and were continued week by week. It is estimated that a great calamity from frost or otherwise, it was apparent that the country would not require so many men, it was possible at any moment to cancel any of these excursions and to keep the number of men down to the requirements of the west. It was made in July, it was practically impossible to get the number of men required for the west this season. No exact figures are available with reference to the actual number of men handled in the west this year, but it is known to be in excess of 30,000.

7,000 New Residents.

Judging by the experience of previous years, it is computed that about 7,000 new residents will become permanent residents of the west. The eastern provinces feel somewhat keenly the effect of the departure of so many of their best young men, and the prairie provinces, and the western provinces, contain numerous references to the difficulties which would result if so many men, it is reported, were to leave the west. Any case of special hardship is reported to keep young men in the older provinces. The opportunities of the west still continue large, however, and the rush of men this year has been entirely commensurate with the advertising done for farm laborers.

BIG ATTENDANCE AT FAIR.

All Records Broken at Medicine Hat Exhibition.

Medicine Hat, Alta., Sept. 15.—The attendance on the second day of the Medicine Hat exhibition broke all records. The race resulted as follows: Green trot or pace—1, Lord Dunbar, W. N. Kelly; Medicine Hat, 2, Lulu, Charlie, Zimmerman, Seven Persons; 3, Mabel Wilkes, James Smith, Bowler.

Workmen Injured in Collapse.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—A three-story building on Sawyer and Milwaukee avenues suddenly collapsed today, burying fifteen workmen in the ruins. Four bodies and eight injured, being removed. It is thought there are more bodies under the debris.

ON TRACK OF THE SLAYERS.

Negroes Have Poor Chance of Escape With Posses and Bloodhounds on the Hunt.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 18.—After a day of search which covered nearly all of Brazoria county, the armed posse visited until dark today, were making the hunt for the slayers of "Tut" Hardin and Armour Munson, killed by negroes who escaped from the Angleton jail Saturday. Once "Steve" Hayes, negro slayer of Munson, was sighted by the posse, but escaped after an exchange of shots. With Hayes there are two others, thought to be the escaped prisoners, including Deacon, who killed Hardin because he sought Deacon's arrest. Officers and bloodhounds from the surrounding counties are arriving hourly to join in the hunt.

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GREAT WATERWAYS

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UNDER THE FLAG'S PROTECTION

American Workmen Force Foreigners to Acknowledge Settlement.
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GOVERNOR'S LIFE
HANGS IN BALANCE

Minnesota's Chief Executive Making
Strong Fight Against Prob-
ably Insuperable Odds.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 18.—Governor Johnson's life hangs in the balance. At 5 o'clock this morning he was seen by Dr. W. J. Mayo, who afterwards expressed the belief that the governor was slightly improved over what he was at midnight. He is still, however, and a change for the worse, no matter how slight, is almost sure to result, fatally. His temperature regular than it has been at any time during the last twelve hours. Short naps obtained between 2.30 and 5 o'clock this morning seem to have done him much good.

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Mr. Clark, on his arrival in the city a week ago, stated that the entire country would probably be let to a large construction firm which could undertake the work or sublet it as it saw fit.

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