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OUTLOOK MORE HOPEFUL

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London, Feb. 22.—Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, the Opposition leader, and former prime minister, speaking at a luncheon given at the Constitutional Club today by the new Unionist members of the House of Commons, said he did not propose to throw unnecessary difficulties in the way of dealing with the impending Government problems of finance. But, he added, when they came to the larger problems on which the parties were divided on matters of principle, there could be neither compromise nor arrangement.

In regard to the budget and the rights of the House of Lords, Mr. Balfour said there would be fundamental and vital differences between the Unionists and the Government.

London, Feb. 22.—The Laborites today demanded an immediate submission of a bill to curb the veto of the Lords, and they were joined by a surprisingly large number of Liberal extremists, Winston Churchill, speaking for the Government, declared that the budget is to come first, and the fact is in the fire.

George Barnes, the Labor leader, opened today with a demand for the Lords' heads, but the Government was prepared. At noon today Mr. Asquith and his colleagues held a long council to draw the veto resolutions and debate the general situation. The result of their deliberations was the speech by Mr. Churchill, announcing the determination of the Government to stand or fall by the veto bill.

Mr. Churchill's speech was not well received, and the later stages of the debate displayed the depth and extent of the discontent even of the extremists among the Liberal rank and file. Eight of these successfully condemned the Ministerial plans in outspoken terms. They did not accuse Premier Asquith of wilful deception, but did not hesitate to say they and the country had been deceived by his allowing the notorious construction put on the Albert Hall speech to go uncontradicted. They had won their seats on the Albert Hall declaration, and Mr. Asquith's explanation, now put them in a humiliating position.

Laborites' Attitude.

The Government's best course, they declared, would be to resign.

George N. Barnes, the chairman of the Labor party, was the first speaker when the House resumed. His speech was devoted to an explanation of the attitude of the Laborites in the main issues of the day. His party,

he declared, at the outset, was in favor of home rule for Ireland, and its veto rights, he suggested that the Government should introduce a bill without any preliminary resolutions, as proposed by Prime Minister Asquith, which would put the handiwork of the Lords beyond the danger zone. He wanted this done before another budget went through the House of Commons.

Mr. Barnes also said that his party would like an assurance that a supply bill or a second budget, would only follow a bill in regard to the veto power of the House of Lords.

The speech of the Labor leader was regarded as very unsatisfactory, and a colorless imitation of the declaration of John Redmond, the Irish leader, during last night's debate.

Mr. Barnes said the Labor party favored the abolition of the House of Lords and branch. The question of reform, he declared, was the only convenient red herring to divert attention from the real issue. The Labor party, he announced, would not be satisfied unless further assurances were forthcoming. They wanted the Lords settled right now. They did not mind helping the budget through, as they claimed joint authorship in that measure.

William O'Brien.

William O'Brien, the leader of the Independent Irish Nationalist group of about ten, followed Mr. Barnes. O'Brien was recently returned from two constituencies, Northeast Cork and Cork City. He elected to sit for the latter constituency. He is opposed to the Government's plan to divert attention from the real issue. The Labor party, he announced, would not be satisfied unless further assurances were forthcoming. They wanted the Lords settled right now. They did not mind helping the budget through, as they claimed joint authorship in that measure.

Churchill Explains.

Winston Churchill, who recently succeeded Mr. Gladstone as home secretary, followed Mr. O'Brien. He said it would be absurd to attempt to coerce the Lords into agreeing to the veto proposals by threatening that unless they were complacent they should have no budget with its super-tax. Such a suggestion, Mr. Churchill said, had a "Hibernian flavor." The Government, he declared, was bound to come promptly to the issue regard-

ing the Lords' veto power, and if there was to be a crisis and a deadlock, they could not come too soon. (Loud Ministerial cheers.)

Two alternatives were open to the Government after the recent general election, said Mr. Churchill. They could have refused to meet Parliament as a Government, a course which presented many attractions, but the cabinet came to the conclusion that it was neither a wise nor a courageous course to adopt. The other alternative was to place before Parliament at the earliest possible moment for dealing with the House of Lords, and take the decision of the new House upon them.

That was the policy of the Government until the Premier was in a position to state that he was the head of a large majority in the House of Commons, who were united in support of the Government's proposals for dealing with the veto power of the Lords.

A Final Test.

It would be idle and foolish for the Government, continued Mr. Churchill, to prescribe the action which must follow regarding the Lords, but when the facts were established a new situation would be created, and the Government would be forced to take immediate steps, subject only to the necessary financial limit, to come to a final test upon this question.

