

**British Gov't
Mosul Policy**

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The House of Commons tonight approved the Government's Mosul policy, "in principle," with only four adverse votes. The Prime Minister's motion asking for such approval was adopted, 239 to 237.

The Laborites, however, withdrew from the House after employing obstructionist tactics and obliging the Government to disarrange its business and delay prorogation by another day. In the course of his speech, the Prime Minister made the important announcement that he would meet the Turkish Ambassador to-morrow to begin negotiations covering the entire question of Mosul. Great Britain, he declared, was anxious for Iraq to live in a neighbourly amity with Turkey, and the pursuance of this policy he would discuss with the Turkish Ambassador at agreement regarding the disputed territory. "For this we need support of a united country," said the Premier, "and I would appeal to those who have criticised our policy so vehemently to consider whether the prospects of the peaceful settlement will be improved or damaged by agitation which obstinately misrepresents the policy we have followed and which is calculated to create doubt abroad, both as to our resolution to honor our obligations and as to the sincerity of our desire for peace."

The Premier did not wish to commit the House to the actual terms of the projected treaty with Iraq, but only to the principle involved. He then read a statement of the British policy which guided the British representative at Geneva. It was to the effect that no undertaking should be given to remain in Iraq twenty-five years, but only until Iraq acquired stability justifying its membership in the League, and then in the event of Iraq being attacked and an attempt being made forcibly to overthrow the boundary fixed by the League Council, it would be the responsibility of the League as the body directly challenged.

British responsibility, apart from the League, the statement added, would depend upon circumstances then arising.

Continuing, Mr. Baldwin pointed out that the House would be better able to judge the precise extent of the obligations involved when it was in possession of the actual terms of the proposed treaty. The House would then decide whether to endorse the Government policy.

Walter Runciman, Liberal, said that Mr. Baldwin's statement might involve Great Britain in obligations stretching for a generation, as it was quite unlikely that Iraq would qualify for membership in the League under twenty-five years. He cited the danger of a possible frontier incident involving British lives; public opinion would then insist upon the Government taking action without waiting for the League. He regarded the matter with grave disquiet.

T. P. O'Connor, Nationalist, declared that the country stood united behind the Government, and asked why Great Britain should give back to Turkey in the name of self-determination a people between whom she and massacre alone stood.

The Laborites threatened to keep the House sitting through the night to prevent discussion of the Mosul motion and were in process of making good their threat when the Government resorted to counter-tactics, postponing the scheduled business until to-morrow. It was then that the Labor Party left the House as a protest.

Mr. Baldwin promised that the British taxpayers should be relieved of burdens on account of Iraq at the earliest possible date. This took the edge of the criticisms, and when division was called only four members entered the lobby against the Government. Most of the Liberals abstained from voting, and the outcome of the division caused ministerial laughter. Mr. Baldwin, in defending his motion, argued that the Government was only continuing the action taken by previous Governments including the Labor administration of Ramsay MacDonald, which last September submitted an Iraq treaty to the League and he asked what could the world think of Britain as an instrument of peace if Britain rejected the League's award.

The Oil Contract.

Commander Kenworthy, Liberal, understood that Turkey was prepared to negotiate on certain conditions and ready to arrange terms for the exploitation of oil. He protested against threatening the Turks with an Anglo-Italian alliance and an Italian descent on Smyrna because it would mean starting again to rebuild the shattered ruins of Europe. L. C. M. Amery, Secretary for the Dominions, in winding up the debate dilated on the fine progress Iraq was making toward stability and self-support. He was convinced that within a very few years Iraq would no longer require financial or military support from Great Britain. No interest of any sort directly concerned with oil, he declared, had influenced the British policy. What was undoubtedly true was that if oil should be discovered in considerable quantities it would undoubtedly

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Emphasizing British responsibility to the Christian and other inhabitants of the country concerned Col. Amery asserted that if Great Britain gave up the present frontier she would be obliged to spend vast sums in sustaining the refugees.

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There is one explanation of these two perplexing phenomena, and that is that ability may be an exhaustible quality. In some children it manifests itself early, and is eagerly expended in the breathless digestion of school lessons, leaving the youth with a dull residuum with which to face life. In others it looks as if the mental faculties, carefully husbanded through adolescence, come to fruition late.

Another important factor is physical development. The child with sound digestion and sturdy physique is much more likely than the weakly to develop in accordance with the educational system.

But probably the true explanation of variation in scholastic ability is that anything which is easy of access is really not worth doing. The little boy mind, however attractive it may be to teachers and parents, is something which has had an undue valuation placed upon it. It is not ear-memory or eye-memory which is going to be the conquering force in life, but fundamental intelligence.

Under present collective methods of education it is difficult to see how we can possibly ascertain a child's mental standard during school life. We say that a child at the age of eight should be able to do this, and a child of ten that, without considering the thousand and one things influencing individual variation. So obsessed are we with what we call the normal child that it is little to be wondered at that the poet, the statesman, and the merchant prince pass by on the other side.

The pity of it all is that we do not see another chance with these elusive minds—though sometimes I wonder, as a child-lover, if it would be to their ultimate benefit if we did—Children's Doctor.

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