

ASQUITH CLEARS THE AIR LORDS' VETO BEFORE BUDGET ANNOUNCES TO COMMONS

British Premier in Statement Yesterday Says Government Will Press Legislation After Easter Recess to Abolish Lords' Veto in Financial Matters and Restrict in Other Cases.

London, Feb. 28.—Mr. Asquith's resolution that Government business should be given precedence in the House at every sitting up to the time of the Easter adjournment on March 24 was adopted in the House of Commons this afternoon without a division. In moving his resolution, the Premier said he made his demand under the stress of necessity. During the present week the House must pass all stages of the bills for borrowing, and the expenditure estimates for the expiring financial year. Next week the army votes would be taken, and then the navy votes. The consolidated fund bill would be taken up the week commencing March 21.

Balfour Objects. Mr. Balfour, the Unionist leader, raised a point made by Dalziel, which would be the effect that "the Government should not be received from the dethronement of any reform or reconstruction of the House of Lords, this House refuses to grant any facilities for the discussion of any resolution having such an object in view."

The speaker ruled the amendment out of order. Furthermore, the Premier said it would be made plain that these constitutional changes were without prejudice to and contemplated in a subsequent year the substitution in the second chamber of a democratic for a hereditary element. But, said Mr. Asquith, without waiting for a bill founded on those resolutions to pass through all its stages in the House of Commons, the Government would not be to the conclusion that in order to avoid waste of time and labor, and to bring the main issue to trial and conclusion at the earliest possible moment, the resolutions assented to by the House of Commons would be submitted to the Lords. If the Lords agreed well and good, but in any case, the Government would regard the placing on the statute books of publications which would free the House of Commons from the veto of the Lords, not only as the first condition of the legislative dignity of the House of Commons, but as their own primary and paramount duty.

Opposition Leader. Mr. Balfour, replying to the Prime Minister's statement, commented on the action of the Government in abandoning its announced intention of making the budget the first business after Easter. There was, in his opinion, no immediate necessity of destroying the Lords, but there seemed to be a passionate desire on the other side of the House to destroy that body. There was no passionate desire, however, to pass the "people's budget."

Continuing, Mr. Balfour said the Premier's statement was a clumsy attempt to unite in holy matrimony the divided parties in the cabinet. One wanted a representative second chamber. The other asked for the abolition of the veto power of the House of Lords. To send resolutions regarding the veto of the Lords showed that in the Government's opinion there ought to be a second chamber. The Premier declared showed an utter lack of considerable statesmanship, and it appeared that the one consideration of the Premier's mind was to get the cabinet together.

Mr. Balfour said he supposed that in the hiatus between the destruction of the present House of Lords and the creation of a new second chamber, some time was to come.

John D. Redmond. John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, followed Mr. Balfour. He said he did not want to pick a quarrel with the Government, but wanted to know so far as he could, upon the prime minister not receding in the smallest degree from the bold, statesmanlike policy which he had laid down in his famous Albert Hall speech. The Irish party, said Mr. Redmond, were willing to pass the budget on one condition—that the Government carried out their pledges in regard to the Lords' veto. Mr. Redmond asked: "When the veto resolution was rejected or held up by the Lords, what then did the premier intend to do? Would he go to the throne and demand guarantees as to the exercise of the royal prerogative and if refused, did he intend to continue to be responsible for the Government?"

If he did not intend to do that and in the meantime to suspend the budget, he (Mr. Redmond) thought the Nationalists ought to vote against the resolution before the House—that is, the motion introduced today by Mr. Asquith.

The leader of the Opposition, Mr. Redmond said, was afraid of his life of the dissolution of Parliament. He (Mr. Redmond) was glad that the premier had made no reference to a referendum, which would have the definite putting off of the curtailment of the veto power of the Lords. If no guarantees were to be asked for and the budget was to be carried into law by the Irish party, Mr. Redmond said he could not support the resolution. There was in his opinion no immediate hurry for the budget to pass un-

SUPT. WHITTAKER HAD NARROW ESCAPE MAN WITH A BOTTLE WAS PENNICOTT'S UNDOING

Was Working on Track of Street Railway When a Car Came Along.

Track Superintendent Thomas Whittaker, of the street railway company, escaped prominence in the obituary column while at work at the corner of Dundas and Wellington streets last evening, by an exceedingly narrow margin.

