

THE ENGLISH BELIEVE THAT AMERICA WILL

Eventually Support League of Nations—Public Men of All Shades of Politics Hold This View.

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London, By Mail.—It is widely believed on this side of the Atlantic that the United States will eventually—

and before very long—throw her support to the League of Nations.

This popular opinion in the face of the recent Senate defeat of the peace treaty, seems to be shared also by most of the leading figures in European public life.

The Senate action seems to be largely discounted here by the belief that American political considerations were responsible for the rejection.

Ex-Premier Asquith, whose recent rejection to the Commons has been followed by a remarkable re-assessment of power, believes that "all evidence tends to show that the vast majority of the people of the United States are in sympathy with the purpose and spirit of the League of Nations."

He expressed deep concern that "our great kindred country is not a consistent member of the League during the present period."

"We must never forget," Asquith says, "that perhaps at the most critical moment in the fortunes of the great struggle that has ever been waged, the United States drew the whole of her resources into the scale on this side of humanity and freedom. It is impossible to exaggerate either the distinctness of that act or its consequences on the future of mankind."

Lord Robert Cecil, regarded as one of the brightest spirits and clearest thinkers working in the interests of the League, is another statesman with implicit confidence in the ultimate success of the "concert of nations," and the participation therein of the United States. Commenting recently on the memorandum of the Supreme Council of the League urging alleviation of the financial terms imposed upon Germany, he said:

"The indeterminate indemnity was, from the economic point of view, a wholly indefensible device. It possessed certain obvious political recommendations, but it was bound to inflict the greatest amount of economic injury upon Germany by her creditors."

"It created, as it were, a great cloud on the economic situation, and made it impossible for Germany to obtain any credit by any ordinary commercial transactions; and by holding out vague and indefinite hopes to her late enemies it has prevented some of them from taking the necessary steps and making the necessary sacrifices to restore their economic and financial position."

M. Venizelos, Greek Premier, has stated his firm conviction that the American people are wholeheartedly with the Allied peoples in supporting the aims and ideals of the League. He believes that while America now regards the League "with a kind of sympathy," she will "one long look upon it with favor."

He is convinced that "the League has before it 'the brightest of hopes of enabling humanity to render war impossible, especially in view of the spectacle of Germany's utter financial disaster and the sequel to her bid for world domination.'"

Asquith describes the League as "an association free and spontaneous in every sense of the term, and one which, great and small, all of whom meet on the same level, and none of whom sacrifice in any degree their own sovereign rights and autonomous authority. And the New World," he says, "will surely join forces with the Old in peace as in fight."

THE TAXATION OF INCORPORATED COMPANIES

New Imposts Proposed by the Government Will Bear Heavily on Companies.

(Continued from Page 1) Mr. Baxter said he knew that increased revenue must be obtained and that with increasing demands it was difficult to tell where it was to come from.

He was speaking as a user of a telephone. As it was well known the New Brunswick Telephone Company has an application before the public utilities commission for an upward revision of its rates to meet increasing expenses.

It was presumed that permission would be given to increase the rates to some extent. To the expense of operation must be added sufficient to pay eight per cent on the stock and interest on the bond.

The company would get eight per cent and no more. The tax which it was proposed to impose under this bill would come out of the public and not out of the shareholders.

He was a stockholder in the New Brunswick Telephone Company to some extent and a user of the telephone also. His opinion it would be fair to tax the stock but not to increase the cost of using a telephone to every member of the public.

A great deal of truth lay in what has been said by his old friend from York (Pinder), who did not believe it would be better to resort to direct taxation, which would be equalized by felt than to impose indirect taxation which would be unequal.

Mr. Baxter said that the statement could be briefly made in the words "we just have to do it."

Mr. Baxter said the people wanted and money had to be provided. He was a strong advocate of that correct principle of government that expenditure must be kept within the revenue.

However, the people of New Brunswick seemed to be passing through a period of extravagance. If they wanted improvements they must be willing to pay the price. No doubt there was considerable force to which the hon. acting leader of the opposition had just said, but the same objection could be applied to all taxation of this kind.

