

# CHURCHILL'S DECLARATION!

**Will Fight for Economy Though Maintaining His Conservative Connection.**

**Salisbury's Government Feels Perfectly Safe—British People Startled by Some of the King's Movements.**

London, May 20.—"I have no intention of disassociating myself from the Conservative party, but I have every intention of upholding my attitude and continue my fight for economy." In this way the man of the week—for so Winston Churchill undoubtedly is—expressed his own opinion to a press representative concerning the fight which, by reason of its unexpected strength and its dramatic revelation of inherited oratorical power, has caused more sensation in the political world than any other recent circumstance. The fact that the army reorganization scheme of Mr. Brodrick, the secretary for war, passed the House of Commons by an abnormally large majority is not taken in any quarter to denote the fact of the strenuous opposition Winston Churchill displayed toward it. "Consider," writes that old parliamentary hand, Henry W. Massingham, in the Daily News, "what it means for a young man under 30, with a few weeks' parliamentary experience, to fight down the physical difficulties of speech, and all the obstacles of a highly strung and nervous temperament; then to step out at once into the first rank of the debaters, handle a great topic with masterly ease, and stand against the whole party. Who, in our times, has done so much? Who, indeed, has ever tried it?"

## BITTERLY OPPOSED.

In the same breath Mr. Massingham and other writers draw attention to the bitterness of the personal and public attitude of the Conservative leaders towards Mr. Churchill. Mr. A. J. Balfour, the government leader in the House of Commons, who is usually so genial towards others, has entirely ignored this young member of the house, who, with one speech, has now gained a prominence which everybody says his party cannot afford to overlook. Current parliamentary gossip presages for Winston Churchill an even more brilliant career than that of his father. The chief doubt of his success appears to be his lack of money, which at present is quite insufficient to enable him to devote that large amount of time required by the duties of a cabinet minister. The sneers of Mr. Brodrick and other members of the government at Mr. Churchill's reference to his father's fight and his own right to raise the tattered banner of economy and to protest against the growing war expenditure has had but a slight effect among the broad-minded Conservatives and Radicals. An explanation of Mr. Churchill's difficulties in securing fair treatment in the House of Commons is perhaps supplied by T. P. O'Connor, an Irish Nationalist, who this week wrote a series of articles entitled "Is Parliament Decaying?" In these articles Mr. O'Connor dilates upon the utter mental and physical apathy which prevails among members of the government. Mr. Balfour, he says, is quite worn out and without a spark of freshness.

## THE GOVERNMENT FEELS SAFE.

The real point made by Mr. Balfour, in summing up the case for the government, had nothing to do with army reform at all. It was that if the scheme were defeated and the government turned out there would be nobody to take the place of the government and nothing to substitute for the scheme. The result of it is that there are to be six army corps in the United Kingdom, with six general officers of high authority over them. At present there are eighteen military districts, each independent of every one except the commander-in-chief. There is also to be a considerable increase in the number of the army, but none in the pay of soldiers. It is upon this point that the criticism of the scheme has been most effective. How, it was asked, will more recruits be obtained unless greater inducements are offered? Mr. Brodrick relies upon the stimulus to recruiting given by war, but there is nothing to show that it will last, while there is every reason to suppose it will not. Then we must resort to conscription, or the whole scheme will break down.

## BRITISH PEOPLE STARTLED.

The King is putting his house in order. The prince consort's rooms, which had been closed for many years by Queen Victoria's orders, and which were kept as they were the time of his death, have been opened and refurnished in modern style, and the state apartments have been transformed into rooms where the members of the royal family can live in comfort. The jubilee presents and many favorite pictures of Queen Victoria have been sent to London, and the Queen's personal belongings have been distributed among the members of her family. Even her dogs have not escaped the new order. The smooth-coated collies which were her special favorites, have been distributed among the people of Windsor, and the other dogs—about 70 in all—have been claimed by various princely households.

## SOCIAL LIFE IN LONDON.

The London season, which during recent times has been beginning earlier and ending later year by year, can hardly be said to have started at all. House agents complain that families which have come up to London regularly year after year have stayed away, and that there has been an utter

collapse of the business of letting houses at special rates.

