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St. John's, Newfoundland, January 5, 1910.

What Can Premier Asquith Do If He Wins at the Polls?

What will Asquith do if he wins at the polls? What can he do? Will the House of Lords take it lying down or will they fight it out?

The avowed object of the Lords in creating the Budget crisis was to force an appeal to the country. The terms of Lord Lansdowne's amendment to the Budget motion make this clear. The amendment ran thus:—

"That the House was not justified in giving its assent to the Budget until it had been submitted to the country."

Conservatives have taunted Liberals with trying to make the people believe they are insulted by being consulted. Premier Asquith sharply rejoined that the House of Lords rejected the Budget, not out of love for the people, but from hatred of the Budget.

Other Liberals have pointed out that it is only Liberal measures the House of Lords wish to consult the people on. Lords, as a rule, are active opponents of Liberal Governments and supporters of Tory Governments. The action of the House of Lords is largely partisan, and rarely non-partisan and actuated by meritorious considerations.

This short and simple decision of the Lords to consult the people involves innovations on the principles of parliamentary government, which have hitherto obtained acceptance, and which tend to revolutionize the constitution and weaken the preponderance in power of the People's House.

MOST ARROGANT USURPATION.

Mr. Asquith characterized the resolution of the House of Lords, when moving a resolution of protest in the House of Commons, as the gravest indignity and the most arrogant usurpation to which for more than two centuries the House of Commons has been called upon to submit.

Sir Frederick Pollock, one of the most distinguished of English jurists, considers it—

"The most audacious attempt to subvert the foundations of parliamentary government which has been made since the revolution of 1689."

The usurpation of the privileges of the House of Commons implied in Lord Lansdowne's amendment and carried to a successful issue for a time at least were set forth in remarkably clear terms by Lord Morley, who summed them up as follows:—

"First, it arrogated to the House of Lords the control of the taxing power;

"Secondly, it assumed to that House the power of forcing a General Election by refusing supplies;

"Thirdly, there must be a new Parliament whenever the sitting Parliament had displeased their Lordships' House;

"Fourthly, under these provisions they were proposing to change the representative supremacy into an oligarchic and non-representative supremacy;

"Fifthly, they were throwing out of gear the whole financial machinery of the year."

BALFOUR'S OPINION IN 1907.

The fact that Lord Lansdowne's motion involved a usurpation of privileges of the House of Commons and subverted principles accepted by Mr. Balfour himself is evidenced by the dicta of Mr. Balfour in 1907 in the House of Commons when speaking of the limited power of the House of Lords. On that occasion he said, and Premier Asquith did not forget to remind him of it:—

"We all know the power of the House of Lords is still further limited by the fact that it cannot touch these Money Bills, which, if it could deal with, no doubt it could bring the whole executive machinery to a standstill."

"The conclusion which I want to press upon the House, and which is all important in this matter, is that under our existing system we have two chambers which are not of equal power, which are not of equal authority, which cannot come into serious conflict in the whole field of administration, in the whole field of the initiation of legislation, or in the whole field of that legislation which deals with finance."

Mr. Balfour was of course referring to the usage in vogue, and accepted conventionally by both political parties. Two years have

made a change. What Balfour said could not be done in 1907, the Lords did in 1909, and in the words of Lord Curzon they "d—n the consequences," and for partisan advantages Mr. Balfour winks at the breach of parliamentary convention and backs the Lords in their evil ways.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

What is of real moment to the country now in this matter is what the Liberal Party can do if they win, and how they will do it, if the Lords kick against it.

The rejection of the Budget is only one—true it is the most grievous—of many grievances against the Lords for rejection of Liberal measures. Steps will have to be taken to ensure, if possible, a fair consideration of Liberal measures by the Lords, and not a partisan rejection of them, regardless of their merits.

Premier Asquith at Albert Hall, London, said: "I tell you in the name and on behalf of the Liberal Party that we have at this moment laid upon us a single task—to vindicate and to establish upon an unshakable foundation the principles of representative government."

The Liberal Party are determined to do something to put the Lords in their proper place. What they will do; what they can do; how they can do; how the Lords will take the proposals, are all topics of live interest.

The settled determination of the Liberal Party to do something effective was authoritatively announced in the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor in these grave words:—

"It is impossible that any Liberal Government should ever again bear its heavy burden unless it is secured against the repetition of treatment such as our measures have had to undergo during the past four years. If we fail in the coming election it will only be the beginning of a contest which can only end in one way. If we succeed, I hope we shall not flinch in what will follow. We have not provoked this contest. We have not provoked it, nor at any time desired it, but we are not afraid of it, and I hope that none of us will fail to do our duty in preserving the constitution of our country."

