

FOUR YEARS IN POLITICAL LIFE

CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN DIES OF HEART FAILURE

Former British Premier's Fidelity to Liberal Party Was Unwavering.

London, April 22.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, formerly British premier, died at 9.15 o'clock this morning at his official residence in Downing street. The end was peaceful. The cause of Sir Henry's death is officially given as heart failure.

The death of Sir Henry after a lingering illness of more than two months did not come as a surprise. Although the doctor's bulletins had not declared his condition critical, that fact was perfectly understood, and the public had been expecting the announcement of his end at any hour during the past fortnight.

The death of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman passed peacefully away at 9.15 o'clock this morning. The cause of his death was heart failure. (Signed, E. W. Burnett.)

In the death chamber when the ex-premier breathed his last were present, Miss Campbell, who had acted as Sir Henry's hostess since the death of Lady Campbell-Bannerman, a little more than a year ago; Dr. Burnett, who was Sir Henry's personal physician, and who had been a constant attendant during his long illness, and Sir Henry's butler. The ex-premier had been unconscious most of the time during the last two or three days, and his sinking was gradual.

A few hours before his death telegrams were dispatched to King Edward, who, with Queen Alexandra, is visiting the Danish royal family at Copenhagen; the Prince of Wales and the cabinet ministers.

Newspaper reporters were keeping vigilance before the house of the dying statesman, but the only news handed out was in the form of a bulletin an hour after his death. A few minutes thereafter a crowd assembled in Downing street, but all persons were barred from approaching the house by a line of police from Scotland Yard nearby.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's final illness dates from February 12th, when he last appeared in the House of Commons and moved the closure of the Scottish Land Bills, although he had been ailing since November 12th, 1907, when he participated in an entertainment given by the Emperor of Germany at the Guildhall. On November 14th, after addressing a political meeting at Bristol, he was seriously stricken with heart weakness, and later influenza.

The ex-premier fully appreciated his condition, and realized that his recovery was improbable. He offered to give up office some time before he formally resigned, early this month. Few invalids have been the object of so much solicitude and attention as was bestowed upon Sir Henry, there having been a constant stream of callers at his Downing street residence, including King Edward, who visited him on two occasions; Queen Alexandra, the Dowager Empress of Russia, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and many prominent men in public life.

Sir Henry's last public utterance was a warm letter of thanks to his Scottish friends who presented him with a portrait of himself. It is known that the ex-premier was opposed to a public funeral, and it is believed he will be buried beside the body of his wife at Meigle, in Perthshire, without ostentation.

David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, on receiving the news of Sir Henry's death, said: "I never met a greater public figure since I have been in political life who won so completely the attachment and affection of men who came in contact with him."

Career, Crowded With Honors. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman resigned the office of prime minister on April 8th, suggesting in his letter to King Edward, who was sojourning at Biarritz, Herbert H. Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer, and the then acting premier, as his successor. His death was summoned at once by the King and received the appointment a few days later.

Sir Henry was born on September 7th, 1858. He was the youngest son of the late Sir James Campbell, of Stracathro, once Lord Provost of Glasgow. He assumed the name of Bannerman under the will of his maternal uncle, the late Henry Bannerman, of Huxton Court, Kent, who bequeathed to him a large estate. He attended Glasgow university and Trinity college, Cambridge. In 1880 he married Charlotte, daughter of Major-General Sir Charles Bruce. She died in 1906, and since then Sir Henry's decline in health may be dated.

For nearly forty years he sat for the same seat, the Sitting Burghs, and his record of office goes back to 1871, when he was financial secretary to the war office, which post he held a second time from 1880 to 1882. During the next two years he was secretary to the admiralty, and in 1884 he succeeded Sir George Trevelyan as Irish secretary, filling that office ably until the defeat of the Gladstone ministry in 1885, in spite of the fact that the fishermen have subscribed him as "The Scotch sandbag."

In the short government of 1888 he was secretary for war, and to that post he returned under the last Liberal government. The Unionists suggested that he be a candidate for the Speakership, to which Mr. Gully was appointed.

