BERAL LEADERS IN CONFERENCE

VERNMENT PRESS IS PESSIMISTIC

ds Are Blamed for Confusion in the Political Situation

adon, Feb. 22.-Premier Asquith is playing a lone hand. His all is predicted even by his own l press unless he acquiesces to mands of his party's erstwhile in the legislative programme remier is accused to-day of

ng both his own party and the ists and Laborites. It ed that his promises regarding the which important legislation subject cannot all be kept. apparent to-day that the sts will not support the Liberals legislative programme their

r has outlined unless he agrees to ediate Home Rule for Ireland and plition of the veto power of the Liberal leaders had hoped that

promise with the allied parties be effected. The demand of Redmond, Nationalist leader, er, has removed practically all and a crisis in the situation is eral conferences among the Lib-were held to-day. The fact that

happened behind the closed doors t made public has resulted in neral prediction that unless Premquith resigns he will be voted of office within three weeks nor was current to-day that the nier actually was preparing his ation. This, however, was denied

ald Asquith resign it is thought four. How long Balfour could centrol, if he accepted, is a matconjecture. It is not thought he ast more than a few days, after parliament probably would be

parliament is dissolved a new elec of course, will be necessary. In event it is deemed almost certain the Asquith wing of the Liberal David Lloyd George; father of udget, the nominal leader of the

is apparent that the only legispossible is the passage of the

certain now that it cannot pass some Conserative support. Nationalists, Laborites and rals will vote against it, if it is oduced ahead of the veto bill, to e its passage by the Liberals alone

view of the tangled government nces caused by the budget contro-y, it is imperative that some combe reached whereby the get will be passed. It is probable this will be effected. ter the budget is passed, persons

are conversant with the situation who are able to interpret the declare confidently that a deadwill ensue.

ter the deadlock Lloyd George cted to resign as chancellor of the uer and Winston Churchill the secretaryship.

Attitude of Laborites. don, Feb. 22.—The forty parliang the Liberals and the programme ed by Premier Asquith peaking for the party, George N. nes, the Laborite leader in parliadeclared on the floor of the that the Laborites would dend a limitation to the powers of the veto bill before the consideration of

rnes spoke for Irish Home Rule opposed an increase in naval ex-Press Comments.

ndon, Feb. 22.-Ministerial papers greatly agitated, as is duducible ical Morning Leader: "Parliament ast it adjourned, brought to breath standstill by the terrifying situawhich now confronts it ent kingdom is faced with the posity of a complete breakdown of rnment. The resolution so lightly by the Lords in November i ing itself out in every form

ANY JEWS ARE BANISHED FROM RUSSIA

rge Number Will Make Their Homes in Canada and England

ndor, Feb. 22.-Vast emigration of s from Russia to Canada and Engis predicted by the Jewish Chronsequence of a circular issued Premier Stolypin. The central poauthorities of St. Petersburg are ised of having strained the intions conveyed in this circular be d their original interpretation. They ced that all Jews who have lost privileges to reside outside the the circular must either find resi-ce within the pale or be banished There are 11,000 the country. at Kieff alone awaiting their large number have already exiled and many of these remainare expecting banishment.

a conference of Irish post office ks in Dublin Mr. Lynch (Dublin) said inightly.

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STATES CENTURY BEHIND EUROPE

ITALIAN COMMISSION TELLS OF INVESTIGATION

Utter Disregard for Human Life

san Francisco, Feb. 23.-"The Amcan government is a barbarous init shows utter disregard of man life and makes widows and or-

Miss Bernardy has been in the Unit- pany. States for more than a year. In forcibly expresses her opinions rtain conditions in this country compares them with those of Speaking of her researches, she

after touring all over the United tates, visiting the colonies at factory tres, the mines and in the cities, I lieve I know why there are so many lies of widows and orphans. It is ue to a barbarous disregard of human chich is so appalling that I do unities with the ballot to amend conditions, can tolerate conons, that are worse than those tol-ed anywhere in Europe to-day. In espect America is a century be-

You accomplish a tremendous and of work. This is admirable, method is abominable. There or no legislation to protect ers. The Italian government Lyen your insurance here is all orporations, but there is practicalnone for the workmen.

I have made a study of mining con ons here only as they related to emen and children. In this country here is no protection for the families tions are little better. Even when the buildings themselves are everything to meet the requirements of the law, the mendous strain of the rush of life nere blights the Italian constitution. "Another blight in this country is e criminal disregard of building laws. The tenement evil is not so bad in this city, not because any superior pre-caution is taken or because the people are more careful about the architecture

"San Francisco had a splendid op-portunity to correct some of these evils after the fire, but I am convinced not much use was made of the oppor-

DESERTERS SWELL RANKS OF REBELS

NICARAGUAN OFFICIALS

PREPARING TO FLEE quantity whatever.