Mr. Whittaker was prodding with a switchbar down the holes at the side of the tracks in an effort to clear the pipe for the water, when a westbound car approached. His assistants, who were working on the opposite rail, stood back as the car came up and watched the boss wield the bar. The car was running at a very fair rate and was within a few feet of Mr. Whittaker when he noticed it, but he managed to save himself. As it shot past the superintendent inquired in very expressive words, what was wrong with the motorman, and expressed his own opinions on the matter.

BOYCOTT BOOSTED PRICES

New York Now Paying More Than Ever Before for Its Meat.

New York, March 1.—Prophecies that the late meat boycott would bring higher, and not lower, prices, are today being realized here, quotations on mutton, lamb and pork having jumped a little higher than most men in the business can remember. Beef is selling at \$11 a hundred-weight, wholesale; mutton, at 17 cents a pound, retail; pork, lard, at 16 cents and upwards, and lamb at 22 cents. The cause of the increase is the boycott, as the whole thing is ordering the cheaper cuts in such quantities that the increased demand threatens an appreciable advance in these quarters also.

LUMBER TRAVELLER DIES SUDDENLY

Samuel Higgins Taken Ill a Few Days Ago, Passes Away in Toronto.

Mr. Samuel Higgins, traveller for the Victoria Lumber Company, and widely known throughout Western Ontario, died in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Saturday. Mr. Higgins was taken ill while on the road last week and never recovered. He is survived by one brother, Mr. J. Higgins, and one sister, Mrs. Higgins, both of Toronto. The funeral, which was of a private nature, was held yesterday in Toronto.

KILLS MOTHER-IN-LAW

Because She Wouldn't Let His Wife Live in New York.

New York, March 1.—The eight young daughters of Mrs. Carrie Murat, a Frenchwoman, living at Woodhaven, in Queensborough, saw her shot dead yesterday by Frank Solderman, an Italian. Solderman fired two ineffective shots at his wife, Amelia, the oldest and prettiest of the Murat girls, before shooting Mrs. Murat. Then he escaped. The shooting was prompted by Mrs. Murat's refusal to let Amelia go with her husband to live in New York's "Little Italy."

MCGREGOR—MOORE

Marriage of Two Popular Residents of Sarnia.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Sarnia, March 1.—A quiet wedding took place on Monday afternoon at Devine Street Methodist parsonage, when two of our most popular citizens were joined in marriage. The contracting parties were John McGregor, customs officer at the tunnel, and Miss Ethel Maude Moore, daughter of Mrs. J. B. Moore, Milton street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. E. Holmes. Telegrams, conveying best wishes, were received from New York and other cities. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor will spend their honeymoon in eastern cities, and on their return will reside on Kathleen street. They carry with them the best wishes of a host of friends in Sarnia.

SAVED BY A "PULL"

Cock Fight Sports Hand Out Fines But Escape Punishment.

Hamilton, March 1.—It is reported that about twenty of the men who attended the cocking main at Waterdown on Sunday evening, pleaded guilty in Dundas last evening. Fines aggregating about \$500 were imposed and collected and there were more to come. Police officers pulled the names of those fined were not given out, and the intention was to hush up the matter as far as possible. It was originally the intention to have the case tried in the local police court, but the proceedings would have been made public, but pressure was brought to bear on the authorities to avoid the public fight. The officers of the S.P.C.A. are indignant over the manner in which the case has been handled, and it is said that they will lay second charges against all those caught in the barn, and have them tried in the local police court, if for no other purpose than having a complete exposure.

BODY IN THE EDDY.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 1.—The frayed body of a man rapidly whirling in an eddy of slush ice near the ice bridge below the falls was discovered early today. It is supposed to be that of John D. Hill, of Cleveland, Ohio, whose overcoat, containing a farewell letter to his wife, was found Feb. 13. To reach the body was impossible. Scores of people, held by a ghastly fascination, have spent hours watching its ceaseless circling with the expectation that suddenly and forever it will disappear into some of the mysterious recesses of the river.

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ESTIMATES ARE SLOW IN MAKING APPEARANCE

Library Board Only Spending Body as Yet to Present Their Figures.

The estimates for the year are not coming in very rapidly as yet, the public library board being the only body thus far to present them to the council.

