

The King And Parliament

Usual Ceremony Incident to Inauguration of Session at Westminster.

Speech From the Throne Makes Reference to Interminable Balkans.

Programme of Government Concisely Stated in House—Business Begins.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The first day's proceedings in parliament led rather a decided impression with the lobbyists that the government will manage to get out until the end of the session. Its executive programme, devoted mainly to social reforms, will be fairly popular, while the avoidance of difficult questions, such as that of the redistribution of seats, and Premier Balfour's firmness in thrusting aside the fiscal problem, all will tend to the satisfaction. On the other hand, the Liberals appear to be as distant as ever from any approach to unanimity on the vexed question of the leadership.

The scene in the gilded chamber on the arrival of Their Majesties was most picturesque and brilliant. The Prince and Princess of Wales had already taken their places, right and left of the throne, when the King and Queen, splendidly attired, and attended by court functionaries, entered. Having led the Queen to a seat on his left, the King seated himself on the throne and commanded the attendance of the members and members of the House of Commons.

On the arrival of the Speaker and Commons, the King arose and read the speech in a clear firm voice.

The only reference to the war, which His Majesty said, "unhappily continues," was to announce that "my government has been careful to observe in the strictest manner the obligations incumbent on a neutral power."

The longest paragraph devoted to the Balkans says: "The situation continues to give cause for anxiety. The measures adopted at the instance of the Austro-Russian government have brought some amelioration in the state of the disturbed districts, but the measures have still to be supplemented by radical reforms, and especially of the financial system before any permanent improvement can be effected in the administration of these provinces of the empire."

The short ceremony then ended. The King and Queen retired to the robing room and the procession was reformed, and their Majesties proceeded to the palace by the same route over which they had arrived.

ASSEMBLY FOR BUSINESS.

The House of Commons assembled for the despatch of business at 4 p. m. The house was crowded. Joseph Chamberlain, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Arthur J. Balfour and other favorites were warmly greeted.

W. A. Mount (Cons.) moved, and Samuel Robertson (Cons.) seconded the address in reply to the King's speech.

The first division approaching party lines occurred in the House of Commons.

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Senators Discuss Treaty Powers

Deadlock Between U. S. Senate and President Subject of Discussion.

Senator Lodge Says no Reply Will Be Made to Roosevelt.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Senator Lodge presented to the Senate in executive session, a list of all the general and particular arbitration treaties or arbitration articles in treaties containing other provisions, that have been submitted to the Senate. The senator has compiled also a statement showing the constitutional methods of making and ratifying treaties in certain foreign countries. The statement was ordered printed as a public document. The disposition of each arbitration treaty is given by the statement. It shows that 44 were submitted, of which 43 were ratified, and one, the Olney-Peterson treaty with Great Britain, rejected. Of the treaties ratified 37 were not and six were amended. Seven arbitration agreements have been entered into without being submitted to the Senate. They all provided for the settlement of private claims, and were with Brazil, Colombia, Spain, Mexico, San Domingo, and the Dominican Republic. The San Domingo Improvement Company case, entered into by Senator Bacon's resolution, introduced yesterday. The committee on laws covers ratification of arbitration agreements as all the countries with whom the United States has nominated such treaties, however they are. The executive must secure the approval of at least, and in most instances, both parliaments, except in the cases of Switzerland, where the parliamentary body is supreme in treaty making, the executive having none of the power, and of Great Britain, where the King must secure the approval of parliament, virtually a committee of parliament and analogous with the foreign relations committee of the Senate of the United States.

The announcement is made by Senator Lodge that he will not make a statement in answer to the letter of the President, which charges that the ratification of the arbitration treaties with a step backward and not a step forward. "So far as I know no one is going to make a statement on that subject," said the senator. Secretary Hay has not yet communicated to the representatives of the powers here with whom he had negotiated treaties. The action of the Senate Saturday in amending the convention, although it is not to do so, permitting them to take note for themselves of what his record is, which they have done. The convention and treaty, which were in the files of the department and will not receive further diplomatic treatment. Other conventions similar in terms and scope to the present one, which were acted upon by the Senate, have been in progress of negotiations between the state department and some of the foreign ministers. The negotiations, which have now been completely suspended, and the Japanese treaty, signed Saturday morning, will be the last of the list.