Army Reported Advancing on Capital (Times Leased Wire.)

Bluefield, Nicaragua, Feb. 23.-The isional army is in complete con of Western Nicaragua and offi-s of the Madriz administration are paring to flee from Managua, the

courier and military telegraph. The raph is useless because of the t censorship and a great amount ored to sustain the belief of insur-

According to dispatches the men in administration army are deserting

The army of General Estrada, which ved to be drawing near to Magua, is in four divisions, which are ing under a general plan to beiege the capital.

Another Town Captured. ashington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The cap-Granada, thirty miles southeast agua, was reported to the state iment to-day in a message from ay night. The same dispatch also d a report that the revoluits had seized the steamship Vic-

Lake Nicaragua. n this dispatch it is believed that asurgents are marching on th guan capital or have already be or occupied the city. orces of President Madriz sufleavily in the engagement of y 18th near Acoyapa and left unburied dead on the field when own. It is reported that on the

ts at the present time are con is, but it is believed that the fall anagua is a matter of a few days

and the insurgents lost only six

OTTAWA'S NEW POLICE CHIEF.

wa, Feb. 23.—The board of police DeLaronde as chief of police M. Poss to the position.

MAY REACH AN AGREEMENT

COUNCIL AND OAK BAY WATER SUPPLY

Decaires Government Shows Possibility of Special Meeting Being Called to Consider

It is possible that another attempt may be made to have the City Counci pass the agreement with the Oak Bay municipality for the settlement of the question of a water supply for the amy Bernardy, special commissions of the Legislature from of the Royal Italian commis- granting the privilege asked for of aging mater pipes through the streets of Victoria to connect with the system of the Esquimalt Waterworks Com-

The private bills committee of the states for more than a year. In at time she has been collecting data sought by Oak Bay under consideration, has given the city until Monday rnment in the regulation of its grants to America. Miss Berrequest of Oak Bay for such bill, and as there is a bare possibility that one of the aldermen at the board may vote lifferently than on the last occasion umors were current this morning that he matter would be brought up again t a special meeting of the City Coun-

> Mayor Morley was asked this morn-ng if anything would be done in this rection. His worship said he had aly just learned of the decision of the vate bill committee, and that he had ot yet fully considered the situation w of the latest development.

It may be mentioned that Ald. is willing to vote for the agreement if the clause fixing perpetuity is climinated and one added making the agreement for one year only. In some quarters it is believed that this ritation might be acceptable to Oak Bay on the assumption that the agreeuent could be re-enacted from time to ime. Should the council of Oak Bay gree to Ald. Mable's condition this would provide a way out of the diffi-

The vital clauses in the suggested greement are as follows:
(1) As from the 1st day of March 1910, water shall be supplied to the district in bulk at the prices following:

For each thousand gallons up to 1,000,000 gallons daily supply, 10 cents. For each thousand gallons, when the laily supply shall exceed 1,000,000 galns, and up to 5,000,000 gallons daily supply, 9 cents.
(2) Should the city by the 31st De

comber, 1910, have failed to make ar-rangements to augment its supply of water from some satisfactory source other than Elk Lake, to be made available in aid of the supply hereby agreed to be made, the city will offer no op-position to any legislation necessary to enable the district to take, purchase or otherwise acquire water from any person, corporation or source of sup-ply, and conduct the same under reasonable safeguards through the

OBJECTS TO POLICY OF

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

specting Granting Hotel

Licenses

winter. Mr. Dorsey has witnessed al-

miliar with conditions in that section

t is another 80 miles to Hazelton; and

istance there is no accommodation for

"From Hazelton the traveller must

travellers.

been restored.

use it if they choose.

to find themselves in that predica-

(3.) The obligation hereby, by clause 1 ndertaken by the city, shall remain nd be binding upon the city until the istrict shall through increased growth equire a daily supply exceeding 5, winter. Mr. Dorsey has witnessed almost every move in the direction of thereafter be unable to meet the actual requirements of the district, the city further declares that in such case no unreasonable opposition will be made to effective legislation to enable the district to obtain such further

Four Divisions of Estrada's U. S. SECRETARY OF

R. Ballinger Likely to Leave the Cabinet When Investigation Closes

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.-Friends Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of according to advices from the the interior department, to-day hint law when the congressional inves-The only ways of communication are tigation into the Ballinger-Pinchot in the whole stretch of the intervening

ontroversy ends. They declare that the only reason the secretary had not resigned already news permitted to be carried is was because he feared that a wrong go a distance of 50 miles before he construction would be put on/his mo-

tive for leaving the cabinet.

