

HARD FIGHT ON BUDGET

Government Announces Its Refusal to Negotiate or Compromise

PREMIER'S PLANS NOT YET KNOWN

Mr. Balfour in Manchester Speech Declares for Tariff Reform

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Education, speaking at Hull tonight, made the important announcement in behalf of the government that it would refuse to entertain any negotiations or compromise with the opposition over the budget. Beyond this announcement all inferences regarding the development of the political situation, some Premier Liberals still are of the opinion that Mr. Asquith will resign, on the rejection of the budget. Others believe that he will ask the King to create a large body of Liberal peers, including the main church disestablishment bill was allowed to pass the Lords on Gladstone's threat to create new peers.

A striking point in Mr. Balfour's speech at a great meeting at Manchester tonight, was the admission that tariff reform was the only alternative to Chancellor Lloyd-George's budget. An important admission which seems to indicate that the leader of the opposition in the House of Commons had at last been driven to accept the Unionist platform. The rest of the speech was mainly a repetition of Mr. Balfour's denunciation of the budget, which has figured in previous Unionist speeches, and a special appeal to the audience by the representation that tariff reform would be specially beneficial to the cotton industry, which was seriously threatened by European, American and Japanese competition, and the growing difficulty of obtaining sufficient supplies of raw material. Mr. Balfour contended that German and American prosperity had grown up contemporaneously with the imposition of high protective duties. He gave his party no special lead for the coming campaign, but expressed approval of Lord Lansdowne's motion to reject the budget, of which he has given formal notice. It was pointed out to the country's institutions if it were to increase the ordinary cost of living of the working classes. The Liberals in the election campaign will evidently concentrate their whole attack on the Irish question, which they will have the energetic assistance of the Irish party. John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish party, speaking in Dublin tonight, declared that he refused to throw themselves into the arms of the tariff reformers to back up the house of Lords, Ireland's deadly enemies. The Nationalists had long wanted to strike a blow at the Lords.

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The Times argues that it is the Lords who are modest and democratic, the Liberals who are arrogant and oligarchic. The Lords' very reason for existence is to give the country time to reflect upon the acts of a chance majority in the commons. The Standard and Morning Post also warmly approve the Lansdowne amendment. One privy councillor said today to be prepared for a possible general election early in December. He thinks Premier Asquith may yield to Lloyd-George's belief that delay only cools public fervor for the Budget, and when the commons meets next week will announce an immediate dissolution. In any case an election is now certain within three months.

Meanwhile Mr. Pease, chief Liberal whip, today made overtures to Keir Hardie's socialist organization to unite in fighting for the Budget against tariff reform instead of splitting the Liberal vote, as in Bournemouth. If he persists in placing socialist candidates in Radical constituencies, Mr. Pease threatens that the Radicals will put up candidates in constituencies now held by Laborites and Socialists.

PORTUGAL DICKERING WITH CHINA AGAIN

Has Assistance of Great Britain in Macao Boundary Situation.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The Seculo today says that the Chinese delegates to the Hongkong conference, having refused Portugal's claim in Macao or to submit the question to arbitration, Portugal, with the support of Great Britain, has opened four parties direct with China for the maintenance of the status quo. Macao in China is situated on an island of the same name at the mouth of the Canton river and forms with the two small adjacent islands of Taipa and Coloane, a province, the city being

divided into wards, one inhabited by Chinese and the other by non-Chinese, each having its own administration. China holds that the dependencies of the city of Macao have been occupied illegally by the Portuguese for some years and that the only concession of territory ever made to Portugal was the town of Macao and she insists that the territory and islands be evacuated by Portugal. Some time ago the Portuguese government sent General Joaquin Jose Macado to China in the hope of reaching a possible settlement of the dispute, but little progress has been made.

FACTS AND OPINIONS

The Canadian Northern Railway company has secured 4200,000 acres of prairie lands under charters, which it has acquired. What is this worth? It is worth \$21,000,000, which is exactly what \$35,000 a mile for 600 miles amounts to. The rest of the land of the company's assets would be answerable for the company's conversion of worth at least as much as the whole principal of the guaranteed bonds.

