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Resumption of the Debate on the Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice's Amendment Defeated by a Large Vote-Mr. Balfour's Speech.

LONDON, Feb. 6.-In the house of commons today, replying to a question of John Dillon, nationalist, as to whether the government intended to treat foodstuffs as contraband during the present war and, if so, under what restrictions and limitations, A. J. Balfour the government leader, said that feedstuffs, as such, had never been considered contraband by Great Britain. But, he added, foodstuffs intended to supply an army in the field were by the universal consent of international lawyers regarded as contraband and a prize court would decide the facts connected with the shipments.

Asked if the government intended to direct cruisers to seize all cargoes for Lourenzo Marquez until their character was determined by a prize court, Mr. Balfour declined to make any statement in this connection. George Wyndham, parkamentary secretary for the war office, replying

to a question, said there was reason to believe that many of the guns from the forts at Pretoria had been sent to the front, and that some of them had a rarge of over 10,000 yards. The British siege train sent out in December, he added, had guns of equal The debate on the amendment to the

reply to the speech from the throne was then resumed by H. B. Asquith, liberal home secretary of the Rosebery manistry, who from the tenor of his remarks might have held a brief for the government. He maintained the war was neither intended nor desired by the government, which naturally explained the country's unpreparedness. Mr. Asquith added that the war could have been avoided by President Kruger accepting the proposals made in September which, according to the speaker, were perfectly compatible with the maintenance of the independence of the Transvaal and a proper instalment of long-delayed justice to the British population of the Transveal.

If he thought the British negotiations were a mere cloak to attack the independence of or annex the Transvaal then, in spite of the invasion of British territory and the loss of British lives, he could not have reconciled his conscience with voting a penny for the presecution of the war. But that was not the opinion of the house of commons, nor of the great majority of the country. That was why they were united in parliament and a united people. Doubtless there had been a demenstratible lack of foresight and insight. Mr. Chamberlain, no doubt, would give much for a chance of reediting his despatches. But there was no ground in anything which had happened or in anything which they could contemplate at present for the "creakings" of pessimism or fits of panic.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the liberal leader, justified the opportunities of the amendment, because it was the duty of the opposition to record its judgment. He said the government could hardly pose as conquerors upon whose brows laurel wreaths should be placed; for their hiplomacy had failed and their millitary operations had been unsuccessful. These facts, Sir Henry declared, invited criticism. At the same time he would deprecate exaggeration and would deny the existence of national humiliation and discomfiture.

He also denied that the opposition was actuated by a desire to clamber into power or to seek party advantage. The "composed and sensible tone of the speech of the colonial secretary" he had been glad to hear. If the government were aware of the disparity between the defensive forces of the South African colonies and the military strength of the Boers when the negotiations were entered upon, no condemnation, in his judgment, could be too severe. Sir Henry ridiculed Lord Salishury's statement that the secret service fund was too small, and pointed out that the whole sum had not been expended. He thought the government should have disavowed the Jameson raid and given guarantees for the future, as Great Britain would then have been in a position to demand that the Boers cease arming.

Sir Henry demanded to know upon what evidence the existence of a Dutch conspiracy was asserted, declaring that unless the charge were well founded it was a most wanton insult to her majesty's loyal Dutch subjects at the Cape. The war must be presecuted with vigor, he maintained, but, provided British territories were free and Great Britain's military superiority were vindicated, what mattered it as to the hour and place of arriving at a settlement. (Loud ministerial protests). What really did matter was, he affirmed, that the settlement should be made in the right spirit. Mr. Balfour, who, on rising, was

loudly cheered, said: "What is the object of the amendment? What is likely to attain? One might have expected that the war office would be attacked, but that is not the case. I am driven to the conclusion that the amendment is an attack upon the colonial secretary. (Hear, hear.) Well, the colonial secretary may well ignore these persistent attacks. The right honorable gentlemen may remember that it has been during his term of office as coionial secretary that the British empire, as a wirste, has first shown its full consciousness of what it is and of what its destinies are. (Loud

"Others have certainly contributed to this result; but it is in no small degree owing to the great administrative abilities of the right honorable gentleman, the colonial secretary, that the dramatic moment has occurred, for the first time in our history, when every British colony has joined the mother country to carry out a great imperial work; and, when all these petry and contemptible charges are buried in the oblivion they so well de-

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Mr. Balfour went on to accuse the opposition of wishing to oust the government, a suggestion that was received with considerable laughter. He commented upon the diversity of views of the opposition ranks.

