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Premier Asquith's Announcement in House of Commons—Payment of Members Would Make Great Change

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Today's business of the two houses of parliament are likely to prove the turning point in the history of the House of Lords as now constituted.

The older Conservatives view this with anxious concern, and lamenting the disappearance of the hereditary principle as the basis of the upper chamber. Whatever may result, a second appeal to the nation arising from the struggle between the two Houses seems certain, and henceforth elective and selective houses.

Interest in the session has been transferred to the contingencies. The belief tonight is that the House of Lords will not attempt to pass the second reading of the veto bill on the

Mr. Asquith will open the Liberal campaign with a speech at the National Liberal club tomorrow, and it is expected to develop the government's policy at length. All the other leaders are booked for speeches of quick succession.

heard on the Conservative side that the government has precipitated the elections at an inconvenient time. Both sides, however, profess the utmost confidence in the outcome.

Dissolution Nov. 28th.

Premier Asquith's announcement was to the effect that parliament would be dissolved on November 28th.

In case the House of Lords rejected the veto bill. The announcement of Premier Asquith's was a surprise, as many of both sides were hopeful that a compromise would be reached. The premier was defiant when he addressed the House of Commons this afternoon. "It is useless to continue the farce any longer," he said. "To reform the

House of Lords and simultaneously to permit them to retain the right of veto simply makes the government's farce. The suggested compromise has not been in the interests of the people. The government has a distinct programme which must be carried out."

The Liberal benches cheered the announcement as the premier concluded.

Lord Crewe, Liberal leader in the upper House, announced the decision.

Premier Asquith, rising to make his statement amid tense attention, said he regretted the delay in making the motion standing against his name and the statement which precedes it. The premier announced that the Budget would be proceeded with under summary procedure by resolution, explaining that parliament would be given a

"It is the intention of the government," he said, "to pass the essential features of the Budget, namely, the income tax, tea duty and sinking fund provisions; to remove paup. r disqualification for old age pensions and dissolve parliament on November 28th."

The premier also announced that the government proposed next year to bring in a bill for the payment of members.

Premier Asquith, referring to the abortive veto conference between the leaders of the government and opposition, said that when the House adjourned in July the conference had already held twelve sittings.

my colleagues," said the premier. "to announce that we were of the opinion that it would be wrong at that stage to break off the negotiations. Further sittings took place during the recess, and I am not ashamed to confess that I hoped to the last an agreement would be reached. Never had there been a more honest and sustained attempt by any of strong and conflicting opinions."

In view of the failure of the conference, the premier said that it would be useless to attempt to hammer out an agreement in the present parliament to the accompaniment of the deep party collision. The result is that they must revert to a state of war.

Continuing, Premier Asquith said: The Lords will be given an opportunity of saying yes or no to the government's veto bill, in the coming

