

News Of The World.

Foreign Events By Mail And Telegraph.

LORDS WILL HOLD UP WHOLE GOVERNMENT OVER HOME RULE BILL.

Asquith Facing a Most Troublesome Session of Parliament--Novel Suggestion for Settling the Difficulty.

London, Feb. 10.—The full fighting forces of the various British political parties in response to the urgent demands of the leaders arrived in London to-day for the opening of Parliament, which promises to be one of the most exciting for many years.

Practically every member of Commons will be present. A serious illness is the only excuse accepted by the Whips for non-attendance.

A large muster is also expected in the House of Lords, since the fight against the Home Rule measure is to be carried on simultaneously in both Chambers.

Paramount Issue.

The Unionist leaders who have decided to make Ulster's opposition to Home Rule the paramount issue, according to current reports will refuse to allow the discussion of any other subjects, in the hope thus of forcing the Government to dissolve Parliament and refer the Home Rule question to the people.

Both in Commons and Lords, amendments are to be moved to the Address in Reply to the King's speech. These will express regret that nothing has been done to satisfy the demands of Ulster.

Address to The King.

Should these amendments fail to move the Government, the Lords will send an address to the King in support of an appeal to the country, will withhold their consent to the Army and Navy Bill and expiring laws, thus generally playing havoc with the normal processes of Parliament, leaving the country without any authorized armed force, and with many of its laws in suspense.

While Asquith has not disclosed his intentions, the more moderate Liberal

have advised him to make, immediately after the opening of Parliament, a statement explaining what concession he is prepared to offer to Ulster, and asking for a candid reply from the Opposition as to what they consider satisfactory.

Novel Plan.

Sir Horace Plunkett, who is noted for his advocacy of agricultural co-operation and technical education, and whose opinion on Irish matters carries great weight with all parties, outlines a novel plan for settling the Ulster problem. He is firmly of the opinion that the passage of the Home Rule Bill as it stands will lead to serious sectarian riots, perhaps civil war in Ulster, and to avert such a disaster, proposes that Ulster Unionists should accept the Bill upon three conditions; first, that clauses should be inserted enabling it to be decided by plebiscite after a certain number of years whether any section of Ulster desired to continue subject to the Irish Parliament; second, that both sections of Irishmen should be invited to suggest to the Government any amendments which could be incorporated in the Bill by mutual consent; third, that the Ulster volunteers should be given an opportunity to be organized as a territorial force with the double object of adding a valuable body to the Nation's defensive forces, and also of preserving intact for Ulster Unionists an ultimate safeguard on which, rightly or wrongly, they can rely for preservation of their liberties.

Sir Horace contends that the acceptance of this scheme would furnish a valuable experiment for the various sides of the Home Rule difficulty.

Trinity Student Chosen

W. P. Bugden, At Sackville, Will Represent His College In Debate.

Sackville, Feb. 7.—The champions who will represent Mt. Allison in the approaching intercollegiate debate are the following: Messrs. Clarence E. Hellens, Wilert P. Bugden, and Charles H. Blakeny. The latter hails from Moncton; Mr. Bugden from Trinity, Nfld., and Mr. Hellens from the ancient town of Newton Abbot in the south of England.

The general impression among the students is that this is a good strong team, and one that will be hard to beat. Two questions relating to the debate are yet to be decided—the date when it is to come off and who the judges are to be.

SEES THE PROTESTANTS LAPSE INTO ATHEISM.

Quebec Catholic Paper Contradicts Its View on Kikuyu Question

Quebec, Feb. 3.—Under the caption, "An Instructive Crisis," L'Action Sociale, the clerical organ of Quebec, makes reference to the present controversy in the Church of England over the Kikuyu question.

"From the Catholic and French-Canadian point of view," is says, "We have more reason to be sad, rather to rejoice at this phenomenon. The Anglicans and Protestants who keep their faith and the practices of their cult remain Christians in spirit. Those who forsake the Protestant cult and the Christian faith which, although much mutilated, remains to them to pass over to rationalism or pagan naturalism of morals, are a total loss to Christianity; they pass, never to return, to the composite mass of infidels. Now, of these infidels who have abandoned Protestantism, few or none are converted. The Protestants who return to the Catholic Church are, as a rule, the zealots of the Christian faith and practices retained among the dissented religions. It must be also remembered that in separating themselves from Protestantism, the rationalists do not become more sympathetic with the church. It is generally the contrary which is the result. It is therefore, continues L'Action Sociale, "not with satisfaction, it with fear that we see Protestantism almost everywhere slipping little by little, and in some places rapidly enough, into agnosticism, practical atheism and infidelity."

GERMANY WILL SPEND MILLIONS ON AVIATION.

More Than Double the Amount Expended Last Year.—Big Plans.

The National aviation Committee proposes to spend nearly a million dollars in the encouragement of aviation in Germany during 1914, according to plans recently announced. This is more than double the amount expended last year, when a total of \$425,000 was appropriated.