The Railway Commission has no control over freight rates on the Canadian Pacific until the company pays 10 per cent on the cost of the line; but it will have control of the freight rates on the Canadian Northern. Therefore the Railway Commission can control Canadian Pacific rates through the Canadian Northern. Through the Canadian Northern, the road must, as a business proposition, meet any rate made over the Canadian Northern. Hence the commission of the Canadian Northern will mean cheaper freight rates.

The Ontario government guaranteed the bonds of the Canadian Northern Ontario railway without asking the covenant from the parent company.

The Dominion government has guaranteed Canada Northern bonds up to \$25,000 a mile through prairie country. We get an independent view of the Canadian Northern contract from the Canadian Courier in which Mr. John V. Borne, after saying that the British Columbia line will be completed in four years, says: "It is reasonable to hope that by that time, the connection of the Arthur with the Canadian Northern, which is required to give the present Canadian Northern lines in the prairie provinces, will be completed. The Canadian Northern's ambition to become a transcontinental line is with measurable distance of being realized."

The attitude of British Columbia to railway expansion would seem to indicate that the policy of giving financial assistance to railways, which has become permanent in the province, is being extended to the country's institutions if it were to increase the ordinary cost of living of the working classes. The Liberals in the election campaign will evidently concentrate their whole attack on the Irish question, which they will have the energetic assistance of the Irish party. John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish party, speaking in Dublin tonight, declared that he refused to throw themselves into the arms of the tariff reformers to back up the house of Lords, Ireland's deadly enemies. The Nationalists had long wanted to strike a blow at the Lords.

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U. S. AND FRENCH-CANADIAN TREATY

House Takes Up Question of Neighboring Nations' Attitude Toward Conventions.

OTTAWA, Nov. 18.—The prospective attitude of the United States towards the French-Canadian trade convention this session, was brought up in the senate yesterday by Senator Loughheed in the debate on the resolution in reply to the speech from the throne. Senator Loughheed called attention to the persistent reports that in retaliation the United States would impose their maximum tariff against Canada. The evident spirit behind the American tariff was one which could not be admitted. It was designed among other things to provoke a disruption of the trade relations between Canada and the Mother Country or any other country. Senator Loughheed called attention to the fact that Canada had developed American legislation, and he hoped that the Canadian government would not be misled by the Dominion by approaching the United States to ask the benefits of the minimum tariff, which he replied to Senator Loughheed, stated that Canada was committed to the ratification of the treaty. The best comforter of the opinion that the ratification of a treaty of this sort did not involve discrimination against the United States, which the members did not necessarily call for the placing of Canada against the list of nations against which the maximum American tariff would be imposed. However, if they chose to do so, they would probably be the greater sufferer, as was indicated by the figures of trade between the two countries. In any event, the policy of Canada should be to regulate her own affairs in her own best interest and without very great regard for what was done by other countries. Sir Richard expressed himself as heartily in accord with the

sentiment expressed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier some years ago, that Canada should no longer go as a suppliant to Washington for trade favors. Senator Loughheed in his speech declared the act of extravagance, declaring that if the apparent government program was carried out, the government would not enter upon construction of the Georgian Bay canal until the Transcontinental railway was finished. The circumstances did not obviate need for prudent and reasonable economy in the administration of affairs, but thought everyone would agree that Canada had entered upon an era of great progress and prosperity and that the government program was altogether warranted by it.

The insurance bill was read a first time and a second reading was ordered on Friday.

INCREASED DEMANDS SLOWS MONEY DOWN

Speculation Passes Owing to Rise For Bond Issues of Railways.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Speculation in stocks became somewhat lethargic yesterday as a consequence of various doubtful factors overhanging the situation. The swelling of the outward movement of gold to South America was one such factor. The lack of a further response in the copper industries to the beautification project was another. The announcement of several new bond issues called renewed attention to the capital requirements connected with the financial market, and had a quieting effect on the speculation. The gold exports had but slight effect on the market, and confidence is felt. A slight hardening of call loan rates. The tone for time loans was slightly easier, unchanged on call.

