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AUSPICIOUS OPENING OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Believed That Government Will Manage to Hold Out Until End of Session--Many Aspirants to Leadership of Next Liberal Ministry--Earl Spencer and Lord Lansdowne Refer to War in the Far East.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The sixth session of the first parliament of his reign was opened this afternoon by King Edward with all the historic pageantry which has marked the ceremony since his accession. The sovereign himself read the speech from the throne to the assembled lords and commons in the upper chamber. The document was commonplace. The only reference to the war which His Majesty said "will happily continue," was to announce that "my government has been careful to observe in the strictest manner the obligations incumbent upon a neutral power."

Good weather favored today's pageant, which followed the procedure of former occasions. Big crowds were about from an early hour watching the assembling of the troops, which lined the brief route from Buckingham Palace to the House of Lords. The usual interest was shown in the time-honored search of the vaults beneath the house of parliament by the yeomen of the guard with their lanterns and halberds. Between this ceremony and the appearance of the royal procession a constant stream of carriages containing peers and peeresses in their robes of state and officials in brilliant uniforms enlivened the somewhat tedious wait. The royal processions were the same as last year. That of the Prince and Princess of Wales from Marlborough House, consisting of three carriages with an escort of household cavalry, preceded by a few minutes the carriage of King Edward and Queen Alexandra from Buckingham Palace. Five state carriages, each with six horses, bearing state officials, preceded the royal coach with the sovereigns, drawn by the eight cream-colored Hungarian horses, which have figured in all the state processions of recent years. The Household Cavalry acted as a body-guard, while in pursuance of their privilege a detachment of yeomen of the guard marched alongside the state coach.

The scene in the neighborhood of Buckingham Palace was particularly animated. Large crowds selected this point whence to view the pageant and when the sovereigns issued from the gates of the palace they were greeted with a great burst of enthusiasm which quickly spread the whole length of the new processional road leading from the site of the Victoria Memorial to the Horse Guards' Parade, and accompanied the monarch and his consort throughout the route. At the royal entrance, beneath the Victoria tower of the House of Lords, the King was received by the high officers of state and passed in procession to the robing room. Thence, accompanied by the Queen, His Majesty repaired to the House of Lords, preceded by the crown and other regalia, carried by their hereditary bearers, and by the heralds announcing the approach of the sovereigns. The first day's proceedings in parliament left rather the impression in the lobbies that the government will manage to hold out till the end of the session. The government's legislative programme, which is devoted to the main to social reforms, will be fairly popular, whilst the avoidance of difficult questions like that of the redistribution of seats and Premier Balfour's firmness in thrusting aside the fiscal problem, all will tend in the same direction. On the other hand, the liberals appear to be as distant as ever from any approach to unanimity on the vexed question of Leinster. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Earl Spencer, Herbert Henry Asquith and Sir Henry Hartley Fowler all are spoken of as possible leaders of the next liberal ministry, to say nothing of Lord Rosebery's even superior claim to that position, should he be inclined to exert his undoubted influence. Everything will depend upon Mr. Balfour's success in holding his followers together and overcoming the apathy born of the knowledge that the whole country is looking for and expecting a general election.

CHURCH UNION.

Rev. James Ross Sees no Reason Why Presbyterians, Methodists, and Congregationalists Should Not Unite.

MONCTON, Feb. 13.—In St. John's church last evening, Rev. James Ross, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in New Brunswick, spoke strongly on the question of the proposed union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches in Canada. In point of doctrine, he said, the three denominations were practically the same, and he saw no barrier in the way of an early union, the advantages of which, making one strong body of nearly two million members and adherents, would be very great. He thought it would take four or five years to consummate the union scheme after the people voted for it. Word has been received here of the

WAR IN THE EAST.

Earl Spencer, the liberal leader, referred to the war in the Far East. He said it was the most earnest desire of the people of Great Britain to see the end of the conflict and he trusted his majesty's government would not lose a fair and proper opportunity to bring the conflict to a peaceful solution. Foreign Secy. Lansdowne expressed his sorrow and concern at the continuance of the war in the Far East, and added that should an opportunity for bringing it to a close present itself, the government would avail itself thereof with alacrity, but an attempt at intervention now would mean retarding the very object desired. Great Britain had endeavored, not unsuccessfully, to maintain the strictest neutrality. In regard to the most difficult and embarrassing question of contraband, the government, Lord Lansdowne continued, had upheld the wise and time-honored policy of securing the narrowest possible restrictions of the definition of contraband articles. It was satisfactory to have been able to arrive at a reasonable "modus vivendi." Since July not a single British vessel had been interfered with except where one was clearly a contraband runner.

NORTH SEA INCIDENT.

Referring to the North Sea incident, Lord Lansdowne said that once and only once were they near being drawn into the vortex of war. He need hardly say that across in the North Sea incident, to which he only referred because he desired to acknowledge the kindly remarks of Earl Spencer, who had congratulated the government on its conduct of the negotiations following the Dogger Bank affair.