The committee has already committed itself to spend \$700,000, and further appropriations of about \$890,000 are proposed. Large sums are set aside for instruction for aviators, for insurance, for prizes, for awarding the inventors of the best motors for aviation purposes, for promoting aviation in the German colonies, for establishing hydroaeroplane stations along the seacoast and for aviation schools.

It is hoped that soon a new road shall traverse the hill in such a way as to make the circuitous route of the cliffs looking out on the ocean and at the same time have branch roads across the hill at convenient places. The new Signal Hill park will be so located as to include the present Cabot Tower which is the objective point of hundreds of European and American tourists every summer. In fact, the tourist trade alone might warrant the placing of an ascending railway system across the Hills.—The New Freeman, St. John, N.E.

The actual port of St. John's, Newfoundland, given the impression of some land-locked highland lake. It is triangular in shape and terminates at its western extremity in the valley of Riverhead, whilst at the east it is guarded on either side by the huge mountain heights of Signal Hill and the South side—both of these places being the sites of ancient batteries, and to this day the road which traverses the lower side of Signal Hill is known as Battery road.

NOTICE!

Owing to our Gas Supply being less excellent than usual our Lino-types were forced to stop running early in the morning. Hence the absence of most of our Local News.

S. U. F. Annual Soiree! Under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 5, BRITISH HALL, Tomorrow, WEDNESDAY. Music by the Myron & O'Grady Orchestra. Dancing 8.30, Tea 11 o'clock. Tickets: Ladies' 80c. Gentlemen's \$1.00. May be had from the members of the Committee. S. GARDNER, Chairman. A. E. WITHYCOMBE, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO PLAY SECOND FIDDLE TO THE OPPOSITION.

Union Members Keep Morris Party On The Hop Explaining Things.

VERY INTERESTING TIME.

Opposition Show That It Is Unconstitutional to Keep Two Departments Vacant.

(Continued from page 1) MR. STONE.—To ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary what steps, if any, have been taken re the establishment of Night School as outlined in His Excellency the Governor's Speech from the Throne in 1913.

Answer: The Government is collecting data and hopes to move in the matter by next session.

MR. WINSOR.—To ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the amount paid to the Northern Labrador mail agent for the years 1912 and 1913, how long engaged, and how much per month while thus engaged. Tabled.

MR. HICKMAN.—To ask the Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs to lay upon the table of the House a list of all persons in Bay de Verde District receiving the Old Age Pension, giving the name and place of abode of each, and the date on which each pension was first granted. Tabled.

Notice of Motion. RT. HON. THE PRIME MINISTER.—To ask leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the season when wild fruit, in this country, may be gathered.

Order of the Day.

Third reading of Bill "An Act respecting the Exhibition of Advertisements."

Third reading of Bill "An Act further to amend the Newfoundland Dental Act."

Third reading of Bill "An Act to Consolidate the law relating to Cruelty to Animals."

Committee of the Whole on Supply.

MR. COAKER did not see why the salary of the tidewater at Change Islands should be raised from \$150 to \$360. He did not object to the increase so much as the reason for giving it. The man is a busy body and will now strut round in his brass buttons making himself objectionable to everyone. He gave up a good living at the fishery for it. If this passes you will find petitions coming in from all parts of Fogo District asking to take him out. He is no advantage to the service. This increase is going to cause an ill-feeling. This man who is a public servant should not be going round as a busy body. There is a very strong Council of the F.P.U. at Change Islands, and this man is an eye sore to every member.

HON. MR. CASHIN.—He made application that \$150 was not enough to live on.

MR. KENT wanted to know why some received more than others.

MR. JENNINGS wished to have a vote to say on the matter of outport tidewater. He knew the conditions at Greenspond and Moreton's Hr.; these men have lots of chances to augment their salaries, and showed up how the official at Greenspond prosecuted the fishery as well as took his salary as tidewater, and the same might apply to Change Islands.

Agricultural Vote

The Committee then went into the vote for the Agriculture and Mines.

MR. KENT asked why the offices of Minister of Agriculture and Justice had not been filled. It is unfair to the Country to go into supply for this department until we know where we stand. He spoke at length on this question.

THE PREMIER hastened to reply that all the questions asked re this department had been answered and information furnished, and stated there was nothing wrong in not filling the offices.

DR. LLOYD took issue with the Premier, and showed up the fallacy of the Government in this matter. He referred to the deputation of the Supreme Council of the F.P.U. which waited on the Governor, and His Excellency's reply.

A wordy war between the Premier and the member for Trinity followed, in which the latter came off best.

The fun was enjoyed by all, especially by Mr. Moore. He is a well known joker, and smiled all over his face. Mr. Kennedy, the youthful member for Hr. Main, who had been engaged up to this hour reading The Daily Mail, appreciated the scene also.

The Minister of Public Works passed in and out two or three times, and spectators wondered if there was much doing in the Speaker's room.

Ladies' American Neckwear! Smart and Exclusive. In Style and Finish is the NECKWEAR we are showing; the kind that is seen just now on well-dressed women in New York. They include Peter Pan Sets, Robespierre Collars, Net Yokes, Blouses, Coat Collar Frills, etc. and a pretty assortment of Sleeve and Coat Frillings. CHILDREN'S WASH DRESSES 2 SPECIAL LINES 90c. and \$1.40. Ayre & Sons LIMITED.

