

HOME RULE QUESTION DISCUSSED IN COMMONS

Opposition Leaders Accuse Ministers of Breaking Their Pledges

Pledges

**Mr. Balfour Censures the Government
For Attempting to Deal With**

London, Feb. 18.—The question of

Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith, in the absence of Premier Campbell-Bannerman, who is suffering from a cold, replied to the opposition. He asserted that nobody inside or outside the House was yet in possession

of the details of the government's Irish plans, and contended that there was nothing novel in the declaration made by the Premier and Mr. Birrell that the ultimate solution of the Irish problem could be found only in some form of home rule.

the question of the House of Lords, referring to the extraordinary gravity of the problem. He pointed out that in all other countries where representative institutions and second chambers existed there was a written constitution, while in England there was practically no written constitution.

tion. He said the people of the United States had so swathed and bound themselves in the limits of their constitution that they were unable to impose even an income tax, and could not alter this constitution without a proceeding so difficult that it would be the despair of any practical statesman.

Earl Percy, which raised the discussion concerning the House of Lords by expressing regret that urgent social measures should be postponed in favor of making changes in the constitution. It was rejected by a majority of 268.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—The Savoy Grand Opera company, in "Madame Butterfly," formally opened Winnipeg's magnificent theatre, the Walker, one of the finest in America, this evening before an audience of between 2,000 and 2,500 people. In

honor of the occasion, the leading roles were entrusted to Canadian artists.

BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—A. Woodhead, brakeman on the Canadian Pacific, was run over and killed by his train.

at Mather, Southern Manitoba, while making a coupling at that point this morning. The body was taken to L'Arviere for interment.

VETERAN'S SUICIDE.

London, Ont., Feb. 18.—Lieut. Mac

Beth shot himself at the Worcester barracks today. He was a South African veteran. The bullet entered behind the right ear. It is probably a case of suicide.

WAS GRAND MASTER, I. O. O. F

Werkerville Ont. Feb. 18.—Rev. N.

H. Martin, formerly rector of the Anglican church here, is dead at Phillipsburg, Pa. He was a graduate of Huron college in London. He was a past grand master of the I. O. O. F. in Canada.

INQUIRY INTO WRECK

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Assembly man Wainwright, of Westchester and Sheridan of New York, introduced resolutions each providing for a legislative investigation of the fatal wreck on Saturday night on the Harlem division of the New York Central.

TELEPHONE HOURS.
Toronto, Feb. 18.—The telephone commission came to a full stop at noon, the company having agreed to grant a seven-hour day in three shifts, the wages to be the same as for an eight-hour day.

MINISTER RESIGNS.

Kingston, Feb. 18.—Rev. C. S. Eby D.D., of Brock street Methodist church, has resigned owing to ill health. He would like to return as missionary to Japan, where he formerly spent twenty years.

CARNEY IN COURT.
Charged With Assault With Intent To
Do Bodily Harm.

Alex. Carney, who was concerned
with James Swanson, alias Moore, in
the attack on W. W. Thompson, of

Tuesday last, was brought before Police Magistrate Hall yesterday morning charged with assault with intent to do bodily harm, and was remanded.

The police hope to proceed today against Carney.

Carney was arrested at Seattle on

arrival of the Indianapolis from victoria, and the police of the Sound city sent a telegram to Chief Langley. The message, however, was never delivered, and it was not until he was perusing a Seattle newspaper a day later that Chief Langley learned that Carney was in the hands of the Seattle police. Then he telegraphed to

Chief Wappenstein of Seattle asking if the newspaper report that Carny had been arrested was correct. Chief Wappenstein wired affirmatively and stated he had already notified Chief Langley by wire. Sergeant Detective Palmer was then sent and he brought Carney back on Saturday. Both Car-

Carney and Swanson are natives of this city, and have been away for years. Carney left with Rowe's circus some years ago and has been on tour with the show.

OVERSEAS LIMITED.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—The Overseas

Limited passed through the city at 6 o'clock this morning, carrying passengers from the Empress of Britain which left Liverpool on February 8 who are bound for coast points and for the Orient.