He was chosen leader of the Liberal opposition in succession to Sir Wm. Harcourt in February, 1892. The Boer war proved a stumbling block to the administration, but notwithstanding the difference between Liberal-Imperialists and other Liberals over this question, a unanimous vote of confidence in his leadership was carried at

OLD AGE PENSIONS WITHIN A YEAR

LOYD-GEORGE WILLING TO BET ON SCHEME

Winston's Home Rule Pro-nouncement to Win Manchester Election.

Manchester, April 22.—The furious election that is being waged here has brought forth two weighty pledges from the Liberal ministers.

The first of these was Winston Spencer Churchill's Home Rule pro-nouncement, and last night David Lloyd-George offered a bet to Mr. Churchill's opponent that the old age pension scheme would be established within a year.

When it is remembered that Mr. Lloyd-George is now Chancellor of the Exchequer and in the position of having to find the money for the pensioning, his prediction is of the greatest interest.

PATIENTS ARE SAVED.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 22.—At the hospital at Big Rapids, five broke out at 9.15 p.m. yesterday in the main building. Within a short time the five extended to the wings. Thirty patients were removed, and it is believed that every person escaped, although the flames travelled so fast that they are seriously injured. The hospital was one of the oldest in Western Michigan, and was the headquarters for the Sisters of Mercy in Western Michigan.

CADETS ATTEMPT ASSASSINATION

EIGHT EXECUTED FOR ACTION IN GUATEMALA

President Cabrera Receives Several Wounds, but None Are Serious.

Mexico City, April 22.—The shooting at Guatemala city, during which President Estrada Cabrera was wounded, was done by cadets of the Polytechnic institute, according to advices received here yesterday from Guatemala.

The cadets had been selected to act as guards of honor during the return of the new American minister, Major Wm. Helmke, and opened fire as the president entered the palace. Dispatches from Guatemala state that several members of the party were wounded, one of two fatal. The president himself received several wounds, none of them being serious.

The dispatch states that eight cadets were executed immediately after the shooting.

SMUGGLING JAPANESE.

Clique 'Enlists to Send Brown Men Across Border, Says Vancouver Paper.

Vancouver, April 21.—The Canadian News, a Japanese newspaper published in Vancouver, is preparing a wage a war against the Japanese smugglers of this city. The following statement appeared in the News issued yesterday:

"There are parties in Vancouver who since last year have been making large profits by smuggling several hundreds of Japanese into the United States. There are quite a number of men in the clique. The leader is a certain Japanese hotel. He has several accomplices, through whom he smuggles men across the border three or four times a month. There are also parties who are making a business of selling passports at a high price here in Vancouver."

The names of the parties are not known in this office, but in order to give opportunity for repentance we refrain from publishing their names this time, giving warning, however, that if they persist in their practices, we are not abandoned immediately we shall expose the whole business without reserve."

ROYAL CITY ENTERPRISE.

Pulp Mill and Pottery Works to Be Started Up.

New Westminster, April 21.—Two new industries are likely to be started near this city soon. They are a pulp mill and a pottery and tile works. The pulp mill will be established in connection with the British Columbia box factory. If the present plans of Finch Page are carried out.

DUNCAN FRUIT GROWING.

Mr. Drummond Delivers Address on Co-operation in Finding a Good Market.

Duncan, April 20.—On Saturday evening a meeting of those interested in fruit-growing was held in the agricultural hall. The speaker was Mr. Drummond, who gave an address on co-operation with a view to finding a good market at the proper times for fruit grown on the Island and the putting up of canneries to use the surplus. Those present were much interested, but the meeting was unfortunately cut short by the ringing of the fire bell.

An overturned lamp in the furniture shop of Mr. Morrison started a blaze. The fire brigade extinguished the flames before much damage was done.

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY.

Ottawa, April 22.—William Mackenzie, for many years in the press gallery, has been appointed by the pre-parliamentary committee, created by the Canadian secretary for imperial and foreign correspondence.

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