

MILNER DECLINES TO ENTER CABINET

BALFOUR WILL MAKE STATEMENT AT SHEFFIELD

Letters From Lord George Hamilton and C. T. Ritchie Resigning Portfolios Have Been Published.

London, Sept. 30.—The Associated Press understands that Lord Milner has refused to accept the colonial office portfolio. Premier Balfour is expected to make an announcement to this effect at the luncheon at Sheffield October 1st.

The text of C. T. Ritchie's letter of resignation of the post of chancellor of the exchequer was made public last night. It is dated September 15th, and says in part:

"I am afraid after what occurred at the cabinet meeting yesterday it is not possible for me to remain a member of the government with any advantage to myself or to it. I have therefore to ask you to place my resignation in the hands of the King.

"I am in entire sympathy with the desire to unite the Mother Country and the colonies more closely, but I know of no method by which preferential treatment can be accorded to the colonies other than that which involves, namely, the taxation of food, which involves, as a consequence, an increase of taxation. To this policy I am opposed. We are asked to abandon the policy of this country, for which we have derived so much advantage, but we are not told exactly what is the proposal. I would gladly give consideration to any practicable scheme for obtaining better access to foreign markets, or for meeting the evils of which we complain, but we have had no such scheme placed before us. I fear, however, unintentionally, my proposals for retaliatory duties would inevitably lead to protection and product for greater evils than it was desired to prevent."

The letter of resignation of Lord George Hamilton, the late secretary of state for India, was also published to-night. Lord George says he sent in the resignation before he knew that Mr. Chamberlain had resigned.

The letter further says: "After the recent discussions in the cabinet, and the knowledge I have obtained of the propositions you propose to publicly advocate, I have no alternative than to resign."

He failed to see how recourse to protection or retaliation with the view of advantage to the general import trade, being he cannot be a party to a reversal of the principles of Great Britain's fiscal policy. Lord George Hamilton points out that the country has borne with surprising ease the heavy load of taxation necessitated by the South African war, and has emerged from that ordeal with unimpaired credit.

Lord Hamilton's letter fully confirms the rumors which have been current for several days as to the curious circumstances surrounding the cabinet crisis. Clearly, Mr. Balfour, having Mr. Chamberlain's letter of resignation dated September 14th in his pocket, kept it secret from his colleagues in the important cabinet councils of September 14th and 15th.

The following is alleged to be the story of the affair. On the council of September 13th adopted the retaliation policy the Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of the Exchequer Ritchie and others decided to resign. After the council of September 14th, Mr. Balfour told the Duke of Devonshire, "If you resign, Mr. Chamberlain will resign."

Being thus appealed to preserve the cabinet, the Duke of Devonshire consented to stay. Thereupon, and only then, Mr. Balfour arranged to publish Mr. Chamberlain's letter of resignation.

Mr. Ritchie and Lord George Hamilton are said to be highly indignant at being kept in ignorance of Mr. Chamberlain's resignation and not being given the same opportunity as the Duke of Devonshire to reconsider the position.

ARGUMENT STILL PROCEEDS.

Council for United States Deals With International Law Phase of a Boundary Question.

London, Sept. 30.—Hannis Taylor, of the council for the United States, at this morning's session of the Alaska boundary commission continued his argument, dealing with the international law phase of the dispute. He declared that the connection put by the Canadians on various terms employed in that controversy were not justified by international law, especially the reference to the general trend of the coast and the mention of canals.

Another Chart.

MAXIM'S NEW INVENTION.

More Important Than Even His Automatic Gun—Character Not Divulged.

Sir Hiram Maxim stated at a recent meeting of the Maxim Electrical & Engineering Company, of London, that he will shortly announce an important new invention which will bring forth more money than anything he has ever done, not excepting his automatic gun. He added that he was putting thousands of pounds into the invention, the character of which he will not divulge until all the patents are secured.