"Is the opposition," he asked, "wise or patriotic? What the country has to fear is foreign nations; and the Transvaal politicians may think they can find their opportunity in our distensions. The house of commons cannot do much to help our arms, but this it can do-it can show that behind our soldiers in the field there is a united country." (Loud cheers.)

"Can the members of the opposition reflect with equanimity upon the fact that the vote they are about to give upon the amendment may lengthen the war and increase the tragic list of losses, and, probably, add one fraction to the chances of Turopean comulications ?"

Mr. Bulfour, in closing, appealed to the members of the house, irrespective of party, to rise to "the height reached by those we represent." He declared that, if they did this, then in a short time the empire would issue from the struggle "stronger not only in the consciousness of its strength, but in the eyes of the civilized world."

He resumed his seat amid prolonged cheers.

When the division bell rang, the Irish members rose in a body and left the house without voting. Several liberals abstained. Some others voted with the government, as did also Sir Clarke, member for Plymouth. Mr. Asquith voted with Sir Campbell-Bannerman for the Henry amendment.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice's amendment was rejected by a vote of 352 to

The result of the division was greeted by the conservatives with triumphant cheers.

While Sir Henry Campbell-Banner-man was speaking the news of the success of the unionist candidate in the York city elections, with an unexpectedly large majority, arrived and caused a great scene of enthusi-

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ST. JOHN COUNTY L. O. A.

(From Wednesday's Daily Sun.)

The annual meeting of the St. John Co. Loyal Orange Association was held in the Orange hall, Germain street, yesterday afteraoon and evening. The following officers were elected and installed by the D. G. M. of British America, A. J. Armstrong: E. S. Stackhouse, W. M.; G. A. Blair, D. M.; Joseph Johnston, Chap: W. B. Wallace, R. Sec.; S. Johnston, F. Sec.; N. J. Morrison, Treas.; S. Kelly. D. of C.: John Amos, Lect.; E. McLeod and J. W. Keast, Asst. Lect. The retiring county master, Ald. Robert Maxwell, made a very fine address, on the excellence of the institution, and the principles in supporting the empire at this juncture. Mr. Maxwell began by referring to the steady growth and prosperity of the lodges in the county and the improvement at the meetings of the primary lodges. Speaking of the war in the Transvaal, Mr. Maxwell said the British are fighting in the cause of justice, truth and right and for the freedom of our fellow subjects in South Africa. We must be lelighted at the spontaneous outbursts of loyalty and devotion and sacrifice which have been shown so conspicuously on this occasion by every colony of the empire, and no where more so than in our Dominion of Canada and in our own city and county of St. John. Many familiar faces were missed from the county lodge. They were with the first contingent in South Africa or with the second contingent on the way there. While we placed their names on the roll of honor and visited to cheer and comfort the dear ones they had left behind, we had yet thousands of members ready and willing to respond to the call, should a third or fourth contingent be necessary to the ultimate triumph of the cause of truth and right. After impressing upon the members the importance of increasing their efforts to build up the order, Mr. Maxwell said: "In the present critical time through which our empire is passing, it is our duty by all lawful means to endeavor to counteract the disloyal, traitorous and treasonable utterrances of Boer : ympathizers, (From Wednesday's Daily Sun.)

office.

After the adjournment of the lodge. Past County Master Maxwell entertained the officers and members of the city lodges at supper at White's. It was a very pleasant gathering, the usual toasts being honored.

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"A man learns his politics and opinions from his father and other men, but his religiion from his mother," writes an American Mouner in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "No vicious manhood can quite kill the faith which sprang up in his soul when he knelt, a little child, at her knee every night, or was hushed to sleep on her breast while she sang 'that this country a mother had little work outside of her house and children. She vatched her boy day and night to devil's clutches. It was she who told vretched, when she was old and dying. So it came that there was nothing so near to God in that man's eyes as his mother, her Bible and her Saviour. But that woman is long ago dead and buried. The modern mother talks of her as of some coarse animal whose ignoble life was starved out in a cage. Her own feet are set in a large room. Her horizon takes in the world. She manages political caucuses, civic affairs, countless domestic and fcreign missions. Art, literature, society and helpless humanity claim her. She rises every morning knowing that a botched old world is waiting for her to set it

AN OFFICER'S LUXURY.