The House, said Mr. Churchill, must patiently await the Government's proposals, but when they were brought forward the Government would stake its whole existence upon carrying them into law.

Mr. Churchill concluded by inviting the House by carrying the necessary votes in the House of Commons, as proposed by Prime Minister Asquith, which would put the handiwork of the Lords beyond the danger zone. He wanted this done before another budget went through the House of Commons.

FIGHT IN NICARAGUA STILL GOING ON

Revolutionists Reported to Have Met Severe Defeat—Peace Proposals Declined.

New York, Feb. 23.—The Herald today publishes a dispatch from San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, saying that it is reported from Managua, the capital of the republic, that the insurgents under Gen. Chamorro suffered a severe defeat yesterday afternoon at the hands of the Government forces at Tisma, near Tipitapa. The casualties on both sides in dead and wounded are estimated at 800. No confirmation of the reported engagement has yet been received in New York. The land telephone line connecting San Juan del Sur with Managua was severed for several hours yesterday, but the restoration of communication was announced late last night.

DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL IN HORTON ST. CHURCH

Splendid Programme Carried Out in the Southern Congregational Church.

In the basement of the Southern Congregational Church the other evening a unique and most enjoyable social was held. The chair was occupied by Rev. E. H. Peatfield, B.D., of the First Church, and after prayer by Rev. W. H. Clark. The following programme was greatly enjoyed: Rev. E. H. Peatfield; song, Mr. H. Baldwin; recitation, Mr. Evan James; song, Mr. W. Knight; song, Mr. Webb; recitation, Mr. F. Robinson; song, Miss Slade; recitation, Mr. Evan James; song, Mr. Elliott.

The ladies of the church deserved the highest praise for so much work cheerfully rendered. A hearty vote of thanks to them and all who had so ably assisted, moved by Rev. W. H. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. A. F. Mantle, and carried amidst enthusiasm, brought a happy evening to a close.

STEAMER ARRIVED.

Fishguard, Feb. 22.—Called: Campana, from New York.

New York—Arrived: Kaiserin Augusta, Victoria, Hamburg.

Hamburg—Arrived: Numidian, Boston.

Liverpool—Arrived: Canada, Portland.

London—Arrived: Minnewaska, New York.

Gibraltar—Passed: Pannonia, New York.

Tunis—Called: Sella, New York.

Naples—Called: Louisiana, New York.

St. Michaels—Arrived: Cedric, New York.

TWO DEGREES ABOVE ZERO WAS COLDEST

People Were of the Opinion That It Was Much Colder Last Night.

Once again, just when people were beginning to believe that winter was a thing of the past, and that it was about time to get out of the garden, the mercury has shown a disposition to clamber down into the globs of the thermometer.

It was very cold this morning, an uncomfortable, penetrating kind of cold that lodged in between the buttons of the overcoats of pedestrians, and gave them unpleasant shivery sensations.

Almost anyone would have been willing to bet that it was 10 degrees colder than the official thermometer registered, for it was the sort of cold that would not let itself be forgotten. It was quite a sudden drop, too, from yesterday.

The coldest registered yesterday was 13 above, and during the day it went as high as 23.5 above, and even quite late in the evening the temperature seemed quite mild.

Two Degrees Above.

During the night, however, the mercury made a most precipitous descent and didn't stop till it reached 2 degrees above zero, which was the lowest temperature registered during the night.

At 8 o'clock, when the city retained the official record showing 3.5 degrees above.

The light snow that fell during the night, in conjunction with the heavy wind, caused a lot of trouble to all means of transportation, and the roads throughout the country, which were just beginning to be nicely cleared, are now as bad as ever. There is no sign of any abatement in weather conditions at present.

The amount of sleighing this year has been phenomenal, and is fast to establish a record for the past decade or longer.

Brantford Figures.

Capt. Ashby, of the Bank Institute, Brantford, where the weather conditions are very similar to London, is responsible for the following table of sleighing for the past fourteen years. It will be noticed that the winter of 1904, which was the record winter for snow, when all the northern towns were snowbound for ten days at a stretch, shows only 86 days of sleighing, which this year there have been 72 days, with every prospect of the sleighing continuing for three weeks or even longer.