There appeared to be no other way of working this out. It would not be fair to impose a direct tax for the revenue would fluctuate from year to year. The speaker went on to discuss taxation of insurance companies, and in reference to Mr. Tilley outlined the amendments to be submitted.

Mr. Baxter asked if there were any thing in the Act which would interfere with the right of towns and cities to impose local taxation upon these companies.

Mr. Baxter said there was not, but that the desirability of having such a provision had been impressed upon the attention of the Government.

Nova Scotia already had adopted the principle of a provincial tax covering everything.

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DEAD. FERGUSON.—On April 22 George K. Ferguson, of Lorneville, in his sixty-fifth year after a short illness, leaving his wife, one brother, and four sisters to mourn.

Funeral from his late residence in Lorneville, on Saturday at two o'clock.

was a bill which called for presentation early in the session. There had been considerable time during which night sessions had not been held, that was when this measure should have been discussed.

He had sat upon the other side of the House and knew the difficulties which always come, but he hoped that his hon. friends would strive to bring about a change. The same applied to the bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Proper consideration of that would require extensive reading, yet he had not had time to look into the statistics. He hoped his hon. friends would consider his remarks made in all charity and friendliness.

Hon. Mr. Foster said that the bills had been prepared early in the session, but there had been no end of delegations which had come to see the Government about this particular bill; there were delegations from telephone, telegraph and express companies. Time had slipped by rapidly.

Progress was reported.

MANY ARE LIVING IN HOUSE BOATS. Chicago, April 23.—This city is attempting to prevent rent profiteering by regulating increases in rates and by organizing a \$100,000,000 corporation to buy houses and sell them on easy payments.

Meanwhile Chicago's flat dwellers have been forming unions to wage war on alleged profiteering landlords and committees in the city council have been investigating increases in rents ranging up to 100 and even 200 per cent.

Several hundred families have solved their individual housing problems by making their homes in house-boats moored in the barges of the Chicago. Once the possession of a house boat, the owner only has to pay \$1 a month for the privilege of mooring his craft.

If he does not like his location he can move his home boat elsewhere. Many of these boats cost \$1,000 each and have five rooms, parlor, dining room, kitchen and two bedrooms.

In some cases groups of tenants have solved the rent problem by forming cooperative companies and buying the apartment houses in which they live.

The housing corporation, which has been financed by banks and business men, have under consideration a plan to build a row of model homes in Grant Park, on the lake front. Examples of many types of standardized homes would be erected, furnished and surrounded by settings of trees and shrubbery so that a prospective purchaser of a new home could look over the styles before placing his order.

Attempts have been made to check rent profiteering by co-operation of the city council and the Cook County Real Estate Board which investigated complaints and, when increases were found to be excessive, advised the landlords to withdraw his demands. In general the investigators have allowed an increase of about 30 percent over last year's rentals.

A proposal was made to erect scores of portable houses but the carpenter's union declared its opposition to that plan even though the houses came from union factories.

The recent tornadoes which destroyed 100 houses and damaged 400 more in Chicago and its suburbs have augmented a housing shortage which had already become acute through suspension of building operations in the war and long-drawn builders' contracts.

NEW GOVERNMENT GROUP IN IRELAND

Dublin, April 23.—A new organization has been formed in Dublin under the chairmanship of Stephen Gwynn, called the Government of Ireland Bill Amendment Group.

The formation of this body is the first attempt from the popular side to make use of the Home Rule Bill. Lord Dunraven has expressed his sympathy with the movement.

The group, which is composed of widely known business, professional, and university men, will issue its manifesto tomorrow. Its document is put forward as the basic document of amendment of the measure.

The contention that the powers of self-government conferred upon Ireland in the Bill must be enlarged, that the essential unity of Ireland must be more clearly recognized, and that harrowing feuds and sectarian interference between the North and South must in greater measure be facilitated.