Another year there will be a carnival of wealth and fashion under royal auspices. The King, instead of setting the style for country houses and weekend parties, and increasing the attendance of smart people at the race courses, is now engrossed in the details of the renovation of palaces and the minor details of investiture and decorations. He will receive Sir Alfred Milner at Marlborough House, and Lord Roberts at Osborne and will set the seal of royal approval upon the public appreciation of the high commissioner's services.

While Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain are sined out for the honor of escorting Sir Alfred Milner to Marlborough House their relations with the King are official and impersonal. The King is not likely to consider Lord Salisbury's wishes when he renounces in retiring from office and the selection of his successor is necessary. Nobody knows whether Mr. Chamberlain stands as well with King Edward as he did with Queen Victoria. The King is a true non-partisan, and has no favorites among statesmen and politicians.

## RUSSIA AND THE JEWS.

In spite of the Prussian Government's prompt remonstrance Russia continues to maintain stringent anti-Jewish measures in the frontier districts, virtually preventing all Russian Jews from passing the German frontier and practically prohibiting all German Jews from crossing into Russia for any purpose. It is claimed Russia resolved upon such severe measures against Jewish smugglers were responsible for the recent Socialist and Nihilist fomentations along the frontier, and also for the introduction of dangerous pamphlets.

## CHANGES IN SCOTCH ESTATES.

This will be a great season for European travel, but Scotland is not likely to be neglected. Many changes in Scotch estates are reported. The Marquis of Lansdowne has sold to Sir James Siveright Tulliallan Castle, with an finely wooded estate of 4,500 acres. The restoration of Rothesay Castle has been completed, and the Marquis of Bute will probably entertain the King to the new banqueting hall next August.

## THE KING IS GRADUALLY PENSIONING OFF.

and rewarding with souvenir presents the court ladies and attendants of the Victorian reign. Dr. Conan Doyle was one of the tallest cricketers in the three days' match at Lords, and was on the winning side. His fielding being effective against Leicestershire. The reports of scientific parties observing the eclipse of the sun are still incomplete, and are less satisfactory than had been hoped, although some successful photographs of the corona have been taken.

## TO GET MARRIED

**Young Woman Broke Smallpox Quarantine at Havelock, Ont.**

Havelock, Ont., May 20.—A daughter of John Morrow, three of whose family have the smallpox, escaped from quarantine Saturday and left on the afternoon train for some point in the United States, where she is to be married today.

## DARING ESCAPE

**FROM A WARSHIP!**

**Ex-American Soldier Left German Vessel—Had Been Sentenced to Fifteen Years' Imprisonment.**

On March 25 last, M. J. Dunn, of 454 Fourteenth avenue, Detroit, and late Cavalry, serving in the Philippines, left Manila for this country. On the way the transport in which he was embarked dropped anchor in Nagasaki Bay, Japan. In the same harbor was a German warship, about 500 yards of practically ice-cold water separating the two vessels.

It was while the American transport lay at anchor there that a sensational escape, which has since caused the German navy considerable annoyance, was made from the German vessel, and Mr. Dunn considered it one of the most daring deeds that ever came to his knowledge.

During the Spanish-American war a young German named August Meathe joined the American army. He served with honor and was discharged at the close of hostilities. A short time afterward he went to Germany to look after some property which had been left him. In the United States he had been a member of the signal corps. Meathe, however, was too high-spirited for such service as is required in the German navy, and when a petty officer insulted him, he retaliated by promptly knocking him down and giving him a sound thrashing. For this offense he was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment. Before the sentence could be put into execution, however, the American transport arrived in Nagasaki harbor, where the German boat already lay, and the young prisoner formed a desperate plan to escape.

One starlit night he dressed himself in two heavy suits of clothes, crawled stealthily from his bunk in the big warship, and slipped noiselessly down the anchor chains, that creaked and swayed with every heave of the long roll and rose dripping as it passed. He dropped cautiously into the icy

water, but a single stroke revealed an unlooked-for danger. The water was full of phosphorus, and each ripple on its surface seemed to multiply into waves of fire. The fugitive, afraid to stir, floated motionless in his icy bath for fully half an hour until the darkness deepened sufficiently to allow his striking out for the American vessel.