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THIBET EXPEDITION.

Touching upon the Thibet expedition, Lord Lansdowne said that the attitude of the government toward Thibet had been absolutely consistent. Colonel Younghusband (the British postal agent who headed the mission) had transgressed his instructions when he arranged for British forces to remain in the Chumbi district for 75 years and this action had been repudiated by his superior government. The foreign secretary declined to enter into an explanation of the progress of the negotiations with Afghanistan. He said the situation was extremely difficult and intricate, and it would not be desirable at the present moment to lay the papers before the house.

The secretary briefly referred to the naval and military situation, saying the departments were moving as rapidly as consistent with wisdom. In regard to alien immigration, the secretary said it was clearly indicated by the sentiment of the country that the government must deal with the question thoroughly. The government intended to do so, but with no desire to

serious illness of typhoid fever in Winnipeg of Blair Murphy, formerly of the I. C. R. office here. At last accounts Mr. Murphy's condition was slightly more favorable.

Mrs. Arthur W. Elliott died on Saturday night after three months' illness. She was 34 years of age, and is survived by a husband and three small children.

Mr. Spooner, the publisher of the Railway Record, is making arrangements to remove the paper to Moncton. The Moncton and Buctouche railway is again blocked with snow. The train is at Buctouche without a plough, but an effort will be made to open the line from the Moncton end. The condition of things since Saturday's storm is the worst this winter. The cuttings being filled and the track all along being covered to a considerable depth. Many friends in Moncton have learned with regret of the death of Edward Walker, the well known lumberman of Bass River, Kent county, which occurred on Friday. Mr. Walker was a frequent visitor to Moncton, where he had many warm personal friends. He was about 70 years of age.

REDISTRIBUTION BILL.

In conclusion Foreign Secretary Lansdowne referred to the redistribution bill, which he said would be passed at the present session. He twitted the opposition on its haste to turn out the government and repudiated the idea of Earl Spencer that the government would be found occupying the opposition benches next year. "I cannot help retorting," said Secretary Lansdowne, "that unless the noble earl's trumpet sounds a somewhat clearer note, the walls of Jericho may still stand a considerable time, and we may not only supervise the preliminary operations of the redistribution, but may perhaps give effect to them in another session of parliament."

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

W. A. Mount (conservative) moved and Samuel Roberts (conservative) seconded the address in reply to the king's speech. The first division approaching party lines occurred in the house of commons when Mr. Dalsiel (liberal) moved that the house censure Lord Arlington for breach of privileges by his action in the North Devon election. Premier Balfour said nothing could be gained by continuing the discussion and moved the previous question, which was carried by 257 to 181 votes.

ASSAILED THE GOVERNMENT.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the liberal leader in the house, speaking on Mr. Mount's motion, bitterly assailed the government, which he said, was evading the fiscal question, as shown by the failure of the mover and seconder of the address to mention this important subject. He added that the opposition would shortly endeavor to secure a straight answer from Mr. Balfour, showing whether or not he was in agreement with Joseph Chamberlain's proposals.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman spoke at great length, attacking the government's policy in Thibet and South Africa, and in fact at all points. He continued speaking almost up to 10 p. m., when Sir Edgar Vincent (conservative) took up the debate and was speaking when the house suspended its sitting.

JUSTIFIED GOVERNMENT ACTION.

At the night session, Premier Balfour replied to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. He justified the government's action in Thibet, said it was the ministry's desire to maintain the friendliest relations with Afghanistan, and that negotiations to that end were proceeding satisfactorily; touched on Chinese labor in South Africa, and repeated Lord Lansdowne's pronouncement with regard to the future of the South African colonies.

Replying to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's assertion that the government was too feeble to carry out an effective policy, Mr. Balfour said the decision lay entirely with the house of commons whether it could effectively carry out the mandate of the people and the duties entrusted to it by the sovereign. The house of commons adjourned at 11.12 p. m.

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RECKLESSLY DRIVEN.

HALIFAX, Feb. 15.—Cragg & Hodgson, commission merchants, lost a team a year ago through a collision with an electric tram company. They sued for \$250. The jury today awarded them \$250, holding that the car had been recklessly driven.

GUEST OF HONOR.

MONTEREAL, Feb. 15.—Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, was the guest of honor at a reception given by the officers of the Montreal district tonight.

THE NEW RIVER STEAMER

Which Will Take the Place of the Clifton Will be Able to do Twelve Miles an Hour.

