

ENGLAND EAGERLY AWAITS DECISION OF THE CABINET

Ministers Will Consider Fiscal Question Further.

CHAMBERLAIN WILL RESIGN

**If His Scheme is Not Accepted—
Conservative Member Predicts
an Early Election.**

London, Sept. 15.—In anticipation of today's cabinet meeting spectators gathered early in Downing street, evincing the suspense which prevails in a quarter and which has been heightened, if anything, since yesterday's delay in the announcement of the fiscal decision which is so eagerly awaited.

The St. James Gazette says: "We can confidently affirm that the final decision on the main question has not arrived at yesterday. The discussion may or may not be resumed this afternoon, the meeting being called to discuss other matters; but, we have no hesitation in saying that further consideration will take place before the Government comes to a definite conclusion. Chamberlain's proposals are not accepted he will resign his seat in the

Charles H. Strutt (Conservative member of Parliament for the Malden division of Essex, in declining to resign his seat because his attitude on the education question had been criticised by his constituents, writes: "We shall all resign quietly enough. There will be a general election before this time next year."

YESTERDAY'S MEETING

London, Sept. 14.—The cabinet meeting ended at 5:50 p.m.

It transpired that the predicted division in the cabinet over Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal proposals actually occurred, and that a possible reorganization of the ministry is probable.

M. Ritchie expressed his unalterable opposition to any change in the fiscal system and nothing is believed to have been decided on the matter.

It was reported that the opinion held this morning that he will resign to accept the chancellorship of the exchequer.

In spite of the South African war commission's severe criticism of Lloyd George's policy as secretary of war, it is declared that he is expected to remain at the head of the foreign

Later inquiry leads to the belief, according to one news agency report, that the cabinet decided to refer the whole fiscal question to a royal commission. It is also stated that at tomorrow's meeting of the ministry the fiscal question will not be forth-

considered, but the outstanding matters, including the report of the South African war commission, will receive attention. Rather reliable sources state that the report that a decision on the fiscal question will be referred to a royal commission without foundation. It is conceded, however, that the cabinet's discussion of the fiscal question is closed.

The Daily Mail, continuing its an-

Chamberlain propaganda, quotes a letter from the Canadian correspondent of the Economist, which the Mail says, "Confirms the views held practically the whole Canadian press that Mr. Chamberlain's schemes are dangerous to the harmony of the empire." The Mail also hints at a

gested decision of the Alaska commission in favor of the United States when it says, "It is unfortunate that the decision of the commission will be given when the preferential tariff campaign is in full swing."

London, Sept. 15. — The Cabinet met at 3 p.m. The sitting was held in the

Lansdowne's room, instead of in the usual chamber, which is connected with the Alaskan boundary commission apartment, thereby preventing the strict privacy which is invariably enforced.

The crowds around Downing street

they were double the size of those present there yesterday. A large force of police prevented their too close access to the foreign office.

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain entered the foreign office by a passage from the colonial office, and, consequently, was not seen by the public.

which, today, made no demonstrations. The cabinet meeting ended at 4 p.m.

A WARRANT FOR BEVITT

He Is Said to Have Acted as Royle's Agent.

St. Thomas, Sept. 15. — A warrant

has been issued for the arrest of W. R. Bevitt, who, it is said, acted as agent for George Rowley, the faulting manager of the Elgin Lumber Company, at present serving a 12-year term in Kingston Penitentiary. Bevitt has been out of the city for some time, and the police claim that

SUING WANAMAKER
Former Postmaster of U. S. S.

For Slander.

Beaver, Pa., Sept. 15.—The slander suit brought against former Postmaster-General Wanamaker by Thomas Robinson, ex-superintendent of the

lic printing, was called yesterday by Judge J. Sharpe Wilson on the bench. The plaintiff claims that during political speech at Williamstown, he was slandered by the defendant. The principal witness was William Blanning, who heard the speech.

testified that Mr. Wanamaker said that the expenses of the public printing department had increased about \$700,000 in a few years, and represented that some of the money had been taken to support the Quay machine and that Mr. Robinson and Dr. W.

ren would get offices if the mael
won the election.