HOUSE ADJOURNS.

The House of Commons adjourned at 11 o'clock. Mr. Asquith tomorrow will move as the official opposition amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

The various aspects of the fiscal question have been fully discussed in the country for nearly two years, and the time has come for summing up the results to the people without further delay.

IN THE LORDS.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the resumption of business in the House of Lords. Lord Lansdowne read the King's Speech, and the Marquis of Winchester (Conservative), moved the address in reply to the King's speech.

ARCTIC CHIEF TO BE DEVELOPED

Four Hundred Thousand Dollar Blaze in Alabama.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 13.—Fire that has caused a loss of a quarter million of dollars broke out early today, and is still burning. The famous Battle house, which was destroyed by fire, is still burning. The fire started in the kitchen of the Battle house, which was destroyed by fire, is still burning. The fire started in the kitchen of the Battle house, which was destroyed by fire, is still burning.

FRISCO STEAMER'S QUEER EXPERIENCE

Through Miles of Sea Covered With Masses of Vegetation and Dead Animals.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—The steamer City of Panama, which sailed from this port on January 21 for ports on the Central American coast, had a strange experience, news of which has just been received here by mail from Acapulco.

SUNDRY APPROPRIATIONS.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The house committee on appropriations today considered and reported the sundry appropriation bill appropriating \$65,553,880, an increase of \$778,969 over the appropriations for the current year.

LUMBER ON THE LAKES.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 14.—The board of managers of the Lumber Carriers' Association of the great lakes, in session here today, voted to reduce carrying charges on pulp lumber from Lake Superior to Chicago and Lake Erie from 10 per cent to 8.25 per cent.

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LULLABY IS MODERATE.

In Reply to Temperate Arrangement By Wm. R. Hearst.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The second chapter of the episode between Mr. Sullivan (Mass.) and Mr. Hearst (New York) occurred in the House today when Mr. Sullivan again took the floor on the subject of the "Lullaby" and related the circumstances leading up to the indictment and conviction of his father and himself for manslaughter. In decided contrast to the "Lullaby" of yesterday, when the two men heaped upon each other epithets and charges of a serious character, Mr. Sullivan's statement today was devoid of any further attacks upon his colleague, and was a straightforward recitation of the occurrences referred to in the "Lullaby" of yesterday. Mr. Sullivan admitted the charge, but said that he himself had only been technically guilty, and was permitted to go free. He said that he was not a day's imprisonment, or being subjected to a fine. His father had been imprisoned a year and a half, and he himself had been imprisoned for a year and a half. He said that he was not a day's imprisonment, or being subjected to a fine. His father had been imprisoned a year and a half, and he himself had been imprisoned for a year and a half.

Crusader May Come For Repairs

Enquiries Made for Dockage Rates Yesterday on Account of Her Owners.

Moans Due From Australia and Tremor From the Orient.

The steamer Crusader, which is loaded with cargo on the South, will probably be sent to Esquimaux to be repaired. The steamer was injured a few days ago while at Tacoma. Enquiries were made for dockage rates yesterday on account of her owners.

UNFOUNDED REPORT.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14.—Enquiries made at the interior department show that no confirmation has been received of the report from Berlin that further anti-Semitic riots have occurred at Gomei.

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Their Growing Importance Commands Attention of Trade Journals.

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DUEL WITH FOILS.