The president of the company announced that the company had the patent for a new boiler, made entirely of steel, which was more economical, by working and cheaper than anything of the kind now on the market.

ESTIMATES FOR THIS PROVINCE

SUPPLEMENTARY VOTE HAS BEEN BROUGHT DOWN

Eighteen Thousand Dollars for Improving Victoria Harbor—Money for Other Public Works.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Oct. 1.—The supplementary estimates were brought down to-day. There is \$18,000 for Victoria harbor, \$5,000 for Williams Head quarantine and \$5,000 for Quatsino. The Kamloops telephone line gets \$1,000, and Vancouver Island-Salt Spring Island telephone line gets \$300.

The public buildings in British Columbia receive the following: Victoria, old post office building, \$510,000; Victoria, old post office building improvements, \$1,700; Nanaimo, addition to public buildings, \$14,000.

Vancouver, public building, improvements, \$1,500; Kamloops, public building, improvements, \$1,700.

New Westminster, public building, improvements, \$8,000; Rossland, public building, to complete, \$8,000.

Vancouver, public building, \$60,000; Williams Head, quarantine station, \$5,000.

Rossland armory, \$10,000. The sum for Vancouver is for a site. The building will likely cost \$300,000.

Columbia river, above Golden, \$4,500; Columbia river, above Golden, site of proposed warehouse at Wilmer, \$1,000; Columbia river, Upper and Lower Arrow lakes, \$12,000; Columbia river, between Arrow lakes, \$4,000.

Fraser river improvements, \$25,000; Hardy Bay wharf \$2,100; North Thompson river, improvements, \$7,000.

Salmon river, \$3,000; Sidney Harbor, breakwater, \$5,000; Spallumcheen river, protection of banks at Enderby, \$15,000.

The estimates provide for a new snag boat on the Fraser river as well as for a tug, steel hull, and two hopper scoops for additional dredging plant, also \$25,000 for certain improvements on the Fraser, and a sum for further improvements to public buildings at Westminster.

Among the miscellaneous items there is \$140,000 for contribution by Canada to the Queen Victoria memorial; Alaska boundary commission, \$140,000.

There is a vote of \$24,700 for the Indians in the province. There is a large estimate for militia and defence, \$1,300,000 being for purchasing guns, etc.

PASSED THE COMMONS.

National Transcontinental Railway, Bill Read For Third Time.

Ottawa, Oct. 1.—The national transcontinental railway bill was read a third time in the Commons yesterday. Sir Frederick Borden has been notified that all the troops had left the "Soo," except the regulars. The trouble is a doubt over.

One person was buried to death and five were injured at a fire that destroyed the private sanatorium of Dr. F. E. Ralph, at Kansas City.

Sleeplessness

Is skin to insanity. Many a woman realizes this as she lies awake hour by hour, unable to sleep.

Such symptoms in general point to disease of the nervous system, and a constant drain of the vital and nervous forces. This condition cannot be overcome by sleeping powders. The diseased condition must be cured before the consequences of disease are removed.

Proprietors and makers of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in legal money of the United States for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Protrusion, or Falling of Womb, which they cannot cure. All they ask is a fair and reasonable trial of their means of cure.

"My wife was sick for over eight years," writes Albert H. Polle, Secy. of Alamoan Drug Co., Tenn. "She had uterine disease and was treated by two physicians and got no relief. At last I read about Dr. Pierce's medicine and we decided to try his 'Favorite Prescription.' I sent for three bottles and gave her the first one. She got her sleep and the first day she felt better. She had not slept any for three nights. Being sure that it would cure, I sent for five more bottles and when she had taken the sixth bottle she was sound and well."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets should be used in "Favorite Prescription" whenever a laxative is required.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S PROPOSED POLICY

OUTLINED IN LETTER PUBLISHED TO-DAY

Says Colonies Alone Continue to Increase Purchases—Must Meet Request for Preference.

