

CATAclysm MAY BE POSPONED

Nationalists and Laborites Are More Inclined to Give Asquith Government Further Chance

CABINET PREPARES VETO RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Balfour in Speech at Political Luncheon Defines His Party's Attitude on Finance Bill and House of Lords

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Without any actual change in the parliamentary situation, the outlook tonight was more hopeful for the government. It seems that certain ministers met the new parliament on Monday without having taken any great care either to seek the views of the various groups forming the government majority or to satisfy their susceptibilities. The surprise with which the Nationalists and Laborites learned that they had misapprehended the premier's attitude towards the veto resolutions, and the fact that the government was not prepared to give the House of Lords a second chance, has been a great measure responsible for the acute crisis.

Both the Nationalists and the Labor parties, however, are aware that they have little to gain by the throwing out of the government. Hence the extremists today displayed a more conciliatory spirit.

The cabinet held a long council to draft the veto resolutions and debate the general situation. The result of their deliberations was a speech by Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the board of trade, in the House of Commons, announcing the determination of the government to stand or fall by the veto bill.

Any direct co-operation between Laborites and Nationalists to defeat the government is extremely improbable. In fact, the labor party have shown that there is a strong feeling against action likely to defeat the ministry. The nationalists, on the other hand, would very unlikely go beyond refraining from voting for the budget. In a meeting today the nationalists decided not to take any action for the present which would embarrass the government.

Negotiations are now proceeding between the different parties with a view to averting a crisis until the budget is adopted and the veto bill has been made with the veto resolutions.

Mr. Balfour's Declaration. In a speech at a political luncheon today Arthur J. Balfour, leader of the Opposition, also defined the attitude of the nationalists. He said that the nationalists did not propose to throw through difficulty in the way of the government in dealing with the solution of the impending problem of finance, the carrying on of the administration.

Upon the resumption of the debate in the House, Geo. N. Barnes, chairman of the parliamentary party, aligned the Laborites with the Nationalists and demanded further assurances that Mr. Asquith would not delay in dealing with the veto bill.

Mr. Barnes declared the Labor party was in favor of home rule. The negotiations between the government and the nationalists were reopened this afternoon. The Irish leaders urged the desirability of subordinating everything possible to the question of the Home Rule of Ireland.

Wm. O'Brien, Nationalist, declared that the only effectual thing that the House of Commons could do was to terminate its own existence. He came out flat-footedly in denunciation of the budget, but said it would prove, if adopted, a curse to Ireland.

Mr. O'Brien twisted Mr. Redmond on yielding to the government the substance while retaining the shadow, or in other words, he said the government for the time being at any rate, had the budget but all the while the people had a possible for Home Rule upon the death of the House of Lords.

Personally he did not regard the veto of the House of Lords as so dangerous to the success of Home Rule as would be the passage of the budget. Mr. O'Brien added that home rule would be a curse if based upon imperial schemes of taxation. If the veto bill was placed before the budget he expected would have a weary wait for his Irish taxes.

Goldwin Smith's Condition. TORONTO, Feb. 21.—A bulletin issued today regarding the condition of Dr. Goldwin Smith is not so favorable. He passed a restless night, and Dr. Cameron has been called into consultation.

Manitoba's Finances. WINNIPEG, Feb. 22.—Hon. Hugh Armstrong, provincial treasurer, today delivered the budget speech. The conditions during the past year, he said, were the most satisfactory in the history of the province. He reported a surplus of \$400,000. The expenditure during the past year was five million dollars. Of this amount a million and a half was expended on telephone construction.

Unusual Funeral. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The funeral of Nell Burgess, the actor, was held today from a local mortuary chapel. The service was conducted by Mrs. Helen Brigham Temple, head of the Spiritual and Ethical society. There were no pallbearers, but the chapel

was filled with the friends of the late actor. The funeral was different from any other that has occurred in this city for some time, from the fact that there were no mourning costumes, and in place of weeping and tears, there were smiles.

St. Boniface Citizen Dead. WINNIPEG, Feb. 22.—J. B. Couture, a prominent citizen of St. Boniface, died, aged 72. He leaves a wife and five sons and a daughter. He was born at L'Ange, Que.

Divorce Seekers Discouraged. BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 22.—The Idaho colony of divorce seekers was thrown into consternation yesterday by the decision of Judge Fremont Wood in the case of Valentine Winters, a Dayton, O. traction magnate against Helen Clegg Winters for divorce.

