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No. 25. You can attend to the whole matter in a few minutes - and have it off your mind. When there is an easier way invented we'll tell you about it.

Uncle Walt The Poetic Philosopher

The Great Detective had returned; he'd been some years away, and I supposed that he was dead, and sleeping 'neath the clay. Ah, no! I shall I forget the day it gave me thus to greet the king of all detectives in my rooms in Baker Street! "I notice, Watson," Sherlock said, with smile serene and wide, "that since I left you, months ago, you've found yourself a bride." I had not spoken of the fact, so how did Sherlock know? I tumbled over my rock, his knowledge jarred me so. "It's easy, Watson," said the sleuth; "deduction makes it plain; you ate an egg for breakfast and your chin still wears the stain; you haven't shaved for half a week - the stubble's growing blue - your pants are baggy at the knees, your necktie's on askew; your vest is buttoned crooked and your shirt is cut of plumb; your hat has been in contact with a wad of chewing gum. You were something of a dandy in the good old days of yore - pass the dope, my dearest Watson; what's the use of saying more?"

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LAND VALUE TAXATION HAS MADE LESS DRASTIC

British Government Makes Concessions to Landlords and Owners—State Will Spend \$10,000,000 in Valuation—Right of Appeal Is Granted.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Having succeeded by means of an all-night sitting of the House of Commons in passing through the committee clauses of the budget imposing a tax on land values, the Government has given the members a week's respite from their arduous labors, during which time less contentious measures will be considered.

The fight over the budget, which will fairly revolutionize the system of taxation in England, has been one of the most strenuous in the history of the Parliament. A mere handful of Unionists, as compared with the huge Liberal majority, has been able to hold up legislation week after week, until the Government, though loath to introduce guillotine methods in order to limit the discussion, was forced to bring in new rules of procedure, which authorized the chairman to decline to consider purely blocking amendments.

The last of the land taxation clauses have been passed by the committee, but their form is quite different from that originally introduced. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has made a number of very important concessions, chief among these being that in regard to the valuation of land, under the bill as introduced the cost of the valuation was imposed upon the owner.

This change has been taken over by the States, however, which will be called upon to spend for this purpose \$10,000,000. This is more than the tax will produce during the first year.

The property of friendly societies, which own lands valued at upwards of \$50,000,000, is exempted under the new taxation. This is a concession to the Labor Unionists, who form a large majority of the shareholders of the societies.

Another amendment made to the bill came as a result of criticism by the Lord Chief Justice. It was originally proposed that the valuation placed upon property by commissioners appointed for that purpose should be final, but the Lord Chief Justice pointed out that this would be in direct contravention to the British constitution, which expressly gives the right of appeal in all cases. The Government thereupon amended the bill, allowing the

right of appeal.

Another much criticized provision of the bill imposing a tax upon unimproved minerals was also withdrawn, and a tax on mining royalties and rents was substituted. The Government, however, maintained the principle of taxation on land values, and in the campaign throughout the country, in which all the Cabinet Ministers are taking part, is attempting to justify its policy. The Unionists are just as busy in opposition to this policy.

UNIONISTS WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH

The masses seem to favor the measure and some Unionist newspapers recognizing this are urging the party to give up the fight and turn its attention to tariff reform. The leaders are, however, and are insisting that the contest go on until the bill reaches the House of Lords, when the hope is expressed that the Upper House, ignoring all precedents, will either amend or throw out the measure and thus they believe force the Government to accept the tax.

It is doubtful whether the Lords will take the extreme step of interfering with taxation, which has heretofore been considered the prerogative of the House of Commons alone. Even if they do it is considered doubtful whether the Government could be depended on to tender such advice to the Sovereign as would best conduce to the immediate future of the country.

Lewis Harcourt, First Commissioner of Works, in a speech on Friday, said that if the House of Lords by refusing to pass the bill, plunged the country and the constitution into chaos, the Cabinet could be depended on to tender such advice to the Sovereign as would best conduce to the immediate future of the country.