There was a decided fall in the private discount rate in London, causing apprehensions of a check to the inflow of gold to London. Confidence is felt, and a very strong Bank of England return to normal, as a result of the week's improvements. The fall in the London money market easy London is able to still command large shipments of gold from New York, as evidenced by the evidence of a subsiding demand for money in New York rather than added power of control from the British center. The impression is that the long-expected Missouri-Pacific financial plan made its appearance with the announcement of a \$25,000,000 first and refunding convertible refunding bonds, underwritten at 95 per cent, at which they are being sold to stockholders. A small premium was established in the quotation for the bonds by the market. As part of an issue of \$175,000,000, for which authority is to be asked of the directors, the province of similar authority to be asked by the Atlantic Coast line to issue \$20,000,000, an impression was created of production applications for the same. This impression remained even after allowing for the small proportion of these issues for which an immediate sale will be sought, and for the fact that most of the issues are for the purpose of refunding obligations already outstanding.

The reported determination of the British Lords to insist upon the election before passing the Budget, was without apparent effect on the markets. Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, \$2,846,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

ORE STRIKE AT AINWORTH

AINWORTH, Nov. 18.—A good strike has been made in the United mine at Ainsworth, a depth of 270 feet. A rush of water incident with the strike has been overcome. The indications are a good zinc giving place to lead.

FROM CHINA TO KING EDWARD

GEN. NOV. 18.—Prince Tai Han, brother of Prince Chun, the regent of China, and his suite, arrived here yesterday. The prince is on his way to London on a special mission to announce to King Edward the accession to the throne of the Chinese emperor.

ONTARIO'S FIRST PREMIER

TORONTO, Nov. 18.—Despite the wet weather, the ceremony of unveiling the monument to Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald at the legislative chamber yesterday was well attended. His Honor Governor Gibson presided. Sir James Whitney gave a biographical sketch of the first premier of Ontario.

WINTER OPERA ON MARS

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Nov. 18.—Director Lowell of the Lowell Observatory, reports the first apparent snowfall of the season on Mars. The first patch was seen on November 12, and was small with a great increase in the 4th. This is said to be exceptionally early for the first Martian Antarctic snowfall.

ARMY IN NEWFOUNDLAND

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Nov. 18.—Another of the many projects of the Newfoundlander's vast occupied interior, area comes from the Salvation Army, which plans to found a settlement in connection with its immigration department in England. A representative of the army in Newfoundland conferred with the government officials regarding the proposed settlement.

TEAM OF HORSES STOLEN

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 18.—An unknown man stole a team of horses from J. T. Quin, a liveryman on Blaine, on Thursday last and sold them on the city market here on Friday. The police are looking for the man who perpetrated the theft. The animals have both been located for the first time and recovered. The other, which was purchased by a Vancouver man, is still in the Terminal City. The horse owner refused to give up and litigation may follow.

TORONTO STEAMER BURNED

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Nov. 18.—The steamer Marie, of Toronto, was burned to the water's edge early today lying at a dock in the St. Mary's river, about 30 miles below the Sault. The origin of the fire is not known.

POWER LINES AND TELEPHONE WIRES

OTTAWA, Nov. 18.—The railway commissioners have issued an order that no transmission power lines can be built over provincial as well as federal charters. The order may be taken to the supreme court for final decision.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLER ARRESTED

DOVER, N. H., Nov. 18.—Malcolm C. Macleannan, formerly a Presbyterian clergyman, and a Halifax insurance company, was arrested here today charged with the embezzlement of \$20,000 of the company's funds. Macleannan said that he would return to Halifax without extradition papers.

MOUNTED POLICE RECRUITS

OTTAWA, Nov. 18.—The story from Winnipeg that it is proposed to seek recruits for the Northwest Mounted Police at or near El Estillo, is denied by Comptroller White. Col. White says no need has arisen for doing this, as the Old Country youth who desires to become a member of the force must first reside in Canada.

WARNOK WILL SUSTAINED

TORONTO, Nov. 18.—The Court of Appeal, without calling upon counsel for the respondent to reply, dismissed the appeal of Mrs. Agnes Warnock from the divisional court judgment of Chief Justice Falconbridge, who dismissed Mrs. Warnock's claim to upset the will of John Gregory Warnock, the Ottawa and Brockville horseman. Under his fully half of the estate was left to the children of his first wife, and to Eva Warnock, his second wife.