Year	Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Tl.
1896-97	16 12 19 71
1897-98	18 12 15 50
1898-99	10 12 10 32
1899-00	25 12 12 49
1900-01	10 12 16 38
1901-02	7 26 23 56
1902-03	29 29 26 84
1903-04	5 31 29 65
1904-05	3 25 28 56
1905-06	18 12 11 41
1906-07	18 12 11 41
1907-08	14 20 23 57
1908-09	11 14 14 39

Continued sleighing so far this winter 72 days.

RAILWAY LINES BLOCKED

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and the Pere Marquette report that they had as much trouble as any time this winter. The Southwestern Traction Company is completely tied up, and at 2 o'clock this afternoon the line was still not open.

Delayed Tracks.

To make matters worse, a car, coming from St. Thomas, jumped the track when it reached Glendale, owing to ice on the rails.

The passengers had a remarkably close shave from serious injury, as the car came to a stand just 20 feet from one of the company's trolley poles.

A message was sent to London, and a car was sent out to bring in the car from the scene of the accident.

The car was in charge of Motorman George Hobbs and Conductor Wrightman.

The Traction line is completely covered by snow in many places, and almost as fast as the drifts are cleared by the plows, they are blown in again.

P. M. Train Cancelled.

All the morning trains on the Pere Marquette were cancelled, as the line was blocked from midnight until about 8:30 this morning, when the first plow got through.

"We had four feet of snow across the rails in many places," a P. M. man told The Advertiser. "I never saw anything like the way the cuts would fill in the wind, and the snow in the air in clouds, and in a few minutes a cut would be filled right up."

Both east and west of London the Grand Trunk trains are running all the way from half an hour to an hour late, and have had a very considerable trouble, notwithstanding that the plows and flangers have been going over the lines regularly.

ROADS ARE BLOCKED.

The country roads are in a terrible state, and in many districts will have to be shovelled before the farmers can get through. North of the city there are some immense drifts, and it is impossible to get through in many localities.

The street railway escaped any serious trouble, and managed to keep their lines in pretty good shape.

PURCHASE WHITE FACTORY

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other dealers along this line. A number of carriage manufacturers in other cities have got in touch with these industries, and the result has been a very successful sale of the property.

The Case of Flint.

An object lesson in the possibilities of the automobile industry is given by the city of Flint, Mich., whose population has more than doubled during the past few years, and which is growing with a rapidity that is really astounding.

The question of factory sites is a live one in Flint, and it is with the suggestion, made during the recent municipal campaign, that the citizens establish a fund for the purchase of factory lands.

"I think the suggestion made at that time is a very good one," said a successful conclusion, "and it is a very successful conclusion."

The board of trade will discuss the problem very shortly. In conversation with some of the members today, they declared that the board of trade could do a great deal to help the city in its need for an industry, provided a reasonable return for their money could be obtained. This would be of some assistance, but the idea to give manufacturers a guarantee of a site at a low rental for

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a term of years would hardly be carried out by this proposition.

Manufacturers' Committee.

In any event, the board of trade will be asked, or at least the council of the board of trade will be asked, to attend the next meeting of the manufacturers' committee. Mr. Fitzgerald announced today that he would send invitations to that body, and the question of factory sites, and the best method of obtaining them, would be gone into thoroughly. Of course, he is in favor of removing the Western Fair grounds to the Caves, and selling them in Queen's Park for building purposes. He points out that the property there could be sold for sufficient money to build the new fair buildings at the Caves. He also favored the city retaining all the lots facing along the railways for factory sites, to be rented to concerns seeking a location here.

A sufficient amount of land inside the race track could be retained for park purposes.

However, the suggestion that the White property be purchased and offered to the city, in connection with the race track, and it will be backed up strongly by many prominent citizens in a very short time.

CHURCH FUNDS

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and did not return. On Friday, his wife and six children followed him. It is supposed that they met him in Detroit.

Hicks was not a regularly ordained preacher in the London conference of the Methodist Church. He came from England several years ago and was accepted on the usual four years' probation, but an exception was made in his case, owing to the fact that he had been engaged in missionary work in London, Eng., before coming to Canada.

He was completing his third year as pastor of the West Church, working as a probationer under Rev. Joseph Philip, of Essex, and would have been received into the ministry in another year.

In Debt Total of \$1,000.

"Mr. Hicks was apparently getting along very nicely," said Rev. Mr. Philip yesterday. "The only explanation is that he seems to have been financially involved."

There are stories of his dealing with the people of the surrounding country that will have to be investigated by the committee of inquiry.

"As I can estimate now his indebtedness will amount to about \$1,000."

