TANGLED POLITICS IN BRITAIN

WHAT COURSE WILL ASQUITH TAKE?

The Budget, Reform of the Lords and of Election Law Will Follow

(By Charles P Stewart, London Correspondent of the United Press)

London, Feb. 21.-When parliament will be up to King Edward and Premier Asquith to deal with the most tangled situation ever known in Eng-

Here is the position: A House of Commons passes a finance bill by the biggest majority recorded. Against all onstitutional practice, the House of refers the matter to the electorate. Furthermore, he implicitly declares that he will not accept office again

1. The legislative veto of the Lords 2. Every vestige of power of inter-

from the Lords.

every English general election, thousands of small local matters obscure the great point and every other subject der the sun is talked about rather than the main issue. In this case Asquith's opponents had no wish to fight on his ground. They preferred to fight on their own. Their platform was:

A supreme British navy on the assumption that at present the navy is

Class opposition to the Liberal social

The House of Lords question was never fairly answered. In every country district the Conservatives swept the board on the matter of protection. Similarly in the great towns the Liberals more than held their ground because of their adhesion to free trade. And so the elections finished thus: Liberals, 275.

Conservatives, 273.

Nationalists, 71, following Redmond. Nationalists, 11, following O'Brien. This means that Liberals and Conservatives, the two great antagonists, are equal. The balance of power is held by the Laborites and Nationalists. On many matters the Liberals will get their undivided support. Trusting to this they have taken office. But the Laborites and Redmond group can throw them out when they please With precarious support of this kind

how is Asquith going to carry out drastic reforms? How far can he go? This much is certain. Liberals, Redmond's followers and Labor men are united on points that:

1. In administration and finance the elected representatives of the people shall have absolute control. 2. In legislation the final and delib-

erate will of the people shall prevail. This is all very well so far as it goes. But it only satisfies the moderate branch of the Liberals. The rest want something far more drastic. want to see the House of Lords, in its present form, swept away altogether.

This is where King Edward comes in He does not want a complete end made to the peers. So far back as last April he said to Asquith: "I don't want to be the only hereditary institution left in this country." And just at present King Edward holds the key to the sit-

to destroy the House of Lords is by legislation. For this to become law it must be passed by the peers themselves. In fact, the Lords will be ask-ed, more or less politely, to commit

Disappointing as it may be to the Liberals, the Lords will refuse to do anything of the kind. Then there will The reply is that to some extent he the Irish are pledged to oppose it but registers only come into force at the be only one way out. Sufficient new could. It would be by refusing to take they will be placated by the promise beginning of January it is possible for peerages will have to be created to office. swamp the present Tory majority in It stands to reason that the Tories of by the finance bill of 1910. Coupled 1908, not to have a vote until January the House of Lords.

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ask King Edward to take this course and something like state bankruptcy then the other bill which will provide Loras. We have fixed the finances the latter might easily refuse.

can't claim that you have the country only a majority of two over the Conservatives. You hold office by the precial matters in time. If Asquith should have to accept it. This also will pass, favorable circumstances, and then if carious support of the Labor party and take this course it would bring its own for the Lords know that the proposal we get an overwhelming majority w the Nationalists, people who might take it into their heads to fire you out any moment. You had better wait until your support is stronger before the Nationalists, people who might take this course it wants of the Lords know that the proposal was the Lords know that the proposal has the unanimous support of the real will smash the House of Lords and in sonable opinion of the country. In so doing clear the way for home rule fact, even the Conservatives in the ing things upset. Anybody who deliboned in the lords know that the proposal was the unanimous support of the Lords know that the proposal was the unanimous support of the real will smash the House of Lords and in the sonable opinion of the country. In so doing clear the way for home rule fact, even the Conservatives in the ingular constitution of the country. The constitution of the country is stronger before the lords and in the lords know that the proposal was the unanimous support of the real will smash the House of Lords and in the constitution of the country. In so, the lords are a sonable opinion of the country. In the lords know that the proposal was the unanimous support of the real will smash the House of Lords and in the lords know that the proposal was the unanimous support of the real will smash the House of Lords and in the lords know that the proposal was the lords and in the lords know that the proposal was the lords know tha

tain that King Edward bitterly resented the action of the Lords in throwing out the budget. It is now known that he fiercely resents the manner in which the fiercely resents the manner in which t the leaders of the Lords refused to follow his advice and pass the bill. But, despite this, as a constitutional monarch he can scarcely consent to an arch he can scarcely consent to arch he can be arched to the consent to the

On the other hand, Asquith leads a party, which embittered by the fierest fight ever known, has come back to Westminster determined and pledg
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Asquith won't upset his career in this Plural voting will be swept away.

bor men are of the same view. And so Edward or to the Lords. For the time a division to have a couple of hun-the premier is in this dilemma if he being the latter are saved. Their dred of automobiles to convey their Mr. Richardson's intention to enlarge citizens are in hospitals and more

party revolt that will drive him out of coming session will be this. Last year's ment will be remodelled. At present to STRIKE RIOTS power.