A captain of one of the Guards Regiments with Lord Methuen's force, in an interesting account of the fighting at Modder River, says, writing on

Nov. 30: We had no cover except little scrub bushes, about six inches high, and the ground sloped gently down to the Boers from about 2,000 yards. I don't suppose troops have ever been in a more damnable position. I sat up occasionally to see how things were going, but only for a moment, as it was always the signal for a perfect storm of bullets. My ammunition bearer had his head blown to bits by a 11b shell from a 37-millimetre Maxim, a most damnable gun. I happened to be in the line just before dark, and they pumped six rounds at me. The first

Maxims, 12-pounders, and other quick- It's great stuff."
firing guns and rifles, a hot sun, no cover, no water, and no food is more

battle before. . . We had a lovely wash this morning. I washed shirt and drawers, besides myself-I wanted it. My clothes have not been off since we left the Orange River on Nov. 21. . . Cronje and Steyn are said to have both been present at the battle.

LUMBERING NOTES.

The absence of snow in the woods is proving a serious detriment to the lumbermen. Unless snow speedily comes some of the lumbermen will find it hard work to make buckle and strap meet. Forty-six men and thirty sweet story of old, when Jesus was horses, operating for the Bonny River here among men.' In earlier times in | Milling Con:peny, came out of the woods this week .- St. Andrews Bea-

Lumbering operations in the counkeep him near to God and out of the ties of Kent and Westmorland, and in most of the counties of Nova Scotia, him of the Babe and the Cross out of have been retarded of late, owing to the old Bock which lay on the table the scarcity of snow in the woods. In beside her bed. He saw her turn to Westmorland and Cumberland counit when she was happy, when she was ties there is scarcely a particle of snow to be seen, and there has been little or no sleighing since the new year .-

Herald. Lumbermen report a difficult time to keep men in the woods this season. Wages are better than they ever were before, but in the face of that the men are unwilling to stay. It is an impossibility to hire men, as there are none looking for work.—Aroostcok Times.

DEATH OF ALFRED BROWNE.

Alfred Browne, superintendent of the railway mail service in Nova Scotia, died suddenly on Monday, it is supposed of heart failure. He was a son of the late Henry Browne, a well known jeweller in Helifax years ago, and was in his 53rd year. He leaves two brothers, Henry Browne, with M. S. Brown & Co., and Rev. J. D. H. Browne, now of California. A sister is Mrs. George Davis. A widow survives. nee Miss McLatchey of Windscr. The deceased had \$3,000 life insurance.

In 1872 Mr. Browne entered the post office service as railway mail clerk, and in 1889 was made chief railway mail clerk. The new office of superintendent of railway mail service was created in 1897 and to this Mr. Browne was appointed provisionally, the appointment never having been con-

> IT HAS HER APPROVAL. (Chicago Times.)

"I'm glad," said the Chicago girl, four pitched in a line about twe nty, "that our university has taken up this ten, and fifteen, and the fourth four yards in front of me, and threw dirt write those Boston girls I met during write those Boston girls I met during all over me, and the next two just our trip abroad last season without alpitched behind me. I didn't like it a ways keeping the dictionary at my bit. . . It was the worst day I have elbow. If I don't happen to spell ever spent in my life. Twelve hours | right, you see, they will think I am under a constant and heavy fire of helping along the reform movement.

She (blushing)—"Am I the first girl than enough for yours truly. . The you ever kissed, John?" He-Well, guns yesterday fought magnificently, no, darling; but you are the last." She Mrs. J. N. Crowe, mother of Stipen-diary Crowe of Truro, died on Feb. 5th. gun than have ever been fired in a me feel so happy to think that."

PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

(Moncton Times.)

The several temperance organizations of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have decided to unite in calling a convention of prohibitionists to consider the present situation and determine upon a plan of campaign against the enemy.

All churches, temperance organizations, young people's societies and other religious and moral organizations are requested to send representatives. All ministers of the gospel and. all officers of temperance societies will be welcome.

The convention will be held in the W. C. T. U. hall, Moncton, N. B., on Feb. 21st. A preliminary meeting for formal discussion, to which all are invited, will be held at 3 p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 20th. There will be a public meeting of welcome in the evening. Prominent prchibiticnists will be

present, and one or more public meetings will be held. Arrangements have been made for return free over the I. C. R., Dominion Atlantic railway and Canada Eastern railway. The C. P. R. also gives reduced fares, the amount of reduction to be determined by the number going over their line. Delegates must ask for standard certificates when purchasing tickets.



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