POTATO CROP DAMAGED

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 18.—Farmers and others throughout the district were glad today that the cold snap was over, as the severe frosts which have prevailed during the past few nights, and especially on Sunday night, are altogether unusual at this time of the year, and as a result considerable damage has been done to potatoes and other vegetable crops. The potato crop will suffer considerably owing to the fact that the penetrating frost has not yet been gathered on account of the great scarcity of labor, and as the frost penetrating over two inches into the ground in some sections a large proportion of the crop has been spoiled. The price of potatoes is considerably lower this year than was the case in November, 1908, but an increase in quotations is expected as a result of the damage done to the crop during the past few days.

EFFORT TODAY TO CLEAR CHERRY MINE

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seen bodies beyond a gallery not far from the shafts. After midnight, contractors, inspectors and officials, carpenters, masons and laborers were sent for and before morning work of

PREPARING FOR THE UNCERTAIN TASK

of the day had begun. It was proposed to lower the men, armed with oxygen helmets. They will enter the gallery on the main shaft as they can. If bodies are encountered they will be fastened to the grappling tackle and raised. The exploration last night, made while soldiers guarded the workers, had come here from many states, the mine still is burning with a consuming fire and human life cannot endure within it. It is their conviction that the St. Paul might be sealed for an indefinite period before any successful exploration can be conducted.

THIS WAS THE RECOMMENDATION

of the officers of the company yesterday, but the Illinois inspectors, realizing the fury that this would arouse among the citizens of this section, insisted that the sentence be made to rescind the dead. No outrage of any kind occurred in Cherry last night. The special train of cars against which threats had been made, but all was quiet when the tapping of the hammers as workmen hastened in preparing for the task of the day.

MAY MEAN TROUBLE FOR PRES. ZELAYA

(Continued from Page One) The United States consulate at Managua, Nicaragua, has followed almost immediately by a death sentence. The consul immediately appealed to President Zelaya to commute their sentence and his answer was: "I will see."

Later, on further appeal, Zelaya said that the sentence was not to be executed. A despatch received this morning at the state department is to the effect that the men have undoubtedly been executed. Upon this information the secretary of state asked the secretary of the navy to order the Vicksburg to proceed in all haste to Corinto for the purpose of protecting American interests. The Des Moines was also expected to proceed to Port Limon at top speed for the same purpose. The execution of the two men is believed to have taken place at or near El Costillo, which is in the immediate vicinity of Greytown. President Taft upon the receipt of the news was so incensed at the action of President Zelaya that he immediately announced that he would have no communications continue. Residences are being promptly so informed.

REIGN OF TERROR

A cable from Panama says: "Passengers arriving from Nicaragua today report that a reign of terror exists throughout the portion of the country controlled by the Government troops are rounding up every person suspected of sympathy with the revolutionists and executing them without trial. More than 600 have been summarily shot and the executions continue. Residences are ransacked by Zelaya's soldiers in search of incriminating letters and evidence and when resistance is offered the houses are destroyed. Women relatives of the revolutionists are being subjected to the most horrible indignities and outrages. Nicaraguan refugees arrived on the steamer and in Costa Rica declare that it is time for the civilized powers to intervene."

Advertisement for HENRY YOUNG & CO. featuring Ladies' and Gent's Umbrellas on Sale Tomorrow. Includes an illustration of a woman with an umbrella and a list of prices for various types of umbrellas.

Advertisement for DIXIE H. ROSS & CO. featuring VEGETABLES FRESH EVERY DAY. Lists various vegetables and their prices, and includes a special offer for Keiller's and C. & C. Marmalade.

Advertisement for Cosy Comforts featuring a woman sitting in a chair, promoting heating and comfort products.

Advertisement for BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, listing various local events and notices.

Advertisement for HAYWARD & DODS featuring a woman in a hat, promoting banking and financial services.

Advertisement for BANK WINS SUIT WITH CANNING, featuring a woman in a hat, promoting a legal case and banking services.

NEW PHONE CABLE WILL SPAN THE GULF

Remarkable Development Victoria - Vancouver Business Necessitates Improved Facilities

So marked has been the development of business between Victoria and Vancouver that the Telephone Company have decided to lay another cable between the two points. It will be such size as to handle the work which is possible with the facilities at present available. In addition to the cable, Vancouver and the establishment of long distance connection from coast with Agassiz and the Harri Hot Springs.

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