

COMMONS CENSURES LORDS FOR REJECTION OF BUDGET

Premier Asquith's Resolution Denouncing Lords' Usurpation of Commons' Rights Passed by Large Majority.

THE PRIME MINISTER SURPASSED HIMSELF IN SPEECH ON MOTION

Will Re-Enact Every Measure in the Budget if Liberal Government is Sustained at the Polls, He Says.

Declares Lords' Action to be New-Fangled Casuarina—A. J. Balfour, Leader of Opposition, Defends Action of Second Chamber, Declaring It to be Not Unconstitutional—Labor Leader Henderson Assures Labor Party is Solidly Behind the Government and the Budget.

London, Dec. 2.—By a majority of 215, after a brief but exciting sitting, the House of Commons today recorded its claim to the exclusive control of the nation's purse—a claim never before challenged in modern times. The vote was taken on a resolution offered by Premier Asquith, which declared that the action of the House of Lords in refusing to pass into law the financial provisions made for this chamber for the expenses of one year was a breach of the constitution and an usurpation of the rights of the House of Commons. The resolution was passed by a vote of 349 to 134.

Greatest Struggle in Centuries. By this vote the opposing forces of the Lords and Commons are placed in a bitter array more than in the greatest constitutional struggles that have come before the country's judgment for centuries. The scenes of enthusiasm which accompanied the voting on Mr. Asquith's resolution, were in marked contrast to those witnessed during the debates in the House of Lords. No prominent members from the government side arose in the House to utter solemn warnings against the course now being pursued. The ministerial ranks were closed in the action of the Upper House.

Mr. Balfour, leader of the opposition, evidently was suffering from the effects of his previous exertions and did not speak at his best. Premier Asquith's reference to the ministerial ranks was dissolved his hearers in laughter. He quoted with trenchant effect the speech of Mr. Balfour last night, in which the ex-premier described himself as a House of Commons man. Altogether Mr. Asquith surpassed himself, and his speech is said to be the finest he has ever delivered. He said that he had never made a finer or more effective speech.

Mr. Henderson's speech for the Labor party also given the Liberal great encouragement for the coming campaign, showing that the whole party is of one mind. He said that he had given the Liberal great encouragement for the coming campaign, showing that the whole party is of one mind. He said that he had given the Liberal great encouragement for the coming campaign, showing that the whole party is of one mind.

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Must Borrow to Meet Necessities. Dealing with the financial situation created by the action of the House of Lords, Mr. Asquith said that until fresh provision was made the necessities of state could only be supplied by borrowing under the powers of the appropriation act. He hoped that the Premier, rested upon the shoulders of the Lords.

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647 PATIENTS IN GERMAN HOSPITAL ARE POISONED

Berlin, Dec. 3.—Five hundred and forty-seven patients in the asylum at Friedrichsberg, near Hamburg, are ill from the effects of poisoned rice, which is supposed to have been given to them by one of the unscrupulous employees. Two patients have died from eating the poisoned rice and over one hundred are hopeless.

Death-Bed Threats.

They were more death-bed threats, but he great rejoiced that they were to go down to their political graves without gross a misrepresentation of the whole course of English constitutional history. He would have preferred to die in a more dignified manner. Mr. Balfour said he did not know whether the government deliberately ignored some of the points which lay on the very face of its constitutional position. The Commons has in its mind that the House of Lords had the right to reject bills. The prime minister had told them that the Lords had never in their history taken such a step, said Mr. Balfour. It was within the memory of living men that the Lords had done so.

Keating up Misrepresentation.

The Lords, said Mr. Balfour, had only one thing to do and that was to pass until it had been submitted to the people. It was a misrepresentation of the Commons that the Lords would be of rare occurrence. (Ministerial cheer.) "Why?" That was the question. "Why?" That was the question. "Why?" That was the question.

Need of Second Chamber.

Without touching on the question of the merits of the hereditary principle, Mr. Balfour said that the Commons was a better one, the House of Lords was the second chamber. Some honorable members did not like a second chamber at all. Mr. Balfour said that he thought it wise, in the interests of the Commons, to clip and curtail the powers of the second chamber now.

Instinct of Division.

The Lords, declared the Premier, seemed to have the instinct of division, which enabled them to distinguish a nicely provided way of a Liberal government was in power, the occasions and matters in regard to which the people's representatives were betraying the people's trust. They rejected the budget, not because they loved the people, but because they hated the budget. When the democracy voted Liberal the second chamber woke up from its slumbers and nullified the work of the Commons.

For Country to Determine.

On conclusion, Mr. Balfour said the essential point of the controversy was whether the House of Lords in declaring that the Commons must be consulted upon this measure had gone beyond the functions which ought to be left to the second chamber or whether they were merely exercising their powers. That was a point, said Mr. Balfour, the country would have to determine. He had no doubt whatever of the result. The radical view, said Mr. Balfour, was that after three years a government had no right to be returned to that view. It must be the radical theory, and it must be the radical theory, and it must be the radical theory.

Successor to Dr. Barr.

Orangeville, Dec. 3.—It is said C. R. McKeeven, K. C., now representing Ontario in the Legislature, may retire to become Conservative in the by-election for the Federal House, caused by the death of Dr. Barr. He may go to the party convention on December 10 at J. R. Gillingham, Drangville; G. M. Vance, Shesha; and J. C. Dynes, and John Best, Wilmore.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—The United States is threatened with the greatest railroad strike in the history of the nation. Practically every railroad line in the country, east and west, is in imminent danger of being tied up by a walk-out on the part of large numbers of its operating employees this month. Officers of the organizations of engineers, firemen, trainmen and switchmen have agreed upon a uniform demand of ten per cent wage increase without divanion or compromise.

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General Demand to be Made For Wage Increase—A Million Men Involved.

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LORDS' CUNNING THEIR UNDOING

David Lloyd-George Declares Their Greed Has Overborne Their Craft.

London, Dec. 3.—Freedom of their legislative duties the members of the House of Commons and many peers began their own political campaigns in their constituencies today. Comparatively few remained in London for the formalities connected with the ceremony of proroguing parliament. David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, whose budget was the initial cause of the crisis, was given the opportunity of firing the first shot in the struggle as the guest at luncheon of the National Liberal Club. The function was one of the most elaborate of the kind ever held in this city and being timed with the prorogation of parliament afforded an occasion which the chancellor took advantage to deliver a speech which will be the cue of the Radicals throughout the country.

Mr. Lloyd-George's Fighting Speech.

Mr. Lloyd-George delivered a fighting speech in which he expressed confidence that, although the budget had been rejected, it was assured the certain hope of an early reconstruction. He said that the cabinet had power to carry its bill.

Forced Into Position.

Decidedly a majority of the Lords were in their power simply to prevent the passage of radical measures, he added that the greatest mistake had been made in their opposition to the bill. Even Lord Lansdowne, he believed, would rather have passed the budget but he had been forced into the position taken against his better judgment.

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