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would open a way of escape for the government from an extremely embarrassing situation. Even if the Speaker rules that it is in order, friends equally with opponents of the government realize that this grotesque measure can never be carried in its present form. It is an ominous fact that a motion for its rejection has been put down by Lord Robert Cecil, whose concern is less with free trade than with the maintenance of parliamentary control over taxation. Events are steadily pushing Lord Robert into an attitude of hostility to the government. The independent Conservatives in the house of commons are now meeting regularly under his chairmanship. They have no love for this government.

"I learn on excellent authority," says a writer in a London journal, "that Mr. Asquith is still desirous of returning to the house of commons. As Christmas is so close, it is doubtful whether he will be back on the front opposition bench this year, but his friends are most anxious to secure his return early in the new year. At the same time they cannot expect a statesman of the prestige of the ex-prime minister to throw himself into a fight where his chances of success are jeopardized by a coalitionist and a labor man going to the poll as well. There is a feeling growing up on both sides that the time has arrived when some arrangement might be made between the whips of the rival sections to permit the ex-M. P. to get the 'suitable opportunity' for election he requires." CHEAP FARES FOR BIG

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families of four children, 40 per cent to those having five, and 50 per cent to those having six or more.

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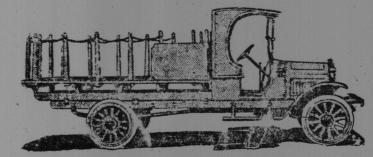
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