STRUGGLE FOR SUPREMACY.

The utterance is cryptic, but suggestive of severe constitutional struggles to insure the supremacy of the party which is in majority in the House of Commons. It also seems to imply that the Liberal party, whenever it wins, will refuse office unless it secures the co-operation of the King in an effort to place the House of Lords in due subordination to the House of Commons. Such a refusal by a party in a majority would bring matters speedily to an issue.

Premier Asquith was even more explicit in his speech at Albert Hall, when he said:—

"We shall not assume office, and we shall not hold office, unless we can secure the safeguards which experience shows to be necessary for the legislative utility and honour of the party of progress."

This declaration of policy by Premier Asquith involves the solution of constitutional problems bristling with difficulties.

How can Premier Asquith secure these safeguards if the Lords object?

How can he convert the convention that the Lords shall not meddle with a Budget into a statute if the majority of the present Lords vote against such a bill?

If the Lords refuse to be curbed by statute, and if the Liberals when in a majority decline to hold office until they are curbed, how can a government be carried on against a hostile majority in the House of Commons?

A discussion of these issues may be of some interest.

Coastal Boats.

BOWING SHIPS.

The s.s. Prospero sailed for northern ports at 11 a.m. to-day, taking a full freight and the following passengers in saloon: Messrs. W. Earle, McDonald, N. Butt, J. Coffin, J. H. Halfyard, S. James, P. Parsons, C. Bishop, S. Roberts, W. Guy, E. White, A. Anthony, E. Barbour, D. A. Ryan, Master Miffen, N. Norris, Peyton, Rowell, Rev. Finn, Combes, T. W. McGinn, P. Blackmore, J. Hodder, J. Bursley, Kean, Greenall, A. Fowlow, S. Ebsary, A. G. Hudson, J. W. Lewis, C. A. C. Bruce, Messdames McDonald, Halfyard, Moore, E. Hann, Grenfell, Misses James, Crann, Moore, Ryan, Miffen, Barry, O'Rourke, Finn, G. Martin, Bartlett and 91 steerage.

REID BOATS.

The Argyle left Placentia at 10.15 a.m. yesterday on the Merasheen route.

The Bruce is on dock being repaired thoroughly.

The Clyde left Lewisport at 2.05 p.m. yesterday for the north.

The Dundee arrived at Port Blandford at 11 a.m. to-day. She will now make her last trip round the bay.

The Glenoe left Harbor Breton at 4.15 p.m. yesterday going west.

The Home left Bay of Islands to-day coming to St. John's to lay up.

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Lydia R. H. Given Up.

Mr. A. Wareham, of Placentia, telegraphed from here to-day to all the telegraph stations in Placentia Bay hoping to get news of the missing schooner Lydia R. H., which the Telegram exclusively reported as being missing yesterday. He received no news of her whereabouts and consequently he is more anxious than ever about the schooner. There are four men of the crew and she is bringing a load of fish here from North Harbor for Mr. Wiseman, the owner of the schooner. She is a ketch of 35 tons and is now over a week out.

Couldn't Get Body.

Minister Piccott went down to Pouch Cove yesterday with a diver and assistants to recover the body of Henry Sullivan. It was impossible to put out boats and the diver could not get to work. The intention had to be given up for the time being.

Schr. Renown Jammed

The schr. Renown, which left here on Dec. 4th with a load of provisions for St. John's and Miramichi, Little Bay Islands, has been heard from to-day by telegraph message. She is jammed in the ice off Point Leamington and can't get in or out. She has to call to New Bay Head first.

Train Notes.

By the Bruce express which left here at 6 p.m. yesterday there went Mr. Gand, Mr. Olsen, Rev. Fr. Donnelly, Rev. Fr. Cacciola, Rev. Fr. Unhill and wife and about 50 others.

By the local train at 10.15 last night there came Mr. Geo. Carthy, Capt. T. Bonia, Mrs. Capt. Marshall, Mrs. John Besant and 50 others.

The local did not arrive till 1 p.m. to-day. About 50 passengers came in.

The west bound express left North's Arm at 9 a.m. to-day.

The incoming express will leave Port aux Basques an hour after the Invermore arrives this afternoon.

Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Wheat, cash, No. 2 red, \$1.24 to \$1.28, excited and very bullish on very strong cables. All foreign news up 2 cents on corn. Immense sales of corn at right offerings at higher prices. Oats up in sympathy with corn. Provisions up on good buying.

Farmer's Fall Kills Cow

He is unhurt after 65-foot tumble to Animal's Back.

Martin Van Dersley, a farmer near Bedford, Ia., fell 65 feet several days ago, landing squarely on the back of a thoroughbred cow, valued at \$375, and was practically unhurt. The cow is dead.