Judge Wood denied the decree on the ground that the plaintiff did not establish residence in Idaho, but by establishing residence in Idaho, but on the ground that the plaintiff did not establish the aid of the court to secure a decree of divorce.

New Chief at Capital. OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—The board of police commissioners this afternoon at a special meeting accepted the resignation of Major S. DeLozon as chief of police and appointed Assistant Inspector Alex. M. Ross to the position. It was understood that the board had decided to call for the resignation of the chief, but he forestalled any such action.

The meeting took place behind closed doors and afterwards an official statement was handed out whitewashing the ex-chief and expressing appreciation of his work on the force.

JEFFRIES BACK IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 21.—So change in appearance that his friends scarcely knew him, James J. Jeffries returned home yesterday after his long absence abroad. The pugilist, who had been in Europe for several months, was met by a large number of his friends at the airport. He is now residing in the vicinity of San Francisco.

BOYS ARE SHOT IN PHILADELPHIA

Three Probably Fatally Injured in Clashes Between the Police and Mobs—Militiamen Roughly Handled

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—Three boys were shot and probably fatally injured while several received less severe wounds today in riots which broke out in the northeastern section of the city. The principal business thoroughfare, Market street, was the scene of disturbances all day. Cars were stoned, and two policemen were roughly handled by a mob of several thousand persons.

A dozen arrests were made, and the prisoners were placed in a trolley car. This was stormed by the mob and two of the prisoners escaped. Preparations were made by the authorities to call upon the militia to operate in the city. The police to-morrow are still unable to cope with the situation.

A delegation of labor leaders left for Washington today to ask senator Penrose to use his influence for a peaceful solution of the trouble. Members of the State Fencibles independent military organization two hundred strong, were placed on duty today armed with loaded muskets. They were detailed in the Kensington mill district, in the northeastern section which is a hotbed of union sympathizers. In their first skirmish they were badly beaten by a mob, which paid no attention to the drawn bayonets and snatched the muskets from the hands of the militiamen.

Members of the Fencibles, according to Mayor Reubyn, acted as though they were on a picnic, allowing girls in the mill district to wear their caps and cut the brass buttons off their clothing. At this point a group of rioters captured one of the militiamen and carried him away. He was stripped of his coat, hat, cartridge belt and gun and threw him into a sewer.

The probably fatally injured boys are John Hughes, 18 years old, shot by the mob; John W. Collins, 15 years old; and W. D. Collins, 20 years old, shot in the groin. All were taken to hospital. The former received his injuries in the afternoon when a mob attacked a car at Germantown avenue, below Westmoreland street. The others were shot during a similar attack in the same section of the city.

Labor leaders declared this afternoon that there will be no general strike at this time. The order for all trades unions in the city, to be acted upon when it is thought necessary.

Congregational Union. COBURG, Ont., Feb. 22.—The congregational union for all Canada met in Coburg Congregational church in June next.

Killed by Avalanche. REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Feb. 22.—An avalanche has overwhelmed Hvalfjord on the Isa fiord. Twenty-three persons were killed.

Pro. Soccer League. VANCOUVER, Feb. 22.—The B. C. Professional Football League, composed of the Vancouver City teams, the Rovers and Calles, was organized on Monday night. A number of players in local teams have signified their willingness to play for the league. The league opens on Friday night, March 22, at 8 o'clock.

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UNION LEADER UNDER ARREST

New Move Made by Philadelphia Police in Street Car Conflict—Other Warrants Said to Have Been Issued

ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY MILITARY BODIES

Cars Partially Wrecked and Members of Crews Roughly Handled by Mobs—Many Strike Breakers Imported

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—Police officials took this morning in the war between the striking carmen and the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., when they arrested C. O. Pratt, the Spanish-speaking leader of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railroad Employees, on a warrant charging him with "conspiring to incite to riot." The warrant was issued by Magistrate Beaton, who had been in the city since the strike began. Pratt was arrested during the night, when he was leaving an auto, in which he had attended today's mass meeting of the union carmen. He was locked up and held to await a hearing tomorrow morning.

It is rumored that warrants have been issued for other labor leaders. A result of a conference held late today between District Attorney Rotan, Director of Public Safety Clay and Magistrate Beaton.