Adherents of both sides in the conoversy are speculating to-day upon the significance of the request of representatives of the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate that they may be heard before the congressional investigation. Stephen Birch, managing director of the syndicate, and John N. Steele, general counsel, addressed a letter to Chairman Nelson in which they asked ermission to testify. Although the stimony of Birch and Steele before the Senate committee on territories when that committee considered the At only one point is there a stopping Alaskan council bill, aided the Pinchot side of the controversy, both Louis Glavis and Attorney Brandeis, his counsel, to-day professed suspicion oncerning the motive behind the syn-

CLASH BETWEEN TURKS AND BULGARIANS and tie their horses to trees.

dicate's desire for publicity.

rnnent forces withdrew from Number of Soldiers Reported license commissioners would have liked Killed in Fight on the Frontier

ioners yesterday at a special killed, according to news reaching the cents each.

accepted the resignation of war office here.

"For the pas

ness of the staff of operators in the employ of the Dominion government telegraph service. These men have at all times been most kind, allowing DEVELOPMENT travellers to go into their houses and spread their blankets for the night and prepare meals. Always they offer meals at their own table, but the

RIGHT IN HIS ELEMENT

JOS. MARTIN-"Here's where I begin to really enjoy British politics!"

great an extent upon their hospitality 'Were it not for this accommodation we would either have to stay at a siwash camp or under a tree. There is a good hotel at Lorne Creek, but owing to the fact that it has no li-John Dorsey Gives Views Recense, parties will not undertake to open it. I have seen as many as twenty men sleeping on the floor at one time this winter in a Yukon tele

graph office. "Of course where we find railway construction camps we find the contractors very kind in feeding and frontiersman of British Columbia, is in the city, having come down for the sleeping travellers, but still we know they would rather not have to do it, ments for cooking and their cooks object; and in some instances will not stand for it and leave. The same conthe opening up and development of the "New North," and is, therefore, fadition prevails down the Skeena River of the country. Mr. Dorsey says that

to Essington. the outlook for the coming season could "Regarding the license act, about not be brighter but he has one great grievance against the provincial govto a Times reporter in an interview Wednesday.

"The development of the country," to another. Even the ministers who said Mr. Dorsey, "is being retarded have visited the secti INTERIOR MAY RESIGN seriously owing to the foolish policy ince I have referred to will agree with the government in the matter of me in this. If the attorney-general to settle the difficulties, and it was pregranting hotel licenses in new dis- would conduct an investigation on his dicted that each side would fight for Storm Signals Are Hoisted ricts. There is a woeful lack of acommodation for travellers, and the progress of the country is being re- fare. onsequence is that the work of the tarded seriously owing to the lack of The city was quiet during the night

prospector is hampered and the development of the country postponed. "The remedy? Well "The territory along the Skeena parties willing to erect suitable hotels, dreds of strike breakers are housed River and in the Bulkley Valley," con- as some have already done, should obtinued Mr. Dorsey, "has probably the tain licenses. Had there been a more A committee of labor leaders re poorest hotel accommodation of any liberal policy placed in operation ten turned here to-day from Washington section of British Columbia. There

up the town. People would be willing worse.

this policy followed. strikes another hotel, at Glacier. At Aldermere, twelve miles further on, there are two hotels with licenses. A present conditions continues for leng the men to arbitration. on the section running from Prince third hotel had been here, but in the early days its license was revoked owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the commissioners, and given to another house, and it has not since "Now just picture to yourself travellers for the past five years leaving Aldermere for Hazelton having to pack a different policy was pursued. There settle jurisdictional disputes. their blankets and their 'hotel' on consequence was that the railway con- ers said that he believed the Philadelwherever they might find themselves. tractors were able to get a better class phia carmen would win their fight. place. This is known as 'Mooseskin Johnny's Hotel,' on the Indian reway construction in British Columbia." serve, and white men are allowed to

"A year ago this winter three farm- MINISTERS. AFFILIATE ers and their wives and children went WITH TRADES COUNCIL to Hazelton for their supplies. Night came upon them when they reached Mosquito Flats, and they had to camp

night the thermometer dropped to 40 Application of Vancouver Mindegrees below zero. I wonder how isterial Association is Granted.

