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England Will Surrender Her Portion of German War Payments.

All Parties in Commons Behind Government--Turkey Agrees to Enter League of Nations--Poisoned Chocolates Sent English Home Secretary.

DISCUSSED REPARATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 14. Premier Bonar Law in an important statement in the House of Commons to-day declared frankly for the policy of the Balfour note which advocated adjustment of inter-Allied debts by cancellation; England on her part surrendering her share of reparations to be paid by Germany. Another important phase of the speech was the dark picture drawn of England's economic and industrial future, should the much hoped for improvement in trade not materialize. England was burdened with very heavy taxation, which was closing down industrial enterprise, resulting in terrible unemployment—a problem that made necessary, first, that there should be no military occupation of German territory which would still further handicap European trade, and second, that compelled him frankly to face the fact that England was unable to pay the American debt if she received nothing from Europe. The strong points in the speech were the unfairness of the view that because England had made sacrifices to pay her way she should be expected to pay her debts, while others which had made no such sacrifices escaped, and the warning that too sudden deflation in Germany might produce there all the evils of unemployment from which other countries were already suffering.

Mr. Lloyd George also spoke, but confined himself to a brief expression of complete approval of Bonar Law's speech.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald gave a complete elucidation of the policy of the Labor Party. He maintained that the United States held the key and was the only country able to give Britain any help. He differed from the Premier, however, in believing it inadvisable to mix together too much the questions of reparations and inter-Allied debts. He admitted Germany possessed "enormous industrial resources" which she must be carefully handled or she will follow Austria into bankruptcy. He declared reparations a curse both to those who paid and those who received.

There was great unanimity displayed in support of the Government throughout the debate, and the submission of questions drafted by agreement between Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George, was a complete novelty in parliamentary procedure, especially as the questions had been shown to the Premier in advance. After Mr. Bonar Law's speech Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George had a consultation and agreed that there was no occasion for them to speak as they were in accord with the Prime Minister's pronouncement. Mr. Lloyd George in fact tore up his notes and only spoke in reply to a Labor Member's criticism.

Mr. Bonar Law as usual spoke without notes. The opinion in the lobbies was that the unusual unanimity would not be without influence on the adjourned conference to be held in Paris on January 2nd. In the course of his address, the Prime Minister said there was almost no hope of a solution of the reparations question unless Great Britain and France acted together. The British Government he declared, could not look with equanimity upon any action by her Ally which would have the effect, not of reducing reparations, but making it more difficult if not impossible to obtain them. This was taken as a reference to the French proposals for the occupation of Ruhr.

GERMANY NEAR COLLAPSE.

LONDON, Dec. 14. Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons to-day said Germany was very near collapse. The Premier declared this was the only information he could give the House on Reparations.

TURKEY WILL JOIN LEAGUE.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 14. Turkey will join the League of Nations as soon as peace is signed, Ismet Pasha announced to-day. Ismet's announcement is interpreted as meaning that Turkey will accept the League's supervision over the Christian people of Turkey.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE HOME SECRETARY.

LONDON, Dec. 14. An attempt has been made to assassinate Home Secretary Bridgeman by means of poisonous chocolates sent through the mail. The chocolates contained arsenic.

EMPIRE PREFERENCE RESULTS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14. Pres. Victor Bortram of the Overseas Trade Association at a general meeting last night declared that as far as the British West Indies were concerned, he had found the Canadian

Government Merchant Marine and subsidized lines were using Empire Preference to their own profit, and charging such exorbitant prices that his company could ship food five times as far for the same rates, while European firms could undersell Canada in these markets despite Empire Preference and short haul.

LINERS IN COLLISION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. In a driving snow storm in Lower New York Bay, the Ward liner Mexico, for Havana, with one hundred and nineteen passengers, to-day collided with the Hamilton of the Old Dominion line coming in from Norfolk. The Mexico with her port side badly damaged went out a wireless call for assistance. The Hamilton proceeded to the pier a short time later under her own power, slightly damaged. The captain said the Mexico was in no immediate danger.

GRAIN STEAMER ASHORE.

WELLAND, Dec. 14. The steamer Thunder Bay, grain laden for Port Colborne, is ashore off Morgan's Point, ten miles west of the Mouth Canal, driven there by a snow laden gale. She is now lying about half a mile from the shore on a rock ledge with a heavy storm breaking over her. Seventeen of the crew are still on board, while five escaped in the ship's boat this afternoon. The Thunder Bay is two hundred and sixty-five feet long.

ONTARIO'S NEW U.F. LEADER.

TORONTO, Dec. 14. W. A. Amos, of Palmerston, Ont., was this afternoon elected President of the United Farmers of Ontario by acclamation, succeeding R. W. E. Burnaby, who retired. Amos was elected Vice-President last year.

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