Van Dersley was repairing the top of his windmill when a sudden shift of the wind turned the fans in the wrong direction which swept him from his perch. At that instant his prize cow meandered up for a drink of water, got directly beneath him and stopped. Her master's feet struck her just behind the shoulders. Her back was broken and she was ordered to be killed.

Van Dersley says his flight did not last longer than three seconds, but during that time his entire life passed before him like a moving picture. While he was the cause of the cow's death, he is confident she was the cause of saving his life.

LANNON'S SCHOONER HERE.—Capt. Lannon's schooner arrived here from Loo Cove last evening with a load of dry fish.

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N. B. S. ANNUAL MEETING.—Members of the N. B. Society, particularly by those who live in the country and long distances from the hall, are asked to take notice that the annual meeting does not take place on Monday next. Due notice of the proper date will be announced officially.

VERY COLD WEATHER.—The temperature at the Quarry at noon to-day was zero, and at 9 a.m. to-day it was 5 below. Bishop's Falls at noon 8 above; Clarendville at noon 10 above and Whitbourne 15 above.

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Foretold in a Dream.

Mrs. McAlpine had a strange experience in April, 1892, while waiting for a train at Castle Blaney, in Scotland. She wandered out of the station to the side of a lake, and sat down on a rock to rest. "My attention," said Mrs. McAlpine in describing the event, "was quite taken up by the extraordinary beauty of the scene before me. There was not a sound or movement except the soft ripple of the water on the sand at my feet. Presently I felt a cold chill creeping over me and a curious stiffness of my limbs, as if I could not move though wishing to do so. I felt frightened, yet charged to the spot, and as if impelled, to stare at the water straight in front of me. Gradually a black cloud seemed to rise, and in the midst of it I saw a tall man in a suit of tweed jump into the water and sink. In a moment the darkness had gone, and I again became sensible of the heat and sunshine." A few days afterwards a bank clerk committed at the very spot, as seen by Mrs. McAlpine.—Journal of the Society for Physical Research.

Here and There.

BRIDGE BOARDS.—In our item about Callahan's bridge boards a slight mistake was made. The price should be 45 cents and not 40 cents.

NO INCREASE IN FURNISH RATES.—The Board of Trade received a message from the Furnish Line stating that no increase in the rates on the Furnish Line steamer was contemplated.

THE GLADYS AT SELDOM.—Mr. W. Reid received a telegram from his brother Elias to-day saying that the schr. Gladys on the way from the French Shore with a load of fish had arrived at Seldom-Come-Bye. She is on her way to St. John's.

THE MYRTLE Amusement Club's "At Home" will be held in the British Hall to-morrow night, January 6th. Professor Bennett's full orchestra. Tickets—Gents, 70c.; Ladies, 10c. J. J. MYRON, Chairman. G. J. SHAPER, Sec.—Jan. 5th.

Personal.

Mr. P. Finlay, of Fergus, who is a foreman's job at Grand Falls, arrived here by the express. He is on his way to Fergus to visit his friends. Miss Finlay accompanies him.

On the 4th inst., a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. J. King, 2 Atlantic Avenue.

BORED.

Yesterday morning, after a lingering illness, Mary, beloved wife of Henry Garrett, aged 58 years. Funeral on Thursday, at half-past 2, from her late residence, 49 Field Street. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

STATUTORY NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Walter West, late of St. John's, Accountant, deceased.

All persons claiming to be creditors of, or who have any claim or demand affecting the estate of Walter B. West, late of St. John's, Accountant, deceased, are required to send particulars of their claims, in writing, duly attested, to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executor on or before the 15th day of February next; after which date the Executor will distribute the assets of the said estate according to law, having regard only to the claims of which he then shall have had notice.

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Remarkable Life - Saving

Feat by French Submarine Boat.

Toulon, Dec. 29.—The submarine Cigogn performed a remarkable life-saving feat during a recent storm. The boat was practicing diving in the open sea when the commander saw a large fishing boat suddenly overwhelmed and sink. The submarine immediately dived right under the fishing craft, of which the mast-head alone was above the water. The valves were operated quickly and the Cigogn rose to the surface, lifting the boat and holding it above the water long enough to take off the crew.

Marine Notes.

The Western Queen, M. T. Flynn's schooner, that left here the day before the storm, arrived at St. Lawrence, all well.



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Both sides were satisfied. The late Mr. McCarthy was so acute that when he had grasped in advance the arduous other side, and by and by, was able to win many a victory. A good many years a noted lumberman of the Alexander Erger, such as Ryan in connection with transaction. There was also dispute between the parties facts of the case; the only involved was one of law, costs, the lawyers in the Dalton McCarthy, represent

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