

BANNERMAN MAY RETIRE.

Report That Mr. Asquith May Succeed Him.

Alarmist Reports as to Labor Joining Socialists.

Pending Fight With the House of Lords in Prospect

London, Jan. 26.—The absence of the Prime Minister from the Privy Council meeting Saturday and the cancellation of the evening party that was to take place at his official residence next Tuesday is explained by the official announcement that "Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is confined to his room by a cold."

But I understand that Sir Henry's health is so bad that his retirement from active political life may be expected at any moment. He is suffering from angina pectoris, but this is not generally known.

In the event of the Prime Minister's retirement the conduct of affairs in the coming session, beginning Wednesday, would devolve upon Mr. Herbert Henry Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The promotion of Mr. Winston Churchill to the Cabinet is now regarded as a certainty, and there seems to be a good likelihood of the fulfillment of the plan to give Mr. Herbert Gladstone a Peerage and a seat in the House of Lords.

Labor Party and Socialism.

In all the political movements of England possibly no such sudden and remarkable swing of the pendulum of public opinion has ever been witnessed as that recorded this week, when in a conference at Hull the representatives of millions of British workmen forming the Labor party hoisted the red flag of Socialism.

The party put itself on record as accepting the Socialist doctrine that production, distribution and exchange should be controlled by a democratic state in the interest of the entire community, and as favoring the establishment of social and economic equality between the sexes.

Persons who professed astonishment and fear when the famous figure of John Burns—since raised to a seat in the Cabinet—entered Parliament as a representative of a Labor constituency many years ago, have now a real reason to fear for the traditional conservative trend of British legislative institutions.

Socialism in Parliament.

Among other things, the latest move of the Labor party really means that the cry of Socialism will not only be raised with a strong voice in the House of Commons, but that the present Labor members of Parliament who have so suddenly changed their political complexion will be backed in pushing the Socialist propaganda by the strong organization and wealthy treasury of the Labor party, though it is true that since the Hull meeting some non-Socialist members of the party have condemned its action and threatened to break away.

Nevertheless it now seems plain enough that unless other political parties can succeed in breaking up the Socialist party, nothing short of a political revolution can be expected. There are already indications that the present Liberal Government will attempt to obtain the early support of the Socialists in the pending fight against the House of Lords, and that if this aid is forthcoming the next session of Parliament beginning Wednesday is likely to be the most exciting in many years.

Radial Liberal Programme.

Even the Liberal Government itself has a programme that is rather startling to conservative British voters, including, as it does, rapid progress with the old age pension bill, to further improve the conditions of Ireland and other measures which will entail bitter fights.

Impartial observers in some quarters declare that the middle and upper classes of England, who have such good ground to fear the present Socialist movement, have only themselves to blame for the Labor party's sudden change of front. In other words, laboring men seem to be practically driven to take their latest radical step from sheer desperation at their present deplorable plight and the growing rarity of employment and the rise in the cost of living.

Flagstuffs Before Bread.

The percentage of hungry men, women and children begging bread throughout England this winter is greater than for twenty years past, and the desolation of many towns and villages, to say nothing of the larger cities, is appalling. The labor leaders, while acknowledging the splendid efforts made to relieve the suffering, point to the utter impossibility of preventing starvation and to the utter indifference of the great mass of the people to the condition of the poor.

A typical illustration of their ground for resentment against the money-grubbing portion of the community is found in London this week, where the County Council insisted on voting a liberal sum of money for the purchase of flagstuffs to be set up on the public schools rather than vote money toward school children who average less than one meal a day and always go to school hungry.

Countess of Warwick Delighted.

The labor leaders have wisely taken into consideration the economic conditions of the country in framing their accusations, and by so doing they strengthen another charge, that of "criminal callousness," against the prosperous sections that are always willing to open their cheque books for the aid of sentimental measures—monument funds, funds for the decoration of old buildings, etc.—but who refuse to interest themselves in the demands of charity.

Among those who have hailed with delight the Hull Socialist avowals of the Labor party is the Countess of Warwick, who has since sent several telegrams to the newspapers on the subject.

Full Programme of Collectivism.

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Anderson, G. T.
Anderson, Mrs. Jas.
Armstrong, Thos. A.

Bailey, Miss Helen
Barnes, S.
Bates, J. M.
Barker, Archibald
Barber, L. C.
Barrett, Miss Audrey
Barker, Saml.
Bell, Mrs. T.
Bumpstead, Walter Frank
Barrett, Miss Tillie E.
Bean, Annie
Brown, Mrs. T. A.
Brown, G. J.
Bales, Mrs.
Belenger, G.
Bingham, R. C.
Boyd, Julian
Bolton, John
Brooker, Mrs.
Bradley, Peter F.

Cruikstrange, Geo. D.
Crysler, Mrs. S.
Christmas, R.
Clark, J.
Cruikshank, G.
Culbert, H. J.
Cunningham, Mrs. S.
Cummings, Mrs. E.

Davis, J. M.
Doyle, Fred.
Drake, Miss Katie.
Dwyer, E.

Egan, Frank.

Farr, E. E.
Farr, Elmer, 2.
Fenton, Alfred.
Ferguson, Miss Florence.
Fleo, Miss F.

Gadde, Miss M.
Gage, Laura L.
Glover, Mrs. L.
Godin, Mrs. D.
Godden, Herbert D.
Grasse, Graham.

Hancock, Ernest.
Hardy, Charles.
Hall, Mr., 25 Tisdale.
Hancock, E., ford. from Oshawa. (2).
Harrison, S.
Hawkins, Mrs. Thos. Mountain.
Heppie, E. M.
Hector, W. H.
Henderson, John (hotel).
Hill, Charles.
Hill, Lydia, forwarded from Stratford.
Hills, Bert.
Hope, Miss Virgil.
Hope, Harry, forwarded from Peterboro.

Houses, T. W. barrister.
Hopkins, Thos. C.
House, Mrs. Wm.
Hunt, Mrs. Edmond, Mountain.
Hudson, Mrs. E. M.

Irwin, Miss Emma

Jackson, Miss Ida
Joanes, M. A.
Jacobs, Miss Beatrice
Jenkins, Mrs. Roy
Jenkins, W. A.
Johnston, Miss Emma (2)
Johnson, Geo. W.

Keeler, John, John st. s.
Kennedy, I., Bay st. n.
Klenahan's Livery, forwarded from Rochester.
Kirby, E. C., forwarded from Quebec.
Kirk, Wm. A.

Langer, Israel.
Lawrence, Alfred, forwarded from Elfrida.
Latham, B. F.
Lave, Miss H.
Lennard, D.
Lewis, James, Wilson street.
LeRoy, 130 Somers street east.
Lizmore, Mrs. A., 342 Charlton ave. w.
Loney, Miss Flossie.

Mahoney, Michael, 61 Brick street.
Mac, Mrs. W. A.
Mann, Mrs., King west.
Main, A.
Ming, W. E.
Millen, H., forwarded from Philadelphia.
Morton, W.
Morin, M., 28 Railway.
McDonald, Pat., forwarded from New Roads, La.

McDonald, H. Ruthven, ford. Hauloto Man.
McDonnell, Miss Mabae.
McDowell, Mrs. Bertie.
McGhie, C. G.
McMullen, David.

McAdam, Willie.
McCalve, Fannie.
McCann, E.
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