The police force was augmented to-night by swarming in for riot duty an independent military organization of about 200 members, who are not affiliated with the national guard, but have steadily been in membership. American war. Under the agreement on which they hold their army from the city, they are obliged to perform police duty when called upon. They will do duty in their regular uniforms, armed with rifle and bayonet.

Views also being expressed to-night by the commanders of the three regiments in the Philadelphia national guard, who are being called upon to maintain order. The mayor is entitled to call upon these state troops to assist in the maintenance of order.

Five carloads of strike breakers reached late tonight and were loaded on trolley cars at the Pennsylvania station. They were placed on duty and taken to car barns in that section. A large squad of mounted police escorted the cars and prevented a threatened riot. The strike breakers are being housed in the Frankfort barns which are being used for the purpose. Trouble is expected following the use of these men on the cars tomorrow.

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IN SUPREME COURT

Judgment on Appeal Involving Quo Warranto Proceedings in Nova Scotia Court.

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—In the supreme court was tried the case of the King vs. Buchanan, an appeal from the supreme court of Nova Scotia. The attorney-general of Nova Scotia, on information by a relator had instituted a quo warranto proceeding against the relator on a writ of quo warranto to oust from office the school trustees of a certain section of the province.

The case was argued by the relator, who was assisted by counsel, and by the school trustees, who were assisted by counsel. The case was heard by the court, and judgment was given. The court held that the school trustees were not entitled to be ousted from office, and that the quo warranto proceeding was dismissed. The court also held that the school trustees were entitled to be reinstated in their offices.

SMALL INTEREST IN NAVY DEBATE

Speeches of Ordinary Members Fail to Attract Attention of Public—Premier Still Absent Because of Illness

QUEBEC LIBERAL SUPPORTS MEASURE

Ralph Smith of Nanaimo Offers Criticism of Opposition Course—Dr. Schaffner Combats Independence Idea

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—The naval debate still wages its weary war. Next Thursday will see the first division, according to a statement made by F. F. Pardee tonight. Now that the rank and file is placing itself on record public interest in the affair has dwindled to the vanishing point, a fact which is demonstrated by the public gallery being empty. The continued absence of the premier, who is the originator of the Canadian navy scheme, is far from being satisfactory, and Sir Frederick Borden is left in sole charge of the scheme.

L. A. Rivet, of Hochelaga, came out strong in support of the Canadian navy. He declared that the Canadian navy was a necessary part of the Canadian defense system, and that it was the duty of the government to provide it. He also declared that the Canadian navy was a source of pride and honor to the Canadian people.

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CONSERVATIVES IN BULKLEY VALLEY

Association Strong and Active—Annual Meeting Held at Which Officers Were Elected

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me, B. C., on Monday evening. The association was very strong and active, and the annual meeting was held at which officers were elected.

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NIGHT SITINGS WILL BEGIN

Estimates to Be Brought Down Tomorrow and the Budget Speech to Be Given on Thursday

COMPANIES' ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Its Consideration in Committee Occupies Legislature—Seeks Amendment to Liquor Bills Prohibition of "Bridge"

Disappointment was the portion of the few score ladies and gentlemen who comfortably filled the gallery of parliament Wednesday, attracted by the hope of hearing Hon. Mr. Bowser expound the features of his first budget—and possibly also the premier's address in laying before the assembly the railway legislation. The fate in this respect were adverse. Neither estimates nor budget speech came to the fore, and the budget was postponed to a formal notice by the first minister, and this will mean more rapid progress with the dull monotony of routine, which latterly has proven an ever-present remedy against insomnia.

Although disappointed in hearing neither the budget speech nor yet the premier's address, the ladies and gentlemen of the gallery were not without their reward—in opportunity to enjoy Mr. H. H. Watson's second lecture on the Companies' Act amendment bill at the committee stage, no fewer than 129 long sections which were duly disposed of. In this connection, Mr. Watson entertained a hope—no dearth of opinion here—that he might possibly evade at least a portion of the monotonous task that is making him in his own person an insatiable market for throat pastilles. As a result he hesitatingly inquired when attacking section 101:

"Shall this be taken read?" Whereat there was much laughter, and the attorney-general gently but firmly insisted that it should be.

Perhaps in retaliation, Mr. Watson resolutely declined to cut work when, after 100 sections had been read and passed, Hon. Mr. Bowser solicitously asked:

"Would you like to go on with any more today?" "Sure!" responded Vancouver's second member cheerily, and on they went accordingly.

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