

ENGLISH TORIES IN HOPELESSLY BAD CONDITION

Since the House of Lords Has Been Shorn of Power the Conservative Party Are Helpless.

THEMSELVES TO BLAME

Chancellor of Exchequer Will Start His Land Campaign During the Coming Fall.

LONDON, July 12.—In spite of all the gloomy predictions of the Tories, there appear to be no breakers ahead for the government since the opposition's attempt to make political capital out of the Maroon affair failed.

The Tories, on the other side, find themselves in a hopeless position, and even their own papers occasionally admit that never before has the party been so absolutely hopeless as at present, when all they can do is to protest against the measures, which they know are bound to become law, since the antiquated house of lords has been shorn of its power to kill all real democratic legislation.

In all their speeches in parliament, the Tories come back to the abolition of the lords veto as the main cause of their own deplorable helplessness, and they have repeatedly tried to impress it on the minds of the voters that, by passing the Parliament Act, the Liberal government has inflicted a great blow to the freedom of the people; and, by trying to rush the home rule and the Welsh disestablishment bills through the house of commons in what the Tories call a most undignified manner, the government is committing the additional crime of destroying the elementary liberties of the house.

Mr. Chamberlain's Speech.—After the scathing speech of Mr. Churchill, the other day, however, Mr. Chamberlain, who has been the chief mouthpiece of the opposition, is not very likely to raise the same complaints any more.

Mr. Churchill proved beyond any doubt that the opposition had only themselves to blame for the present state of affairs, and he pointed out that, by giving the opposition the opportunity of discussing over and over again measures which had already been passed by the house of commons, the Parliament Act was a windfall which no other party had ever enjoyed.

In this connection, he told the Tories that he still had vivid memories of a time when the members of the government party spent the greater part of three sessions walking thru the lobbies, dividing upon and

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debating night after night the provisions and details of measures which had the support of the largest government majority ever known in the house of commons, and then, when they had finished, every one of those measures were thrown out and wrecked by the partisan vote of the house of lords. At that time, he thought something might justly have been said about the degradation of the house of commons, and the blot on its immortal liberties and elementary rights.

An argument of this kind is unanswerable, and the Tories have now settled down to accepting their fate in comparative silence, only occasionally raising a little dust to throw into the eyes of the voters.

It is pretty safe to say that, even should an opportunity arise, the Tories will hesitate to submit home rule to the decision of the country, for Sir Edward Carson's recent trip, which was meant to be a triumphal tour, has proved that the English people no longer look upon home rule as a bogey, and that the people of Scotland are all enthusiastic about it. Nothing is now more certain than that Ireland will have home rule next year; and that the resistance of Ulster will immediately find nobody to fight, and their political leaders will be the first ones to desert them.

In the meantime, the program of the government is taking firmer shape.

Land Reform.—Early in the coming autumn, the land campaign will be opened by the chancellor of the exchequer. This is in accordance with the arrangements made by the cabinet six months ago. There never has been any intention of abandoning the policy of land reform; but, owing to the exigencies of the parliamentary situation, it has been impossible to begin campaigning in the country at an earlier date.

While the house of commons is sitting is not a favorable opportunity for political campaigning, for both leaders and their followers are required at Westminster during the continuance of the parliamentary session.

Mr. Lloyd George will go forth on this campaign for the regeneration of rural England at the request of the prime minister, and with the approval of the whole cabinet.

In the meantime, the board of agriculture is maturing the details of a bold scheme of rural housing. The idea is to provide cottages, with a

King of Wurtemberg A Democratic Ruler

His Majesty Can Constantly Be Seen Walking in Country Unattended.



GENEVA, Switzerland, July 11.—Now that George of Greece has passed, it is generally conceded that King William II. of Wurtemberg, is the most democratic sovereign in Europe. He can be seen most any day wandering around the countryside, or boating on Lake Constance practically unattended.

The other day, while passing thru the little Swiss village of Rohrschach, he stopped for refreshment. On ordering a mug of beer he threw down twenty cents, and told the maid not to bother about the change. Presently he ordered another mugful, which was brought by an old woman. Again twenty cents more he placed them on one side.

"Now," he said, "I think I have tipped the whole family so good day. 'No you haven't,' came a child's voice. 'I was going to bring you the next. It's always the way. Very few visitors take six drinks, and I'm the sixth waiter.'"

The king turned and took the little tip of any," he said, placing a gold piece in the child's hand.

Divorced at Age of Eighty Two

Duke Ludwig of Bavaria Divorced His Ballet Girl Wife.