"There is now a hotel 15 miles from Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 23.-The Min-Hazelton which is running in a temporary way. It has good accommoda- isterial Association of this city, comrecognized trades union. In effect, the "For the past five years travellers action taken gives Vancouver the dis-The Bulgarian government began an along the route from Hazelton to the investigation into the cause of the canyon would have suffered great priunion of preachers in Canada, and million and a half was expended on House of Lords, there can be neither ing last night. The cases will a compromise nor an arrangement." The Bulgarian government began an along the route from Hazelton to the tinction of having the first full-fledged five million dollars. Of this amount a vation had it not been for the kind- probably in the world.

CARS WRECKED

travellers no not like to trespass to too RESULTS OF STRIKE RIOTS AT PHILADELPHIA

> No Settlement Yet in Sight-Both Sides Confident of Victory

(Times Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 23.-A total of 75 wrecked street cars is the result as it interferes with their arrange- to-day of three days of rioting and pillage attending the strike of the street

Officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company declare that the company is operating more cars to-day at 1 o'clock this morning. which there is considerable talk just then at any other time since the strike grievance against the provincial government, and he related what this was now, it is my opinion that a mistake began. The strikers assert that the BLIZZARD PREDICTED

No tangible efforts have been made own account he would find that the principles it considers vital to its wel-

No cars were operated after 6 o'clock "The remedy? Well, in my opinion however. At the car barns, where hun-

years ago many outlying sections in D. C., where they had a conference that the secretary intends to resign is eighty miles to Kitselas canyon, of law when the congressional investigation. There is eighty miles to Kitselas canyon, of law when the congressional investigation. sylvania. Senator Penrose promised to Michigan and accompanied the warn-"Eyeryone knows that the first thing use his influence to prevent the state ing with a prediction of a great blizin a new settlement is the hotel. Then militia from being called upon to take zard which will sweep through the comes the general store; then the post police or strike duty in Philadelphia. office. And around this nucleus grows provided present conditions grew no

> to take up land in the vicinity were The Transit Company officials to-day reiterated their announcement that they "I may say in conclusion that if will not submit their difficulties with Gompers Visits New York.

Rupert to the Yellowhead Pass, when New York, Feb. 23.-Following ruthe Grand Trunk Pacific is completed mors of dissatisfaction existing among gan, Iowa and Nebraska. there will be few flourishing towns the carmen of this city, Samuel Gompalong the line, but only a series of ers, president of the American Federaflag stations, and the money spent in tion of Labor, is here to-day for a the Dakotas this afternoon. building the road will have all gone out conference with local union leaders of the country. During the construc- The president of the American Federation of the lines in the United States tion declared that he had come here to as freedom in running hotels and the In the course of his address, Gomp

of men and build the railways in He added that the strike was started shorter time than is the case in rail-without his sanction, but now that it way construction in British Columbia." is on, it should be fought out. Gompers declared that the strike resulted from what he called an attempt of the Transit company to destroy the carmen's union. He said that the strike was forced by the company in order to crush the union, and that the men had

> Gompers said that it is hardly likely that a more general strike of unions in Philadelphia will be called, but that these unions will give financial and moral aid to the strikers.

to strike to preserve their organiza-

FINANCES OF MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.-Hon, Hugh !! telephone construction.

TRENCHANT SPEECH BY JOSEPH MARTIN

Characteristic Pronouncement By Ex-British Columbian in the Commons—Criticizes Asquith for Failure to Keep His Promises.

London, Feb. 23.—In the Commons represented at Westminster in the new Joseph Martin caught the eye of the House of Commons than it was before. Speaker late last night and in his Neither Sir Gilbert Parker, Dr. Mac-namara, or Mr. Benar Law, though speech maintained that the only rea-Canadians by birth, can claim to have sonable interpretation to put on the premiers's pledge made in Albert hall lice affairs of their native country as was that he would ask the King for a guarantee to create, if need be, a sufguarantee to create, if need be, a sufficient number of new peers to force the cause of tariff reform in the Chertthe veto bill through the House of

They had the right, he said, so to construe the pledge, and it was no adequate explanation to say now that what Mr. Asquith had in his mind was an act of parliament. No subsequent explanations, though given in perfect good faith, could effect the original tatement. He was a loyal Liberal, and had been elected to support the esent government. He would not, owever, have been elected to support nerely reform of the Lords, which he nderstood was contemplated by the rovernment.

The government, he declared, would out him in a false position if they called on him to support' a proposition of that kind.

He appealed to the government not o destroy the great power placed in their hands simply because of any fear of approaching his Majesty in order to obtain the necessary assurances.