It was expected that all spending bodies would have them ready for the council meeting on Monday night next, but this will hardly be the case. The board of education have not touched theirs yet, nor have the hospital trustees.

It will be at least three weeks before these are ready. City Engineer Graydon is busy preparing the figures for the board of works and No. 3 committee. They will be much higher than last year, of course, but it is anticipated that they will be whittled down to the ordinary size by the finance committee.

RAILWAY FARES FOR THE BUYER'S EXCURSION

Board of Trade Committee Will Get in Touch With Companies at Once.

A meeting of the committee having in charge the arrangements for buyers' excursions, was held last night in the board of trade rooms, and the question of railway fares and duration of tickets was discussed.

The opinion of the meeting was that the question of fares and the length of the excursion was of great importance. Upon these matters hinged the success or failure of the enterprise. Mr. W. L. Wright was instructed to get in touch with the railway companies and obtain figures as to fares and other matters.

MR. RICHARD TOOLEY DEAD AT WALLACEBURG

Ex-M. P. P. for East Middlesex Passes Away in His Ninetieth Year.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Wallaceburg, Feb. 28.—Richard Tooley, ex-M. P. P. for East Middlesex, died here today at the residence of his son, Richard, in his 90th year. For some time he has been ailing, and his demise was not unexpected. The remains will be taken to Belmont Tuesday. The services will be held in the Anglican Church, Harrietsville, on Wednesday afternoon, interment taking place immediately after in the Harrietsville Cemetery.

GREAT FLOOD MENACES THE CITY OF ALBANY

Hudson Rises 16 Feet in Twenty-Four Hours and Some Streets Are Submerged.

Albany, N. Y., March 1.—In less than 24 hours the Hudson River at this point has risen more than 16 feet above the mean low water level. The freshet that started when the ice in front of the city went out at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon reached that height early this morning, and during the morning practically stood still. It further rise, or subsidence, depends upon the ice gorge that has formed at Van Wies Point, just below the city. At present the barrier of ice is shifting and moving slowly, but it is stream before the tremendous pressure of water pouring in from the upper Hudson, the Mohawk, and their flooded tributaries. If it stands fast, Albany expects one of the worst floods in its history. Even with conditions as they are, flood stage this morning is only five feet below the record of 21 feet. The streets in Albany bordering the river are navigable with rowboats today, and the Delaware and Hudson and West Shore Railroads have been forced to stop all trains in the southern part of the city, bringing passengers to the Hudson River station by trolley cars. The New York Central tracks, being on higher ground, are thus far dry.

AFLOAT ON THE ICE.

Springfield, Ohio, March 1.—Huddled, drenched and shivering on rafts of ice, Mrs. Wm. Evans and her two little children floated for two hours in the Miami River last night before they could be rescued by a trolley car.

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It bit before it was killed. Those other animals are likely to go mad at any time. "That is the sort of thing which has been going on for some time until the situation became so serious that the Government order had to be issued. It was not issued at a moment too soon."

"I was very much surprised to notice that the students had attacked the dog-catcher, and even taken away a dog from him. The sooner all useless dogs are removed from our streets the better."

Dr. Tennant notified Mayor Beattie, Chief Williams and Dr. Niven, chairman of the board of health, that he had received the telegram.

Keep Dogs Shut Up. "It looks to me as if the only safe way to deal with the problem is to order all dogs to be kept shut up," said Dr. Niven. "Here are many dogs running about and we don't know how many are bitten. Any of them are likely to go mad at any time, and do all kinds of damage before they can be killed. I think it is in the city's interest that the dogs should be kept shut up."

Dr. H. A. McCallum, who attended Mr. Frank Jewell's little daughter when she was bitten recently, spoke very strongly in favor of locking the dogs up.

Say It's Serious. "The situation is a most serious one," he told The Advertiser. "Suppose you had a child and it was bitten by an animal in the street. The only thing to do would be to hurry the child to the Pasteur Institute in New York. We ought to do everything to suppress the epidemic of rabies as a peril. Any of those dogs bitten may go mad and bite 25 or 30 other dogs before it is discovered, and then it will be impossible to locate all the animals bitten. The expense of send-

ing a person to the Pasteur Institute is about \$500 or \$600, to say nothing of the trouble and anxiety. Is it worth while incurring all this danger and trouble in order that a few dogs may run at large when it is the proper precautions the danger will be over in a few months?"