But the Liberals are now asking, without discussion, will be rapidly the same house from July 15th one It was a threat of this kind that did it would be defeated by the comthe Commons will be a solemn resolumonths. In place of this archaic sysbrought the peers to their senses after bined forces of the Liberals, Laborites
tion affirming the proposition that the they had twice rejected the great reform bill of 1832. But that case was different from the present one, the bill if Asquith refused office this would be thought with a long to the work of the work

would result.

Asquith's refusal to take office would mean, therefore, an utter deadlock. It would mean another general election would mean another general election.

The deadlock is the form of the properties of the country. We have passed an election in the country. We have passed an election to preparing for service to-day.

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overwhelming and revolutionary change in a delicately balanced constitution like that of Great Britain, unless there are unmistakable signs of its being desired by the great majority the sound for a short time and a critical period Baby's. Own Tablets have as a critical period Baby's. Own that at a critical period Baby's. Own that ployers to prevent their men from Baby's Own Tablets all the credit for He is willing, and has promised Asquith, to see the powers of the Lords curbed and checked. But just now he will have no extreme courses.

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the transit company.

AT PHILADELPHIA

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In the morning a drizzling rain was falling but although walking was bad, different from the present one, the bill had the united support of the country behind it with the exception of a small group of landed aristocrats.

Obviously, as a result of the recent election Premier Asquith can hardly go so far as to claim this much for his policy. And so should he go to landed aristocrate out of the way then the budget for 1910 will be passed. When that is over a but of the way then the budget for 1910 will be passed. When that is over a long requested though with a wry face. No other course is open to them. They forced an election upon the issue of the budget for 1910 will be passed. When that is over a long requested the scene of the werst righting yester-get and their side came back in the cart. So the famous budget of 1910 will passed by the Commons.

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The farmers who wished to attend

December 20th, 1909. soon as it may become apparent that the union platform men would lose. From the intimations of the union leaders it is probable that a general strike may follow if the street car men

The labor leaders here consider that vital principle of unionism is at car men was called by National Organ-Pratt following the dismissal by the Rapid Transit Company of several Pratt, with the authority of the lead-

are successful.

ers, considered this an unreasonable

under arrest. The rioters burned 29

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Valuable Fabric Stowed Behind Partitions in Crew's Quarters

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 19.-Silk goods, consisting of bolt dress patterns, embroidered waist patterns and other finery, were added to another pile of runn to ride to work and considered the dis-tance tot far to walk.

The company made no attempt to found hidden away on the Welr liner December 20th, 1909.

The new assortment of silks was discovered by inspectors behind the partitions in the crew's quarters. The

on Thursday, has been postponed until miles westerly from the last unday evening February 28th It Creek, thence following st ness by the company and a tactic ad- Saturday evening, February 26th. It cultural hall at Saanichton. Owing to tant therefrom westerly 160 ch

would not be able to owing to the long place. All the milk and cream produc ers of the district are invited to attend. The ladies will furnish refreshment which will be served at the close.

FORM OF NOTICE.

Range 1, Coast Land District.
Take notice that Murray 2. Potts
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tands to apply for permission to lease
following described lands: Commencing

FORM OF NOTICE.

Scores of strikebreakers were brought into the city and lodged at the various car barns under the protection of special police. The enlistment of three theusand specials was considered by National Organizer Pratt of the platform hen, as an indication of weak-

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Entries in Diary Tell ings When Water Failed

story of how he died of ten on the sun scorche diary found beside the sk Sunne, a young Norwe Amargosa desert, and br day by Charley Lee, an l The mysterious disa Sunne has been worrying of this section ever since started last July at the

lesert prospecting and he The first pages are fu effect his brave spirit. scant water supply gave dry heat of the resert be he soon realized th his situation. He str nead without one dr oisten his parched lip The last entries show merely a wierd scrawl t product of a delirit "I thought I saw a Good-bye. If it is get to it. Goodbye."

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has donated \$25,000 to ground in the western