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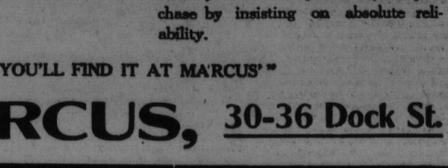
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Without Proper Consideration or Discussion, With the Result That Province Gets Very Slipshod Legislation

(Continued from Page 1) The committee took up the consideration of a bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Mr. Baxter asked for a statement of the salient points. He said the delay could not be avoided. He could say that the Government had secured the opinions of the members of the Compensation Board, by whom the Act was administered, and had incorporated them into the bill.

There was an increase of the allowance for funeral expenses from \$75 to \$100, an increase in the monthly allowance to widows from \$20 to \$30, also an increase in the monthly allowance for children. Formerly the assistance given to a widow could not aggregate more than \$3,600. That had been changed and there was to be no limit. If a widow should marry the second time she would receive two years' payment. Under the former Act the payment for permanent partial disability had been limited to \$1,500. By the amendments proposed there would be a sliding scale at the discretion of the Board under which the total would not exceed \$2,000. It also was proposed that in regard to first aid, first medical, nursing and hospital expenses be paid out of the accident fund, but he had information to the effect that the Board would decrease the assessment upon those parties to the fund and they were proceeding during the present year. It was believed that proper safeguards had been furnished so that undue strain should not fall on the accident fund.

Mr. Baxter said the explanation was as full and ample as could be expected. He would have dealt with this matter in a way different from that in which the Government had approached it. The members of the House should have information from members of the Compensation Board on this matter. They should have placed before them facts which had arisen in connection with actual cases coming under notice of the Board, and it was the House was embarking on an undertaking without sufficient information. By taking up the matter in this section the House was going to get a little benefit beyond the correction of the typographical errors. He would suggest that the Hon. Attorney-General should move the adoption of the bill and let the House pass it.

Hon. Mr. Byrne said that in other provinces suggestions to the members of the Boards or Commissions were accepted. Their opinions were taken as carrying weight.

Mr. Baxter said that what he wanted was the calculations of the members of the Board, not their opinions. If given information, he considered himself competent to reach an opinion.

Hon. Mr. Byrne said that he had no figures which he could place before the committee. It was believed, however, that there would be an additional burden of some \$50,000 or \$60,000. The striking out of the limitation of payment to widows placed the Act upon the same basis as the Acts of other provinces. Under the old Act a widow might receive assistance until she had reached an advanced age, and then by the very terms of the Act, when aid was most needed, be thrown upon the world. Action in this connection had been taken up in the latter part of the session by the Compensation Board.

Mr. Tilley said there was no objection on the part of the Opposition concerning the amendments to widows. He considered it a good provision. It was unfair, however, to hurry bills of this nature through in the dying hours of the session. The Opposition as well as the Government supporters would hear the delegations which come to give information relating to various pieces of legislation. It might have been well to let a matter of this kind go over until next session. He could not see why the assessment could not remain as it was. After four years' experience, the Board might very well recommend a reduction.

Mr. Baxter said that reference had been made to recommendations which members of the Compensation Board had made, and which had been incorporated into legislation. As far as he could see, the members of the Board had had no experience before taking office some two years ago, and they would have to creep before they could walk. However, the members were in a position to secure some information. Instead of the House being told in general terms that was considered to be the proper thing to do in the way of amending the Act, it could have been given details concerning hospital treatment and its cost. He had no very great admiration for the ability of the majority of the Commissioners forming the Compensation Board. He could draw his own conclusions, and there was a great difference between the case of a woman widowed when twenty years old and one widowed when she was fifty. There was no reason for giving payments to a young woman for the rest of her life. She should be placed on a different footing from a woman of older years. There should be a limit to what would be paid for. A young woman could easily fit herself for some vocation early in her widowhood. It was true that she should receive assistance. It should be for a long period, but not for the duration of her life.

Hon. Mr. Foster said that he was prepared to take responsibility for ap-

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