The steamer Clifton, at a pinch, may travel as fast as a sailing vessel, but it has been known in recent years to come down from Hampton in almost three and one-half hours. The new steamer which will replace it is expected, however, to do it in two hours and a half. The new steamer has not yet been given a name, nor has she reached that stage where christening is a part of the programme, but she is coming along well and will be ready for launch in the month of July. Captain Arnold Mabe, present manager of the Clifton, will be the principal owner of the new boat, and she will replace the Clifton, which has been set aside for the Kennebecasis. The new boat is being built at Hampton village by Daniel McLaughlin, one of the best known builders of St. John. The hull has been finished for some little time and the planking is now well under way. Fittings have the contract for the machinery and have made a start on it. The steamer is to be a stern wheel steamer, according to the model of the boat and specifications of the boiler and engines the new steamer is expected to have a speed of not less than twelve miles. The boat will be larger than the Clifton, being 110 ft. in length, and 21 ft. beam, while the old steamer is only 100 ft. long and 15 ft. beam. She will over thirty inches. It is the intention of the owner to run an excursion on one day of each week during the season, leaving north at about 7 o'clock in the morning and returning at seven in the evening. But this is as yet only a plan for the future, and until river navigation opens nothing definite will be decided.

WHAT IS ANTI-PILL?

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A QUICK, SHARP CUT

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AN ODE OF EMPIRE.

(Written by a Canadian on a Visit to England.)
Under a night of dim and alien stars,
With homeless heart and angry tears I cried:
"Is this the land of immemorial pride?
Of sainted chivalry and heroic wars?
Of happy yales and glooms of witchery?
My farborn boyhood's land of dream and song?
Of manhood's faith, and sternest loyalty,
Britannia the just and strong?
O, heart defrauded, what is here to cherish?
And what to hope amid this wide disgrace,
Where hunger stalks and where the faithful perish,
While sullen sluggards crowd the market place?
Britannia's sons across the seas are calling,
Joyous and strong from many a fruitful plain,
On heedless ears their love and cheer are falling,
Their birthright bartered for a cold disdain.
But they of British sires were born,
And they shall answer scorn for scorn;
Nor long shall from their youth desires,
Sons of the proud are born to pride."

III.
A rousing wind among the wintry trees.
Made anxious murmuring and the huddling night
Thrilled with the fear of whispered mysteries:
When, lo around me fell the old light
And rank on rank I saw them marching by,
With cloudless brow and drowsy eye,
The heroes of my eager youth,
Druid and saint and kings of chivalry;
Fierce plunderers of the uncharted sea,
Unknown alike to fear and ruth;
Warriors and minstrels and the lords of truth,
All memory's roster of idolatry.
And not from quavering graves they came,
But from the lands where honor leads,
Where still they serve, and by their fame
Urged humble hearts to mighty deeds,
And through that vision, at their side
My brothers marched with fearless stride
And voiced with that heroic throng
The choral music of prophetic song.

IV.
Fool, to be wroth with but a notesday,
To heed its sparrow or have their scorn in mind,
The dead are all imperial, and their sway
Not islanded and to no shore confined,
Once more my soul puts out to ports of daring
With all the lordly comrades of my choice,
The soaring wind is master of our fating
Far as the day span our adventure urges
A dateless voyage through the reach of time,
The past goes down behind oblivion's surges,
The future rises with a dawn sublime,
Fronting the world with calm and level vision,
New sons of empire, heirs to all its pride,
Smile back their answer to a dull derision,
Serving and building where their fathers died.
There is the deed and not the boastful seeming,
There is the harvest of life's proudest pages,
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SUICIDE AT THE TOURNAI.

BOSTON, Feb. 14.—The police of this city are endeavoring to fathom the mystery which surrounds the suicide at the Hotel Touraine today of a man who registered as "S. B. Neal of Chicago."

CASTORIA.

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DUEL TO THE DEATH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Following a quarrel over a trifling matter in a tenement house in Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, today, two Italian laborers, whipped out revolvers and engaged in a duel which resulted in the death of both participants. The duellists were John Mariage and Joseph Valio, who occupied adjoining rooms on the second floor of the house.

FOUGHT 20 ROUNDS.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 14.—Kid Herman got the decision last night over Billy Finucane. The fight went the rounds. Both are from Chicago. This is the sixth fight between the men, the others ending in draws.

ESCAPED IN THEIR NIGHT CLOTHES.

Mrs. David Thompson and Children, of Parrsboro, Woke to Find Their Home in Flames.

PARRSBORO, N. S., Feb. 14.—A dwelling house on Western avenue, owned and occupied by David Thompson, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The fire originated in the kitchen and was first seen about eleven o'clock. Mr. Thompson was away from home, and his wife and two small children were asleep when the fire started. Mrs. Thompson was awakened by the smoke, and she and her children escaped in their night clothes. The fire company was called out, but the house was outside of the town water system, and more than a mile from the fire hall, so the firemen could do nothing. Everything in the house except the furniture of two rooms was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$1,800, and the property was insured for \$800.

DALHOUSIE LUMBER COMPANY.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Dalhousie Lumber Company was held at noon yesterday at the office of H. Scammell & Company. The following gentlemen were elected directors: James Manchester, George McKean, Joseph T. Knight, Henry Hillyard, W. F. Whitehead. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. Manchester was elected president of the company and Mr. McKean vice-president.

A few days ago George Anderson of St. Patrick street fell from the back yard window down the elevator shaft to the basement. He fell about fifteen feet. Two of his ribs were broken, but he is recovering nicely under the care of Dr. Berryman.