The long swim was made successfully, and it happened to be Mr. Dunn who first came upon the young sailor drying his clothes before the donkey-engine of the transport. Mr. Dunn fixed him up with a bowl of hot soup, and with the aid of a friend, secreted him for five days, until the transport left the harbor and the pilot had been dismissed.

A few weeks later Mr. Meathe was safe on the shores of his adopted country. He is now in charge of a large pleasure yacht on the Pacific coast, while because of his escape the German Government has been forced to change its entire code of signals, so Mr. Dunn says.

## REPORT AS TO CREED REVISION

**Presented to the United States Presbyterian Assembly—Consideration of Question Put Over Until Thursday.**

Philadelphia, May 20.—The report of the committee on revision was on Saturday presented to the Presbyterian assembly. A minority report was also laid before the assembly, and it is probable that the question will not come up for consideration until next Thursday.

The report reviews its work and enumerates the questions asked of the different presbyteries regarding their views on revision and the nature of the replies received. It then makes the following statement:

1. That the returns indicate that the church desires some change in its creedal statement.  
2. That the returns indicate that no change is desired which would in any way impair the integrity of the system of doctrine contained in the confession of faith.  
3. These returns indicate that it is the mind of the church that the confession shall be interpreted throughout in the light of the teaching of the Scriptures that God is not willing that anyone should perish, nor is it the decree of God, but the wickedness of their hearts which shuts some men out from the salvation freely and lovingly offered in Christ Jesus to all sinners.

4. These returns indicate that a plurality of the presbyteries desire that changes should be made by some new statement of present doctrines.

5. The returns also indicate a desire on the part of many presbyteries for some revision of the present confession, especially in chapter III, chapter X, section 3; chapter XVI, section XXV, section 6; with additional statements concerning the love of God for all men, missions and the Holy Spirit.

## THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. In view of these facts as recommended by the committee, as provided for by the form of government, chapter XXIII, section 3, be appointed by this assembly.

B. We recommend that this committee be instructed to prepare a brief summary of the reformed faith bearing the same relation to the confession of the church as the shorter catechism bears to the larger catechism, and formed on the general model of the consensus 1829, or the "Articles of Faith," of the Presbyterian Church of England, both of which documents are appended to the committee's report and submitted to the assembly, to be referred to the committee that may be appointed.

This summary is not to be a substitute for the confession, and is not to affect the terms of subscription, but to indicate and clear up the meaning of the church from all false aspersions and misconceptions, to give a better understanding of what is most surely believed among us, and to be a basis to inspire, but rather to manifest, and maintain the integrity of the Reformed Faith.

C. We further recommend that this committee be instructed to prepare amendments of chapter III, chapter X, section 3; chapter XVI, section XXV, section 6; with additional statements concerning the love of God for all men, missions and the Holy Spirit. It being understood that the revision shall in no way impair the integrity of the system of doctrine set forth in our confession and taught in the Holy Scriptures.

The minority report embodies the findings and recommendations of the majority, except the recommendation to instruct the proposed committee to prepare such a summary of the reformed faith.

The report of the committee on missionary and benevolent offerings did not meet with favor by a majority of the commissioners.

## AN INNOVATION.

A recommendation is made, adding to overtone No. 1, a new section, as follows: The component parts of a church are: the church members, the deacons, the communicant members with their baptized children, the Sabbath school with its scholars, the teachers and officers, the various societies or agencies organized for the carrying on of Christian work and development of Christian life.

Rev. Dr. George T. Purvis, of New York, made a motion referring the report to the committee on church polity. He said he feared such an addition to the overtone might introduce a new definition of the church, and that this definition might be used to the serious detriment of the church in the fact that Sunday school children would be allowed a vote in church meetings.

John Willis Baer, of Boston, secretary of the Christian Endeavor society, spoke in favor of the report, on the grounds that if adopted it would for the first time in the history of the church give the Christian Endeavorers and Sabbath school children constitutional standing in the church.

The report was referred to the committee on church polity.

Portsmouth, Ohio, was rattled by an earthquake Thursday.

At Birtle, Man., Thursday night, the safe of the C. P. R. station was blown open and the contents stolen. Fortunately the robber was one day too late, and got only about \$200, whereas one day sooner he could have had over \$4,000.

