

BALFOUR ON HOME RULE ALL ROUND

SOME DIFFICULTIES TO BE OVERCOME

Quotes Experiences in Growth of Britain's Overseas Dominions

(Special to the Times)

London, April 7.—Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, speaking at Lambeth last night, said:

"I believe Gladstonian Home Rule is dead. The question is what is going to replace it? Supporters of the government say, 'Why do you object to giving the United Kingdom a constitution not fundamentally dissimilar from the constitution now enjoyed by the great democracies of Canada, South Africa and Australia? Do they not all consist of separate provinces, each managing what is called its own affairs, yet governed by a central parliament?'"

"I think," went on Mr. Balfour, "a very plausible line of argument. But I think it seems very natural that some change of that sort, whether good or bad in itself, is not at all events hostile to the spirit, either of the freedom of British institutions, but in my judgment they entirely forget to consider the mode in which these great colonial democracies have developed into the present states of Canada, South Africa and Australia. I might also quote the United States, but that would only complicate the argument without adding anything to it. Those great democracies have all started by being separated into provinces, and gradually feeling the increased necessity of having a strong central government. The whole movement in their case has been from separation to unity, and from the freedom of the provinces to the freedom of the nation as a whole. One of the great difficulties which in some respects they still have to contend with and of a kind which partly caused the great war in the United States, is the very difficulty of maintaining separate powers and arranging the relative strength of the central government on one hand and of the separate states on the other."

"The United States, Canada, Australia, the Cape and the German empire have started with movements of separate unities, gradually feeling how necessary it was for their greatest interests that they should coalesce into one more highly organized body and have unity where there formerly had been separation. Of course we are now asked to pursue an entirely opposite policy."

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ACTION OF RUSSIAN MINISTRY ATTACKED

Council Declared to Have Usurped Functions of Government

St. Petersburg, April 7.—The council of the empire met in solemn session yesterday, and for the first time in its history adopted an interpellation attacking the government. The vote was 88 to 52, and followed a discussion devoted to criticism of the action of the government in promulgating the Zemstvo bill by imperial prerogative during an artificially created recess of the legislative body.

The council of the empire last month turned down the essential feature of Premier Stolypin's measure establishing the Zemstvo feature in the government of the western provinces. The premier thereupon decided to make an issue of the right of the emperor's nominees in the council to kill a bill which the emperor had authorized the ministers to carry, and ordered his resignation. The premier's consent to reconsider his resignation is supposed to have been conditional upon having his name in the new legislation.

At any rate, the emperor prorogued the council of the empire and the council of the empire, and forthwith promulgated the Zemstvo bill by imperial prerogative by virtue of paragraph 87 of the fundamental laws. Stolypin's resignation was not presented. The two met on the street and Johnson pulled his pistol and fired two shots, both taking effect. Scott returned the fire, killing Johnson. Scott died shortly after.

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Proposal to Extend Franchise—Compulsory Pensions for Working Men

Rome, April 7.—Premier Giovanni presented his associates in the new cabinet to parliament and introduced the policy to be pursued, yesterday.

Of prime importance was the matter of electoral reforms, he said, and the government would advocate the granting of the franchise to all who had seen military service, or males who had reached the age of maturity. Compulsory pensions for workmen would be introduced. The financial system of the nation was good, but a stop must be put to the growth of expenses.

"Concerning foreign relations," the premier said, "these were good, with Italy's allies and good with her friends. Regarding the church, the policy of complete independence would be continued."

Two Killed in Duel. Morenci, Ariz., April 7.—A duel which occurred to-day in the street of New Mexico, adjoining Morenci, resulted in the death of Len Scott, a constable at Morenci, and Geo. Johnson, a night watchman. The cause of the shooting was a feud of long standing, growing out of the arrest of Johnson by Scott several years ago on a charge of cattle stealing. The two met on the street and Johnson pulled his pistol and fired two shots, both taking effect. Scott returned the fire, killing Johnson. Scott died shortly after.

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BULLETS FLY AT PRINCE RUPERT

SERIOUS RIOTING MARKS LABOR TROUBLES

Leaders Are in Jail and No Further Outbreak is Expected

Prince Rupert, B. C., April 7.—Law and order reign in Prince Rupert this morning. With over fifty of their leaders in jail, the strikers have disbanded. They have realized that strikers are prepared to quell any further outbreak of lawlessness. All night the streets were patrolled by gangs of special constables armed with rifles and revolvers. The strikers' headquarters have been closed by the police and the books confiscated.