In some quarters this is taken as a threat to coerce enough Liberal members to overcome the Unionist majority.

There are still many clauses of the budget to be dealt with, upon which the Opposition promises to continue its fight. These include the license duties, death duties, income tax and stamp duties.

SIR JOHN FISHER AND HIS ECONOMIES

Lord Charles Beresford's approaching visit to this city will have the effect of stimulating interest in the present naval scare. Sir John Fisher, who is the most prominent point of view, of course most of us understand the present effects, if few are familiar with the cause. It is not to be supposed that because Lord Charles has retired from the navy, and Sir John Fisher has about to retire, that the conflict between the two men has ended in a draw, as in all cases. A Parliamentary Commission has reported that the Beresford charges have not been sustained, it is true, but this is, after all, a mere detail. The outstanding fact is that the Government, by increasing its naval estimates, has virtually admitted the general truth of the charges against Sir John Fisher, and has confessed that the German navy is no phantom danger, but a grim reality. How the present situation has been brought about is explained in the National Review, which is one of the most staunchly Imperial publications in England.

A CONSERVATIVE SEA LORD.

In 1904 the Unionist Government appointed Sir John Fisher to be Senior Lord of the Admiralty, and in the few months that the party remained in office it supported him in all his recommendations. Nor is it claimed by anyone that the Liberal Government has thwarted him, although at first the Government was supposed to have naval estimates began to be reduced. However, even if it were true that Sir John was not given a free hand, it would be no excuse. The traditional practice for the Sea Lords in the event of the Government not agreeing with their recommendations is to resign, unless the difference of opinion is a trifling one. In 1888, when Lord Charles Beresford was Junior Sea Lord, he resigned because the Government would not provide the Intelligence Department an organization which he considered essential for war. Again, in 1893, when Sir William Harcourt was Premier, Sir John resigned because the Government would not provide the Intelligence Department an organization which he considered essential for war. Again, in 1893, when Sir William Harcourt was Premier, Sir John resigned because the Government would not provide the Intelligence Department an organization which he considered essential for war.

PARKING DOWN THE NAVY.

When Sir John Fisher became First Sea Lord, in October, 1904, the first expenditure upon the British navy in that year was \$240,000,000, against a total German naval expenditure of \$10,000,000. The strength in ships was about in the ratio of four to one. His first step was to drop fourteen destroyers which had been voted for the navy in 1904. Next year his first programme was submitted, calling for one battleship and four armored cruisers, all the Dreadnought type. The estimates amounted to \$235,000,000. The personnel of the navy was reduced by 2,000 men, the outfit on ammunition by \$400,000, and a great many old, but serviceable, ships were "scrapped." The glory of the Dreadnought, however, blinded the eyes of all but a few critics to the ultimate effects of this policy; although they began to wonder why no docks on the east coast were built for

SURE TO ASK The Kind of Coffee when Postum is Well-made

"Three great coffee drinkers were my old school friend and her two daughters. They were always complaining and taking medicine. I determined to give them Postum instead of coffee when they visited me, so without saying anything to them about it, I made a big pot of Postum the first morning, using four heaping teaspoons to the pint of water and let it boil twenty minutes, straining down occasionally. "Before the meal was half over, each one passed up her cup to be refilled, remarking how fine the coffee was. The mother asked for a third cup and inquired as to the brand of coffee I used. I didn't answer her question just then, for I had heard her say a while before that she didn't like Postum unless it was more than half self-fashioned coffee. "After breakfast I told her that the coffee she liked so well at breakfast was pure Postum and the reason she liked it was because it was properly made, that is, it was boiled long enough to bring out the flavor. "I have been brought up from a nervous wreck invalid, to a fine condition of physical health by leaving off coffee and using Postum. "I can do all I can to help the world out of coffee slavery to Postum freedom, and have earned the gratitude of many, many friends." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

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armored cruisers voted in 1905. But this reduction to three battleships stirred up the critics, and in the past two years Sir John Fisher and the Government have been persistently attacked, and their economies have been effected under heavy fire.