MUNICH, Bavaria, July 12.—A decree of divorce was granted today to the eighty-two-year-old Duke Ludwig of Bavaria, against his second morganatic wife, who when she was a ballet girl at the Bavarian Court opera was known as Antoinette Barth.

The court threw the entire blame for the quarrel on the wife who admitted her fault. She is forty years younger than Duke Ludwig, to whom she had been married since 1892 after the death of his first morganatic wife who also was an actress of the name of Henrietta Mendel.

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Vincent Astor as A Philanthropist

Millionaire Takes Five Thousand Poor People for a Sail to Bath Beach.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Vincent Astor began today to spend some of his millions in helping the women and children of the tenement districts to an outing.

At his expense a steamboat took 5000 of the poor for a sail to Bath Beach today, under the direction of the Children's Aid Society, for a luncheon and frolic on the sea shore.

It is the first of a series of outings which Mr. Astor plans to have thru-out the summer.

Mexican Students to Welcome Jap Envoys

Bulletin Calls All to Carry Japanese Flag When New Ministers Arrive.

MEXICO CITY, July 12.—On the bulletin boards in the public schools of the capital has been posted a call for all students to meet the train on which the new Japanese minister will arrive. All are requested to carry Japanese flags.

"The unequivocal sympathy which is professed by both peoples is well known to all good Mexicans," says The Call, "and we believe that the time has arrived to make public and solemn testimonial of sympathy in these moments in which our nationality is tried by the imperialistic ambition of strong peoples."

RAILROAD WORKERS TO SUBMIT ULTIMATUM

NEW YORK, July 12.—Union leaders, representing 100,000 trainmen and conductors on forty-five eastern railroads gathered in New York today to ratify the strike vote taken recently and to make plans for submitting to the roads on Monday next their ultimatum with reference to the twenty per cent. wage increase which the roads have refused to grant.

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People Object to Tax on Bananas

Hundreds of Letters to Be Sent to President Wilson in Defence of the "Poor Man's Fruit."

NEW YORK, July 12.—President Wilson will be deluged with hundreds of letters from New Yorkers in defence of the banana as the "Poor man's fruit," if those present last night at a meeting in Cooper Union follow the advice of speakers in protest against the proposed tax of one-tenth of one per cent. per pound on bananas imported into this country.

Mrs. Julia Peath, president of the Housewives' League, and other women spoke, urging that all present send to President Wilson a personal letter of protest.

Resolutions were also passed calling upon congress to reject the proposed tax, declaring that "Such a tariff was not within the purview of the voters who elected the Democratic party to power."

Federal Troops Capture Monclova

Commander Col. Maas Takes Town After Two Hours' Hard Fighting.

MEXICO CITY, July 12.—The Town of Monclova, in Coahuila, was captured by the federal commander, Col. Maas, after two hours' hard fighting yesterday, according to government advices.

No estimate of the dead is given, but it is reported that rebels met with large losses. Monclova has been the headquarters of Venustiano Carranza, the leader of the constitutionalist rebels.

Colonel Maas' forces numbered 2500, the rebels, the government estimates at 4000. The artillery is credited with an important part in the battle, at the conclusion of which the rebels fled to the north in disorder, the federal cavalry harassing their rear.

No New Trial For Charles Becker

Supreme Court Holds That the Former Lieutenant Received a Fair Trial.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Charles Becker's application for a new trial on the charge of murdering the gambler, Herman Rosenthal, was denied by Supreme Court Justice Goff today. Counsel had sought to reopen the case on the ground of newly discovered evidence.

Justice Goff, who was the trial judge in the Becker case and in the case of the four gunmen also convicted, held that the former lieutenant had had a fair trial before him, and in a 17-page opinion, denied the plea. If relief comes to Becker now it must be thru the higher courts. For months he has been in the death house at Sing Sing.

ANNUAL LENNOX PICNIC.

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ALBERTA HOLDS FIRST LABOR CONVENTION

MEDICINE HAT, Alta., July 12.—A party of delegates attended the first convention of the Alberta federation of labor, which opened yesterday. J. O. Jones, president, and Clem. Stubbs, ex-president of the U.M.A., were present. At present there are four trades and labor councils; 16 trade unions and 18 miners' unions affiliated, making a total of 38 unions with a membership of 290 and with affiliated central bodies the membership is close to 2000 union men.

SOCIALIST WINS GERMAN BY-ELECTION

BERLIN, July 12.—In the election for the reichstag in the Juterbog district, Herr Ewald, Socialist, defeated Herr Von Oertzen, Free Conservative. Herr Von Oertzen was elected in January, 1912, but his election was annulled on account of irregularities. The United Left now has 204 votes.

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