"Then there is the item of the \$210 missionary money to be accounted for. The pastor of the church it was Mr. Hicks' duty to forward to the missionary board at Toronto all the contributions for mission purposes in May. He told me that he had forwarded the money and received a receipt, but the officials of the missionary board have no record of the transaction."

Friday there will be a sale of the household furniture, left by the missing pastor and the proceeds will go toward satisfying the creditors. Hicks is about 40 years old. As pastor of the West Church he was receiving a salary of \$800 a year.

Story From Essex.

The Advertiser was informed at Essex this morning that Mr. Hicks had about \$1,500 to the bad. His household furniture will be sold on Friday, and it is expected that it will bring about \$200, so that the indebtedness will be reduced by that amount.

Of the sum named, \$210 was missionary collections for last year, which had never been turned in.

Mr. Hicks was, of course, only a probationer, and he came from England to the London Conference with no recommendations or recommendations. He has a wife and six children, all of them very small.

To the Advertiser, Rev. Mr. Philip stated that he could not account for Mr. Hicks' action. Apparently the man knows nothing of the value of money, and he ran into debt, and had to fall back on the church funds.

The matter has been reported to Rev. A. K. Birks, president of the London Conference.

OYSTER SUPPER AT BYRON

Very Pleasant Affair in the Methodist Church.

The Methodist Church at Byron gave a successful oyster supper last night, and a great many were carried off by the good things, and the large crowd present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Appealing programme. Introduced by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Jewett, then followed, and consisted of a selection by the male quartette; solo, Mr. Craig; solo, Mrs. Hart; whistling solo, Mr. Nickle; recitation, W. Dean; solo, Miss Edna Guy; recitation, Miss Baker; solo, Mr. Clarence Atkins; solo, Mr. Robt. Simmie. The accompanist for the evening was Miss Margaret Simmie, who performed her duties in a capable manner.

Do farmers eat the proper sort of food?

The farmer of today buys a much larger proportion of the food that goes on the table than he did ten years ago. It's a good thing that this is so because he has a great variety to select from.

He should, however, use great care in selecting for the best results in health and strength.

The widespread tendency in the city to increase the amount of Quaker Oats eaten is due very largely to the recent demonstrations by scientific men that the Quaker Oats fed man is the man with greatest physical endurance and greatest mental vigor.

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CONSTANTINE KEPT OUT

[G. N. W. Service.]

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Four years ago Lieut. Constantine, of Kingston, formerly with Upper Canada College, made the mistake of playing hockey with the Quebec professionals.

Personally he is all that could be desired, but he broke the law and must pay the penalty. There was never any charge of his having received money, but he played with and against professionals.

Today he renewed his application for reinstatement, sending on his card of membership in the A. A. U. of Canada. It was returned with the information that once out always out in the O. H. A. This is the third case this winter of an Athletic Union amateur failing to qualify for the O. H. A.

WILSON BEAT SMITH.

[By Associated Press.]

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Cy Smith, of Jersey City, was defeated here tonight in a ten-round bout by Bob Wilson, of Utica. Smith was jolted out of the ring in the tenth by a right uppercut. A second after he was hoisted through the ropes Wilson dropped him again, and the bell saved him from a knockout.

MARKHAM HOCKEY TOURNEY.

[By Associated Press.]

Markham, Feb. 22.—Markham's tenth annual hockey tournament will be held on March 1, 2, 3 and 4, open to all intermediate and junior hockey teams. The trophies will be seven gold watches. All entries must be in the hands of the secretary, Mr. J. M. Winkler, not later than Saturday morning, Feb. 26. A fee of \$2 must accompany each entry. The team will be returned when the team has finished play.

LANGFORD WON IN FIRST.

[By Associated Press.]

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 22.—Sam Langford tonight knocked out Nat Dewey in the first round of their fight.

BADEN BEAT AYR.

[G. N. W. Service.]

Baden, Feb. 22.—The Oxford League match played here tonight between Ayr and Baden was won by the home team. Score, 6 to 1.

BALDWIN AND BRONSON DRAW.

[By Associated Press.]

Boston, Feb. 22.—Matty Baldwin, of Charlestown, and Ray Bronson, of Indianapolis, fought twelve rounds to a draw here tonight.

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Fat shows a preference for the abdominal, chest, and hip spots, just the places where it can show the most, or worse. What is to be done? Exercise and diet are the only alternatives. On the contrary, they seldom do the work.

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