McInnes and Kelly, on whose work yesterday's battle was fought, were working big gang of strikers to-day and on several other contracts where the men quit yesterday, work is again proceeding.

The men under arrest will be arraigned before Magistrate Carr this afternoon on a variety of charges. A. O. Morse, the leader of the mob, will be charged with conspiracy and inciting to riot, and already a number of applications have been received to take in convalescent patients. The rate of \$20 a week is being charged for these, and during the summer months it is expected that the committee in charge has received requests to build two additional memorial rooms, in a separate wing for cottages, for mental cases, and a sum of about \$1,000 is being given for that purpose.

The women officials held a secret conference on the best means of rigidly enforcing prohibition, anti-gambling and health inspection laws. "The source of the water supply should be thoroughly tested," said the mayor, "and I shall appoint a city physician to inspect public buildings, the most of which are churches, to see that they are properly ventilated. Every precaution will be taken to prevent the spread of tuberculosis."

"Places of amusement will be provided for the boys and girls of Humberd and they will be conducted on the highest moral plane. I am heartily in favor of athletics but they must be governed by Christian officers. I am bitterly opposed to intoxicants, gambling and lotteries and prohibition will be enforced literally."

DEATH DUE TO CARELESSNESS. Vancouver, April 6.—"Accidental death," was the verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest held into the death of Joseph Coulson, a carpenter, who was crushed to death between the top of the lift and the floor of the second story of the warehouse of Messrs. Kelly, Douglas & Co., on Water street, shortly before one o'clock Friday noon.

The evidence showed that the deceased and a companion, in order to save time, had taken some boards shortly before noon hour was over, and after planking the top of the lift, had started for the ninth floor. Owing to the length of the boards, the carpenters working in the building always used to ride on top of the elevator. Several witnesses stated that as long as a man would stop at the eighth floor no danger was connected with it, because from there, one man could leave the lift and walk up to the top floor, while the other could reach the boards up to his partner, and after unloading the car he could also walk up.

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HOSPITAL AND CONVALESCENT HOME

New Institution Erected by King's Daughters at Duncan Formally Opened

(Special Correspondence.)

Duncan, April 6.—The formal opening of the King's Daughters' Provincial Convalescent Home and Emergency Hospital was held on Tuesday afternoon.

After religious services, conducted by Canon Leachy, who was assisted by Rev. F. G. Christmas, and Rev. D. H. Maitland Douglas, the chairman of the board of directors, introduced Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary, who made a short speech in which he spoke of the benefit the hospital would be to the district and the province, and expressed appreciation that through the efforts of those managing affairs, the building would be handed over free of debt, and after looking through the building, he felt that the government would be thoroughly justified in making an additional grant of \$750 towards the equipment. Dr. Young then declared the building open, and was presented with the silver key as a souvenir.

Mr. Hayward, the local member, then made a short address, thanking Dr. Young for his presence. This was followed by a vote of thanks to the King's Daughters. Afternoon tea was served on the veranda of the hospital before the evening train pulled out.

Mrs. L. H. Hardie, of Victoria, was present, representing the provincial executive of the King's Daughters. The hospital is now open to receive patients, and already a number of applications have been received to take in convalescent patients. The rate of \$20 a week is being charged for these, and during the summer months it is expected that the committee in charge has received requests to build two additional memorial rooms, in a separate wing for cottages, for mental cases, and a sum of about \$1,000 is being given for that purpose.

The women officials held a secret conference on the best means of rigidly enforcing prohibition, anti-gambling and health inspection laws. "The source of the water supply should be thoroughly tested," said the mayor, "and I shall appoint a city physician to inspect public buildings, the most of which are churches, to see that they are properly ventilated. Every precaution will be taken to prevent the spread of tuberculosis."

"Places of amusement will be provided for the boys and girls of Humberd and they will be conducted on the highest moral plane. I am heartily in favor of athletics but they must be governed by Christian officers. I am bitterly opposed to intoxicants, gambling and lotteries and prohibition will be enforced literally."

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