The Chronicle's parliamentary cor respondent refers to the extremely able speech of Mr. Martin, who spoke with trenchant power, but in a tone of voice louder than is usually heard in the

mately associated with Canada, the parliament."

WILL TRY TO BREAK RECORD.

Train Loaded With Silk Valued at Nearly \$1,000,000 Is Rushing to New York. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 23.—Headed by rotary snow plough a Chicago, Mil-

waukee & Pudget Sound fast freight, trict will combine with Day loaded with a shipment of raw silk Mr. Taft to make the trip. from Japan, is climbing the Cascade ountains this morning, in an attemp to break the Tacoma-New York record, already held by the road.

This record is two hours less than five days. The shipment of silk fills five cars and is valued at nearly a million dollars. The train left Tacoma

IN NORTHERN STATES

Along the Shores of Lake

(Times Leased Wire.) Chicago, Feb. 23.-The weather bur-

eau here to-day ordered storm signals hoisted along the shores of Lake northern section of the United States. Within eight hours the mercury dropped thirty-five degrees and the worst blizzard of the year Chicago has experienced brought the thermometer to six degrees below zero to-day.

Storm signals are out for Northern Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michi-The blizzard was sweeping down from Canada through Montana and

SULTAN STILL ALIVE.

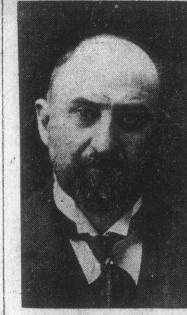
Constantinople, Feb. 23.—General Chefket Pasha, minister of war, to-day announced that Abdul Hamid, deposed Turkish Sultan, is alive at his palace in Salonica.

UNIONISTS AND

A. J. Balfour Says There Can Be No Compromise With

Liberals

London, Feb. 23 .-- In a speech at a political luncheon yesterday Arthur J. Balfour, leader of the opposition, helped to clear the atmosphere by intimating that the Unionists did not propose clash between frontier troops of the Turkish and Bulgarian armies was reported to-day in dispatches from Tamported to-day in dispatches fr the history of the province. He re-ported a surplus of \$640,000. Manitoba's ported a surplus of \$640,000. Manitoba's tion. "Though," he added, "when it expenditure during the past year was comes to the larger problems involving a compromise nor an arrangement."



JOSEPH MARTIN.

hese gentlemen are exceptionally able Mr. Martin, it will be seen by the exponents of their widely differing foregoing, has fully justified the interviews upon subjects which are likely canada, the illustrated London weekly, to be uppermost in the coming session, Canada, the Hustrated London weekly, just to hand, says: "Despite the defeats sustained by Mr. Hamar Greenwood, Dr. Molson, Mr. Foster Boulton, and other candidates more or less in-

TAFT INVITED TO YUKON.

Dawson, Y. T., Feb. 23.-The American Society of the Yukon and all Dawson is anxiously awaiting a reply today from Washington to the invitation wired President Taft yesterday afternoon to extend his Alaskan visit to the Yukon. The other towns of the district will combine with Dawson to coax

OPERATIONS MAY BE EXTENDED

DOMINION COAL AND STEEL OFFICIALS TO MEET

Sir Edgar Speyer, Whose Firm Controls Bond Issue, Arrives at Toronto

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, Feb. 22.—There may or may not be significance with respect to the rumor that in time the amalgamation of the Dominion Coal and the Dominion Iron & Steel companies will be broadened in a manner similar to the United States Steel corporation, in the arrival here of Sir Edgar Speyer, the head of the London house that holds the control of the bond issue of the Dominion Steel Company.

E. R. Wood, who has taken a prominent part in bringing about the merger of the coal and steel companies, says there is not.

President Plummer, of the steel com-pany, is expected to arrive here to-day and there will be a conference between him. Sir Edgar Spever and E R

Asked as to Sir Edgard Speyer's resence here, Mr. Wood said: there was a proposition to greatly enlarge the scope of the steel and coal companies, such as has been recently intimated, it would be a natural thing that Sir E. Speyer, whose company holds two-thirds of the bond issue, would be called upon to come over HOUSE OF LORDS here and his advice taken in the mat-

MURDER MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 23.-Another "explanation" of the Tamalpais murder mystery was exploded to-day when Margaret McKeany, who was declared positively last night to be the murdered woman, walked into police

headquarters. The mystery of the woman who was brutally slain on the mountain slope from solution than ever before.

TO CHECK GAMBLING.

move to check a revival of gambling here is under way to-day under the leadership of the United States marshal. Seventeen men playing poker were arrested in matter of principle concerning the raid on the basement of the Alaska build