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THE BRITISH CABINET

The news of the resignation of Premier Asquith reveals the very wide divergence of opinion between two sections of the British cabinet in relation to the conduct of the war. It is not that there is a peace party and a war party, since every member of the cabinet stands for a continuation of the struggle until Germany is utterly defeated and the militarism of Germany made incapable of further mischief in Europe. There are no two opinions on that score. It has been increasingly evident, however, from the tenor of the cables from London, that a sharp difference of opinion with regard to the conduct of the war was developing in the cabinet; and now the crisis has come.

The resignation of Premier Asquith was not generally anticipated. He has proved himself one of the greatest British prime ministers, and has commanded the confidence and esteem of the nation, regardless of political affiliations. Of late, however, a group of his colleagues have been insisting upon a change in war policy. We are not yet informed as to the causes of disagreement, but the situation became so acute that Mr. Asquith felt it to be in the interest of the Empire that he resign and name Mr. Bonar Law as his successor. The latter was the opposition leader up to the time the coalition was formed and he entered the cabinet; and so far as the record shows the relations between him and Mr. Asquith have been most cordial. He is less radical than Mr. Lloyd George, although in the dispute as to war policy he evidently sides with the latter rather than with the ex-premier. There is suggestion that Mr. Lloyd George will eventually become premier, Mr. Bonar Law retiring in his favor; and there may be good ground for such a belief. The marvellous capacity shown by Mr. Lloyd George, and his tremendous energy, have revealed him as one of the foremost statesmen of the Empire. There is this to be said about the members of the present British cabinet—that when their differences have been composed and leaders chosen there is a loyal and earnest effort on the part of all to carry out the policy adopted, and differences arise only when some are convinced that a more vigorous policy is needed. The present shuffling, therefore, will not weaken the arm of Britain, for we may be sure that Mr. Asquith, though he has resigned the premiership, will still place his great abilities and high services at the disposal of the country; and that the war will be prosecuted with the greatest vigor and determination.

Just what changes the reorganized cabinet will make in the war policy can only be guessed. There is said to have been a difference of opinion as to the relative importance of operations on the western and eastern fronts, and also in relation to the naval policy and the question of reprisals against Germany for her Zeppelin raids and other crimes. We shall soon learn what changes are to be made, and while there are rumors of the possibility of an appeal to the people, they do not seem to be justified by the condition of affairs at the present moment.

New Brunswick people are especially interested in Mr. Bonar Law because he was born in this province and spent here a portion of his boyhood and attended school at Richibucto, along with other New Brunswick lads of distinction in later life. It remained for him, however, to rise to the greater height, partly because of his ability, but also partly because of the fortunate circumstances of his Scottish training and the favorable conditions under which he was enabled to enter business and political life. The real test of his qualities of leadership and statesmanship will come if he now accepts the office of prime minister.

Whatever changes may be made, we may be sure that the supreme desire of every member of the new cabinet will regard the relentless prosecution of the war as the supreme task of the Empire. Today's cables indicate that London is all at sea as to the probable personnel of the new cabinet, and the London papers are very outspoken in their attacks upon this or that exponent of the opposite party's views. This is perfectly natural in England, and is one of the features of English political life which the Germans cannot understand. Whatever criticism there may be, now or hereafter, the country will be solid behind the government for the most vigorous prosecution of the war.

The latest reports indicate that there is still uncertainty whether Mr. Bonar Law will accept the premiership or whether it will go to Mr. Lloyd George. The king has sent for the latter.

DIRT AND DISEASE

The medical correspondent of the London Times quotes a striking paragraph from the report of the medical officers of St. Helen's, as follows: "Every year in England and Wales," he says, "over 10,000 deaths occur (from measles), mainly in children under five years of age, and certainly not less than an equal number is annually maimed for life. A host of lives, represented by the population of Croydon, has been destroyed since the beginning of this century. The main cause of death is infection of the lungs brought about by an unhealthy condition of the mouth."

The London Times correspondent adds that scarlet fever is another terrible scourge, and that so far as measles goes we are, roughly, where we were a hundred years ago. Having made this assertion he charges that governmental and public indifference, and the spirit of commercial and individual selfishness, are to blame for failure to improve the conditions. We quote again: "Meanwhile tropical disease has been attacked and wiped out almost in every part of the world. The names of Ross and Bruce spring to the mind as men who have placed their fellows in everlasting debt. In the same way anti-typhoid inoculation has rid the world of the scourge of typhoid fever, so far as armies are concerned. Why is it that so much can be done abroad and so little at home, for there is no valid reason to suppose that one problem is more difficult than the other? The reason is that the government made it its business to get rid of tropical disease, which interfered with trade. Men were employed to cope with these diseases, and did cope with them. Sir Almroth Wright and Sir William Leishman founded their typhoid inoculation work as army doctors. But it is nobody's business to rid the world of measles, and many people have an interest in keeping our towns and cities dirty."

There is a sting in the closing sentence which ought to be felt in St. John. When the people decide not to keep the city dirty, but to improve housing conditions, there will not only be less measles and scarlet fever, but less tuberculosis, and less disease in general. If the people could but be led to see it, there are the best of reasons, financial and commercial, as well as moral, for cleaning up a city and keeping it clean and healthy. The trouble is that we become absorbed in our personal affairs and accustomed to undesirable conditions, and perhaps persuade ourselves that a change, even if desirable, would not be practicable. That is a frame of mind from which we may well pray to be delivered.