Shropshire (England) farmers are at their wits' end for the lack of laborers. There were 250 advertisements in a recent Shropshire paper for men to work on farms.

## ELOPED ACROSS THE BORDER!

**Details of the Degre-Durocher Marriage.**

**Which Is Now Ruled To Be Void—Couple Separated.**

Montreal, May 20.—A judgment of almost equal importance with that of the celebrated Deloit case was rendered on Friday by Justices Mathieu, Curran and L'Imieure in the court of review, which, as already briefly stated, they reversed the decision of Mr. Justice Lynch, given in the superior court of the district of Bedford, on the 7th of May, 1900, in the case of Durocher vs. Degre.

The facts of the case are briefly as follows:

On the 30th of June, 1900, Margaret Elizabeth Durocher, residing with her parents in the town of Granby, and then a minor, eloped with Joseph Degre, of the parish of St. Alphonse. They drove across the border line to East Franklin, Vermont, where they were married before a Protestant minister named Edwin Prouty.

It will be seen that the circumstances are entirely different from those of the Deloit case. In the case of Madame Deloit, she was of marriageable age, and was properly married before a recognized minister of an established church in the Dominion of Canada, and under the authority of a marriage license granted by the representatives of the provincial government. In the case of Margaret E. Durocher, she was under age, there was no publication of banns, no license was secured, the consent of her parents was never asked, and she was married in a foreign country by a minister whose particular denomination is not known, whose competency to perform the ceremony is denied, and without any of the necessary formalities being complied with.

It was a clandestine marriage by a young girl with an almost equally young man, for it is not shown that she was of age at the time he eloped with her, and the parties drove across the line into Vermont because they well knew that no Canadian minister, of whatever creed, would marry so young a couple without the consent of their parents being publicly given, and without the necessary license or publication of the banns.

The marriage turned out unhappily. The couple soon quarreled and separated. The wife went back to her parents, and neither of them have since desired to continue marriage relations.

On the 12th of November, 1900, the wife obtained from the Bishop of St. Hyacinthe a decree declaring that under the ecclesiastical law the marriage was null and void on account of its clandestine character, and the father took an action in the superior court of the district of Bedford to have this confirmed by the civil authority. In his decision, Mr. Justice Lynch granted a full separation as to bed and board, but he declined to declare the marriage null.

This decision has been unanimously reversed by the three learned judges sitting in review, and their decision is on the ground that the requirements ordained by articles 57, 58 and 120 of the civil code were not complied with. The girl was a minor, she had not obtained the consent of her parents to the marriage.

The intending husband had neither asked a publication of the banns, nor had he secured a license, and the couple had proceeded to a foreign country with the deliberate intention of avoiding the requirements of the Canadian law; moreover, the marriage was not shown to have been performed by a competent official.

## NEARLY EIGHT FEET TALL.

[Boston Daily Globe.]

Though a mere youth of 20, Edward Bost, a French-Canadian, who visited Boston yesterday, feels that he is big enough to make his own way in the world. Considering that he stands 7 feet 8 inches tall, and weighs 250 pounds, he would appear to be right in his opinion. Mr. Bost weighs 250 pounds, though he has no nose, and he is simply a husky lad, who has not yet got his growth.

What Makes Beauty?

Beauty is made or marred by the blood. When the blood is impure, the cheeks grow sallow, the eyes dull, the hair loses its luster. When the blood flows through the veins in a pure, rich current, the eyes sparkle, the skin is clear, the complexion beautiful. Women who use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, find that it is a genuine beautifier. By purifying and enriching the blood it puts a bloom on the cheek and a brightness in the eye, which tell the story of perfect health.

"Having been left weak from fever last October, I was under the doctor's care here," writes Mrs. Alice C. Case, of New Brunswick, N. B. "I took medicine, but did not seem to grow very much. I was tired all the time, had no appetite, had wandering pains all over me more or less, and was very nervous, as I had more sick all the summer. I was all run-down and did not know what to do. I got a letter from Dr. Pierce, telling me my symptoms better than I could describe, and I bought a bottle of his medicine. I took four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and gained strength right along. I took one bottle of the 'Pleasant Pellets,' and I know that these medicines will do all that they are recommended to do."

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