A Case Years Ago. Dr. McCallum cited the case of a man in the city who had some time ago been bitten on the lip by a pet dog and died of hydrophobia. The dog escaped and never was located. "People must realize that the situation is a serious one," said Mayor Beattie. "I think they should uphold the dog-catcher in his work instead of 'knocking' him. Some one has got to do the work. The only way I see to get through the danger is to strictly live up to the order."

HAPPENINGS AT EMBRO

Interesting Wedding and Sudden Death—Successful Scottish Concert.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Embro, Feb. 28.—The beautiful home of Mr. Wm. Forbes was the scene of an interesting event on Wednesday, 28th inst., when his elder daughter, Jessie M., was united in marriage with Mr. George Harold Cook, of Beachville, Rev. Jas. Barber officiating. The bride was becomingly attired in white organdy, with lace trimming, and wore the customary veil. Miss Lida Forbes, the bride's sister, was flower girl, while Miss Tena Forbes, of Woodstock, played the wedding march. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have the best wishes of the community for a happy wedded life. Mr. Cook left on Monday for Nanton, Alberta, and Mrs. Cook will follow in a short time.

Mr. Ira H. Ross returned on Saturday to his home in Lockwood, Sask., after spending the past few months with friends here.

Mrs. Horton and little child, of Ingersoll, have been visiting at Mr. Geo. M. Creighton's.

Mr. Alex. McKay, of Alpena, Mich., is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. Gunn. With startling suddenness death came at 2 o'clock this morning to Douglas, who was a ticket agent for the Douglas. Only Saturday night, Mr. Douglas went down to Woodstock to visit his daughter, Mrs. (Capt.) John M. Ross, and the sad and sudden news of her death there was a great shock to many friends. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon from her late home, Union street, to North Embro Cemetery. Besides her husband, one daughter, Mrs. (Capt.) Ross, and a son, Mr. John Douglas, of Michigan, are left to mourn her death. The sympathy of the community is extended to the family in their sore bereavement.

A Scotch concert was held in the town hall on Friday evening, all arrangements for which were made by Mr. William Sutherland, and a well-rendered programme was given. Those taking part were Miss Mina Taylor, of London, whose singing delighted her hearers; also, Major Hamilton, of London, with his bag pipes and Scotch dancing; violin music by Messrs. Ross and McKay. An interesting and instructive address on Robert Burns, by Mr. Sutherland, added greatly to the evening's enjoyment. Mr. Sutherland is to be complimented on giving the public an opportunity of hearing such a good programme as was presented that night.

TOOK MONEY PACKAGE FROM THE MAIL CAR

Clerk Confesses to Steal That Had Long Puzzled the Police.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—A package containing three thousand dollars, consigned by the Dominion Bank to one of its branches, was stolen from the mails at Glenora, Manitoba, on Sept. 21 last, about the same time that a series of other mail robberies occurred, making the officials believe that a well-organized and clever gang were operating in the mail service. There was no clue to the robber, and all the clerks came under suspicion, and even since all connected with it have been under surveillance. Notwithstanding the fact that two clerks who had been proven guilty of another robbery in which the money in the package was stolen there were two mail cars on the train, and during the lunch at Glenora, on Wednesday afternoon, M. Campbell, quietly slipped out from the hotel and entered one of the cars and stole the money, and succeeded in getting back into the train without being observed. This three thousand dollar package was for five months he was kept in his secret. Later, however, the detectives who were shadowing him learned that he had been spending money freely on excursions, and had also bought a section of land near Moose Jaw, paying a thousand dollars for it. He was charged with the robbery, and after a long explanation of where he got the money, he suddenly threw up the sponge and confessed the whole affair. The money was sent to the penitentiary for three years. There are still two of the robbers, who admitted that time to be cleared up.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

New York, Feb. 28.—Arrived: Laurentia, from Liverpool; Madonna, from Naples; Columbia, from Glasgow.

Glasgow—Arrived: Carthagenian, Philadelphia; California, New York.

Liverpool—Arrived: Baltic, New York.

Christiansand—Arrived: United States, New York.

Gibraltar—Passed: Martha Washington, New York.

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