MR. COAKER then rose and all eyes were focussed on him. His party was greatly disappointed that the Premier had not come to some decision. The House had been open for three weeks without two ministerial offices being filled. The Government should settle down and do something. No one had a better right to know than they. The Prime Minister cited cases of men holding offices but not occupying Government seats, but here was a case of no one being in the office and it was a different position entirely. The names of Mr. LeFevre and Mr. Currie were mentioned for the Mines office, and rumor had it that the bone of contention was between them; Mr. LeFevre ought to get it as he was in harness longer. Mr. Coaker strongly advised the Premier to fill the offices at once. When the sealers come along he intends holding a meeting.

MR. COAKER (continuing).—Said it was the opinion of many people that the fire patrols were of no value; that if a fire occurred, one man with a bucket would avail little especially if the pond was a mile away. The better course to adopt was for the patrols to travel on the cars with the section men. On the Bonavista Branch he had heard of the patrols clearing land and digging wells for Government officials. He also spoke on the vote of \$20,000 for Agriculture. He believed it would be wise to put Mr. Devereaux

in the vacant Mines office and let Mr. Downey do the work of the Commissioners which would be a saving of \$1500 to the Colony. He would like to see a bonus for raising cattle. He had had experience at farming but he would not go at it again. He had to haul out stumps by the light of the lantern, and hard work it was too. "The Premier had said our men eat more"—if they have to go back to the days of bread and tea there will be no one left. (The Premier Hear! Hear!) If you don't make the living as good as in Sydney Western Canada or the States our young men will go there. There are still better times in store for the fishermen. Fish is selling in Italy to-day for 40 shillings which a few years ago could fetch only 12 shillings. Fish is selling here in town for from \$7.00 to \$7.40. A great number of the cattle and sheep imported by the Government are dead. He saw 6 sheep at Southern Bay landed only 2 days and 2 were dead. Should Be Filled. He did not wish to take further time on that subject just then. What he wanted to know was why the offices were not filled; why not appoint acting heads. "If you open a district we will beat you" (and the Premier recognizes this as well as Mr. Coaker.) MR. CURRIE admitted that he did not have the legal or constitutional ability to discuss the question, but he desired to say that he was not a sealer for the office, nor had it been offered to him. (His friends say differently, however.) THE PREMIER replied to Mr. Coaker re the Fire Patrol and other matters; the report of the cattle perishing was a serious matter. He was obliged to Mr. Coaker for bringing it up, and assured him that he would make fully enquiry into it. MR. KENT spoke briefly of the Premier endeavoring to fill three or four positions, and did not think it was fair to expect him to do so. Something For Sir Ed. MR. HALFYARD thought it was the Premier's stipend that should have been increased, and not the Governor's, considering he had so much to do (at that Sir Edward leaned back in his seat, and smiled serenely.) The Premier had tried to show that the Union was not strong in the North now he has a chance to prove it by opening one of the districts. Mr. Halfyard still occupied the floor at 6.30 when adjournment was taken until this afternoon. I. O. O. F. AT BONNE BAY. Excelsior Lodge 126 I.O.O.F., held their installation of officers for the coming term, on Tuesday night, Jan. 10th. Owing to circumstances this had been delayed till that date; which would have been done on the first of the year. The installation was performed by Bro. J. C. Tapper, P.G., D.D.G.M., assisted by other brethren. The officers installed are as follows: N.G.—Bro. M. Jenkins. V.G.—Bro. I. Brake. R.S.—Bro. P. Decker. F.S.—Bro. J. Noel. Treasurer—Bro. J. P. Haliburton. Warden—Bro. A. Roberts. Conductor—Bro. J. Cull. R.S.—Bro. T. A. Garcin. L.S.—Bro. T. A. Garcin. R.S.—Bro. Wm. Moores. L.S.—Bro. T. Rose. I.G.—Bro. F. Wilton. O.G.—Bro. Ed. Payne. R.S.—Bro. J. Hatcher. L.S.S.—Bro. A. Payne. Chaplain—Bro. R. Roberts. Bro. J. C. Tapper, P.G., D.D.G.M., takes his place as Past Grand for the current term. After the installation, Bro. M. Jenkins thanked the Lodge for the honor conferred on him in being chosen as the Noble Grand for the coming term, and also a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Past Grand Tapper for his untiring efforts for the welfare of the Order.—Western Star. IF I WERE PREMIER. (Editor The Daily Mail) Dear Sir,—I think if I were Premier in Sir Edward Morris's place at this session of the House, and had to face such men as W. F. Coaker and the rest of his candidates, I would certainly resign my office as soon as possible, and not only resign my office, but I would leave the country. I think if I were Premier I would get some motor engines made, called "E. P. Morris" and probably I would get one or two called "Morison" and try to agree with Coaker as much as possible. —A GIRL. Scissor's Cove, Feb. 1st, 1914.