The latest sensation in legislation affecting the liquor traffic comes from Quebec, where the bar will be abolished after May 1st. There was a feeling that the legislature of that province might go farther, and declare for prohibition, but it has been decided to adopt the Gothenburg system. This is only a step toward the total prohibition which is inevitable. Very large portions of the province of Quebec are already under prohibition and the only strongholds of the traffic are the large cities. As time goes on, and the benefits of prohibition in other provinces are revealed, the people will come to a realization of the need of Quebec falling into line and paving the way for national prohibition, if indeed that measure is not adopted without waiting for further action by Quebec.

All the people who bought flour at the recent top price have a personal interest in the agitation for such government action as will prevent speculators from milking the consumer in that fashion.

If cabinet reorganization would give a little ginger to the government at Ottawa, the change would be welcomed by the whole country.

Sir Edward Carson, who was in the cabinet and resigned some time ago, is mentioned as a probable strong man in the new cabinet.

The fate of Bucharest still hangs in the balance.

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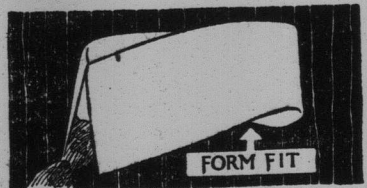
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Stranger (calmly)—I'll admit that I have taken more than passing notice of the lady. A pretty woman with a small foot always attracts my attention.

Wife—Now, George, don't make a fool of yourself and start a scene in here. The gentleman evidently meant no harm—Puck.

It had been a very trying case for everybody concerned. The plaintiff and defendant were both countrymen and had had to have everything explained to them at least twice.

"Do I understand, my man," said the magistrate at one point, "that the defendant buried his feet in the mud?"

The plaintiff scratched his head mildly.

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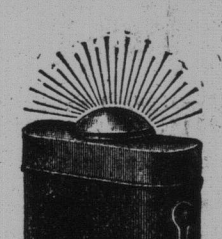
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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Natural History Society was held last night.

With President James A. Eatey in the chair, Wm. McIntosh gave an interesting talk on "New Brunswick Rivers."

Rev. Dr. Hutchinson recited a poem, "Sweet Maiden of Quoddy."

The following donations were received. The crutches used by Major Guthrie after he was wounded in the battle of Festubert, presented by Lt. Col. Guthrie, collection of butterflies from the island of Trinidad, collected by Rev. Mr. Morton; tropical shells donated by Hon. J. G. Forbes; three stone adzes, three pieces of pottery, four flaked blades and scrapers, one broken polished slate spear head, by W. Clarmont Dykeman; fine old silver watch, by W. Raynmond; mounted specimen of alligator, by Miss Lou McDermid; mosaic box, bought in Persia by Capt. White, by Mrs. W. H. Barnaby, 167 sea shells from Patagonia and the West Indies, and a bat from the West Indies, by Master Flood.

The following members were elected: Dr. J. S. Bentley, J. J. Stothart, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Trueman, Misses Florence Bailey, Ethel Chittick, Emma Colwell, Sylvia Ferguson, Hazel Flowerdew, Bessie Forbes, Marion Gault, Hilda Gifford, Marjorie Johnson, Evelyn Nicholson, Marjorie Patterson, Marjorie Robertson, Jean Shand, Blanche Tapley, Mary Wilcox.

SALE AND DRAWING

A sale and drawing held last night under the auspices of Dominion Lodge, No. 445, I. O. G. T., in Temple Hall, was well attended. The sale was under the able charge of Mrs. G. O. Akkerley. The tables and games were under the charge of—Fancy table, Mesdames G. O. Akkerley and Kirkpatrick; apron table, Misses Sadie Scribner and Violet Urquhart; candy table, Misses Ada Wilson and Myrtle Chipman; ice cream table, Misses Edith Scapline and Edith McLeod; home cooking table, Mrs. Marshall and Miss Lillian Garnet; grab bag, Mrs. J. H. Howie; bean toss, Mrs. B. L. Kirkpatrick. The following prize winners were announced: Ticket No. 226, Byron Brown, 63 Lennox avenue, a quilt, R. F. McQuarry, 65 Celebration street, a set of linen towels with ticket No. 266; Percy Williams, 16 Erin street, an umbrella with ticket No. 299; Mrs. Wm. Trencartin, 64 Murray street, sofa cushion with ticket No. 190; Jack Collins, Pleasant Point, five pound box of chocolates with ticket No. 534; Mrs. A. S. Willett, 48 Waterloo street, centrepiece with ticket No. 475.

The men's bean toss prize, an umbrella, was won by Henry McEachern, and Mrs. C. Kerrison won the ladies' bean toss prize, a salad dish. The sum of \$45 was realized and will go towards temperance work.

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(4) A general lowering of the customs tariff on the necessities of life, so as to secure a measure of relief from the present high cost of living.

Those in sympathy with the movement are invited to send in their membership or write for literature and information. Address: Free Trade League of Canada, 406 Chambers of Commerce, Winnipeg.

The police and customs officials of the frontier town of Venlo (Holland) recently made a raid upon the Germans who came across the frontier in hundreds to buy contraband. No fewer than 400 would-be smugglers were locked up in the station waiting-room, and were later escorted back to the frontier.

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Mrs. Mary Jane Acheson, widow of Andrew Acheson, died last night at her home in British street. She was a native of Ireland and had reached the age of seventy-seven years.

Benjamin Fish, a well known resident of the city, was found dead in an alley off North street, last evening about 9:15 o'clock. When the discovery was made by George Caples, a resident of North street, the unfortunate man was beyond human aid. He was subject to sudden attacks and it is believed that this was the cause of his death.

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