London, Oct. 1.—Mr. Chamberlain contributes to the Daily Telegraph this morning a letter which is intended to serve as a preface to the republication in book form of a series of articles which have appeared in the Daily Telegraph on fiscal problems. The letter, however, is practically a complete exposition of his proposed policy.

After disclaiming the credit ascribed to him in some quarters of the authorship of the articles in the Daily Telegraph, which he says constitute the conclusive indictment of the present one-sided system of free imports, Mr. Chamberlain proceeds:

"It is not well with British trade. After a long period of success the policy of unrestricted free imports has now shown evident signs of failure. We receive from our competitors a larger proportion of manufactured goods and we send them a larger proportion of raw materials than we used to. Our supremacy in what have always been considered our chief industries has been steadily undermined by the operations of our competitors, and even here we must abandon all hope of expansion, and we are threatened with the loss of our chief trade if we are unable to meet their requests for preference. Our competition, which is already so acute, is not fair competition. It is supported by the subsidies of the Daily Telegraph, and is strengthened by the economic advantages which our opponents enjoy in the shape of cheaper labor, and in the absence of all those regulations which we have asserted to be in the interest of the working classes and in order to raise their standard of living."

"The case for inquiry is overwhelming, and these articles suggest that the case for reform will be overwhelming also. The supporters of our antiquated policy resort naturally to well worn devices which have always been at the disposal of every opponent of reform. They abound in statements for which there is no foundation, culminating in the bold assertion that those who called attention to the dangers of our present system are prepared to restore all the evils of the anti-corn law times and reduce the masses to actual starvation. It is not easy to characterize such perversions of the truth in parliamentary language. They are founded on speeches and incomplete extracts from speeches, without regard to their general tenor, and they attribute motives and intentions to our opponents which do not exist. They are founded on the free food controversialists. The line of argument, concisely stated, seems to be as follows:

"Firstly—It is intended to give preference to our colonies whose articles are articles of food. It will therefore be necessary to put a duty upon food. This statement implies that food is free now and deliberately ignores the fact that a large part of our revenue is raised by taxes on food and drink, the bulk of which is consumed by the working classes."

"Secondly—The whole amount of the new duty will be paid by the consumer. This is contrary to the doctrine of the most eminent of modern economists, who say that where an article is imported from the foreign country and is produced at home and in the colonies, a tax upon the foreign article alone will not raise the price proportionately with that duty, but the cost to the consumer will be mainly regulated by the supply and demand. This is especially the fact when the duty is small. There is much experience to confirm the theory of the economists. Now in France, where there is no other protected country have the prices risen by the amount of protection duty, while in this country the small tax of one shilling on corn did not raise the price of wheat. It is noted that the prices of the future is not a rise in prices owing to taxation, but a failure of the supply due to natural causes, such as drought, or to artificial combinations such as the Letter comes. This danger is greatest when the sources of supply are few, and lend themselves to monopoly, while the policy that develops new markets and increases the food producing areas of the world, will tend to cheapness, and above all to stability of price."

"Thirdly—It is said that the duty to be imposed will be a heavy one, at least five, and possibly ten shillings a quarter. There is absolutely no foundation for this assertion in any of the statements made by the advocates of tariff reform. It is a pure invention of the opponents of all change, a booby raised solely for the purpose of frightening timid people."

"Fourthly—It is said that the duty must be a high one in order to meet the cost of the old age pensions. This ignores the fact that the question of old age pensions is entirely independent of fiscal reform. The amount of the old age pension is entirely independent of the exchequer from any new duty might, if the working class who form the majority of the electors desire it, be applied to making better provision for old age, but not as a necessary consequence, and it cannot be done without their authority and good will. If, as seems probable, they prefer a bird in the hand to a bush in the bush, if that is, they prefer immediate advantage to the more distant prospect of a pension, their decision will be final, and in this case there will be no increase at all in the duties on food but not as a necessary consequence, and it cannot be done without their authority and good will. 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