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News Of The Federal Capital

Action of Yukon Returning Officer Subject of Censure in the House.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell Referencing a Reply to Recent References to 1896.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Mr. Borden, in the House today, asked whether any information had been received regarding the extraordinary conduct of the returning officer for the Yukon. As matters stood at present the member for that constituency would be unable to take his seat until about the end of March. A full explanation would, of course, be required from the returning officer. Mr. Borden assumed to him as if something were necessary in the way of amending the law. As he read the law the returning officer had no right to fix the date of the election. Some period ought to be fixed within which the returning officer should open the ballot boxes and some provision should be made for giving him power, wherever necessary by reason of the distance of the place, to adjourn the announcement of the result. He declared the Yukon was in a somewhat serious position, as the constituency would be disfranchised for a period of about two months, during which matters of much importance to the people of the Yukon would be decided. Mr. Laurier said there had been some correspondence on the question, but he could not say what it was at present. He understood, however, that the minister of militia has issued an order that employees of the department (Quebec or elsewhere) shall not in future accept the position of adjutant to the commanding officer of any unit of the active militia.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION ACTIVE.

A protracted and busy meeting of the executive of the Tourist Association was held Tuesday afternoon, at which were present Mayor Edward F. W. Vincent, Ald. Oddy, Ald. Hanna, H. B. Thomson, B. S. Heisteman, Anton Henderson and Secretary Herbert C. A. large amount of correspondence was dealt with, many of the communications containing the most interesting proposals, which the executive felt they could not adopt.

DEBATE ON ADDRESS.

The Nanaimo Board of Trade wrote that they were heartily in support of a British Columbia exhibit at the Portland fair. An optimistic of the letters received upon this subject, the provincial government Secretary Templeman wrote stating that he did not think the Dominion government would reconvene the committee to place an exhibit at Portland, but he would take the matter up with them.

STREET PLANT NEARLY READY.

Humphrey, Wash., Feb. 14.—Preparations for opening the plant of the Seattle Steel Company are progressing rapidly. Large crews of men are at work upon the earth floors of the buildings preparing for the foundations of their cooling beds and furnaces. Of the three mills, one is already in operation, and the other two are being pushed with rapidity. The cooling beds are yet to be set in place. This work is expected to consume about four weeks, and at its conclusion the mill will be ready to commence operations. All of the switches and spurs entering the yards were finished the past week.

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EXPORT TAX ON LOGS.

Small Loggers Again Appeal To Government For Its Remission.

Measures J. S. Emerson and J. A. Ward, of the Terminal City, arrived at the Capital yesterday and in the afternoon had a brief interview with the Prime Minister, to whom, as spokesman for the British Columbia Loggers' Association, they presented a petition for the removal of the tax imposed upon logs cut in British Columbia to feed the mills of Puget Sound. Their argument is that under the working of the act in this regard, the small or independent loggers are at the mercy of the large mills, being debarré an alternative market. The mills, they say, either have their own timber lands or have contracts with big loggers to supply them. In the spring before operations can be commenced in the lumber mills they purchase the booms of logs supplied by the independent loggers to piece out their own limited supply. As soon as the full cut is in progress the mills are supplied from their own limits, and the small loggers have to find a market elsewhere in the United States, or dispose of the booms at a low price. The loggers do not wish to dispose of the logs outside of British Columbia, as the prices paid at the provincial mills are generally higher than in the United States. The question with them is simply one of getting a market, and the justice of the act is of course the desirable conservation for provincial manufacture of a diminishing and very valuable resource. The small loggers claim that there is an abundance of good timber for home cutting or export, and that the small loggers are better off than they have been destroyed by fire. The representations of the loggers will be given due consideration by the government.

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Provincial Parliament

House Passes Address After a Debate of Record Brevity.

Speeches of Leader of Opposition and Premier McBride.

Bills Advanced—Routine Business Forwarded—Short Session Probable.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1905.

THE HOUSE ASSEMBLED AT 2 O'CLOCK.

After opening prayer by Rev. Canon Scudamore, the following was the order of business:

PETITIONS.

Mr. Bowser presented a petition for a private bill to incorporate the Royal Trust Company.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition for a private bill to incorporate the Golden Light Power and Water Company.

A number of petitions presented on the previous day were read and received.

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