GERMANY RAPIDLY GAINS.

In 1907 the British expenditure was still further cut to \$22,000,000. The Germans, finding their challenge unanswered, laid down twelve large destroyers in that year, whereas England built five. Germany also laid down five Dreadnoughts, and rapidly advanced them, while the German Navy League campaigned through the country for a further increase in the German fleet. In the German Tag, a prominent publication, the view was expressed that the Liberal party would allow the Navy to be so weakened that the Unionists when they returned to office, would be unable to undo the mischief. Sir John Fisher's reply was to lay down only two Dreadnoughts, reducing the annual expenditure to \$21,000,000, despite the fact that the tonnage of Germany's men-of-war had risen from 38,000 tons to 80,000 tons, and the German annual naval expenditure from \$14,000,000 to \$22,000,000. As soon as the British naval estimates of 1908 were known, the German authorities took steps to augment their plants, and financed extensions for Krupp's, which will enable the Fatherland to arm annually ten, if not fourteen, Dreadnoughts.

SIR JOHN FISHER'S WORK.

The charges against Sir John Fisher, to condense them into figures, is that when he took charge of the Admiralty Great Britain had 40 first-class battleships, not one of them more than 10 years old, whereas Germany had 18; but that new Great Britain has only 35 to Germany's 28. In 1904 the British fleetships of England mounted 682 guns, from 12 inches to 16 inches, and the German ships 384. In 1908 the British guns number 472, and the German guns 600. It is not supposed, of course, that this disparity, either in first-class battleships or guns represents the respective fighting forces of the two countries. The fact is, however, that Sir John Fisher has pursued a policy that has thoroughly alarmed the country, and that is now, in effect, repudiated by the Government.

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DEMANDS \$500 FROM WIDOW; IS ARRESTED

Threatened to Kill Her Son if Money Was Not Furnished.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 24.—The police of this city last night solved a Black Hand mystery by arresting a woman named Mrs. Anna Dahlstrom, a wealthy young widow, residing in this city.

Nystrom demanded \$500, and threatened if it was not given him at 9 o'clock on the evening of August 21 he would kill Mrs. Dahlstrom's young son. This is the letter:

Jamesstown, N. Y., Aug. 14. "Mrs. Dahlstrom: I am writing you this letter through and think over well what it has to say to you. You have money, and I want you to give me in any way you can, borrow them if you must, but I want you to give them to me Saturday night, at 9 o'clock, August 21. You will walk from the house down to the main sidewalk, and I will be there in time for you. I will tell you why I want this money, and why I take this way of telling you. I am going to start a business in a large city, but there is no one who will trust me that much money. Now this business is a sure success, and in eight months from date I will pay you back \$500 and \$250 besides, for your trouble, in all \$750. Now, I only want the money for eight months, and I don't intend to have it. If you don't give it to me, I want no checks. I want paper money from your hands by next Saturday night, August 21, 1909, at 9 o'clock. Then I will, inside of the following week, have the life of your boy. There would be no use in trying to hide him, because you can't. "I mean every word that I have written. You had better get the money, for you will not lose it. I will pay you back in eight months with interest. You will also keep this letter away from the police and your friends. If you don't, I will take a fierce revenge on you. We are two in this business, and I am going to start a business in a large city, but there is no one who will trust me that much money. Now this business is a sure success, and in eight months from date I will pay you back \$500 and \$250 besides, for your trouble, in all \$750. Now, I only want the money for eight months, and I don't intend to have it. If you don't give it to me, I want no checks. I want paper money from your hands by next Saturday night, August 21, 1909, at 9 o'clock. Then I will, inside of the following week, have the life of your boy. There would be no use in trying to hide him, because you can't. "I mean every word that I have written. 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