A STRIKING FIGURE

Bonar Law, Head of Unionist Party, Is a Power in British Politics

(By Floyd MacGriff, International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, (By Mail)—One of the most striking figures in British politics, Andrew Bonar Law, who in 1916 declined the Premiership because he felt Lloyd George could secure more united backing in a coalition government, is doing yeoman work for Lloyd George during the Peace Conference. Whether "carrying on" in the place of the Premier of Versailles or at Westminister, Bonar Law is a man of influence, power, action and accomplishment, for essentially he is a man who gets things done carefully, completely and unequivocally.

As head of the Unionist party, which has three times as many members in Parliament as any other party and as coalition leader of the House, Bonar Law, in reality, forms the chief supporting pillar of the Lloyd George government. If Bonar Law wobbles, the government wobbles. But distinctly Law is not a man who wobbles. He's a man who thinks things out clearly and acts swiftly.

Bonar Law is a business man who broke into politics in 1900 at the age of forty-two, after he had made a reputation in the iron world at Glasgow. He is a Canadian, having been born of Scotch parents in New Brunswick, the home of that other eminent Briton, Lord Beaverbrook.

The Peace Conference is regarded here as the bigest business deal that has taken place since the world began, requiring more honesty, integrity, farsightedness and purpose than any prior undertaking in human history. Bonar Law can completely divest himself from politics if there is a business deal on. On the financial and indemnity side of the conference problems Bonar Law may be regarded as an authority.

Personally, Bonar Law is not a striking figure. Neither is he impressive. His brain, and none will gainsay the quality of that, appears to ocuppy half of his face. He is tall, spare of build and quiet in manner. He is not an orator, and when he speaks to an assembled throng, whether it be the bankers of London or members of Parliament, he talks as though he migh be before a board of directors, fully master of the situation, but unprepossessing. Political success has not spoiled him. He does not "swagger." He's most democratic. He has two recreations—golf and chess.

In the early days of the war while addressing Parliament on shipping profitteering he surprised that august body by saying he himself received dividends at the rate of 1000 per cent upon his investment, being slightly interested in shipping. He cited his own case to support his argument that such profiteering should be curbed.

Bonar Law lost three sons in the war. When the news of the death of the third one came he was addressing Parliament. He hesitated a moment, a tear or two trickled down his face, his voice became husky, yet he continued his speech to the end, and then quietly left for home to undergo his sorrow in private.

He is regarded as the most successful leader the House ever had. His abity to remember intricate figures amazed even practised parliamentrians. In addition to being the House's leader, he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, carrying on the tremendous duties of financing the war with great success, although he had practically no previous experience in such matters. Huge votes of credit used to come round for Parliament's sanction with disconcerting regularity. Money appeared to be thrown into the ocean by the boatload. But Bonar Law was always able in one sentence to satisfy Parliament as to the necessity for the expenditures, not only for the British but also for armies of the Allies. In introducing these figures he showed himself a wizard at figures, speaking for an hour or more, literally juggling with billions of dollars, as needed for the various services. Never once did he have to refer to notes, and his mental performances astonished even his bitterest critics.

When Parliament was in session he daily had to face a fusilade of questions on every conceivable subject, and in the majority of cases, without preliminary inquiries at the different government departments concerned, was able to satisfy, completely, his questioners.

Bonar Law had only been in the House a couple of years before his outstanding capacity and profound knowledge of everything that counts in government attracted the attention of Unionist leaders. He promptly was invited to occupy a seat on the front opposition benches, where he soon achieved a reputation as one of the keenest critics of the shortcomings of the government in power. His rise was so extraordinarily rapid that when Balfour retired, a full meeting of the Carlton Club of the Unionist party, including the peers, emphatically endorsed his selection as new leader.

Since Lloyd George formed his coalition government Bonar Law has been a tower of strength to the Premier. In fact, so high is Bonar Law's reputation, more as an administrator than as a politician, that when the Asquith government fell, King George sent for Bonar Law as representing strongest political party in the State and asked him to form a government. To the great surprise of his friends and supporters, Bonar Law declined to become Premier, the reason unofficially given being that he and his party did not feel they could command the support of the country or a working majority in the House of Commons at that time. Not even Bonar Law's friends would say that he has the dynamic energy of Loyd George. But Bonar Law's good sense and patriotism in making this bold decision (at a time when the country faced the blackest days of the war) which meant his sacrificing the greatest position in the British Empire, was a wise one. He told Lloyd George that if he undertook to form a government then he Bonar Law, not only would stand by him personally, but promise him undivided support of the Unionist party. How well the combination worked is proved by the fact that thereafter the ultimate result of the war was never in doubt.

Bonar Law helped Lloyd George organize for victory and the wonder is that it did not take them twice as long to get the war machinery into shape for smashing Germany in view of the chaos in which it had been allowed to drift. Throughout this period Bonar Law was at the helm. Lloyd George was at the wheel and steered the ship, but Bonar Law was doing yeoman work.

As long as the coalition lasts and especially during the Peace Conferences, Bonar Law may be counted upon to put in his best strokes for ensuring the fruits of victory. His work in administration will be especially helpful and valuable to Lloyd George.

WILL FIGHT "BIG FIVE"

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—A meeting which resulted in the formation of an export association of independent meat packers to contest the foreign field with the "big five" was held here Wednesday, representatives of 79 packing companies from all over the country being present.

The meeting was called by the food administration and was addressed, before it formally organized, by Frederic S. Snyder of Boston, chief of the meat division of the food administration.

FROM ABROAD IN THE STATE.

The reclamation service declines at this time to disclose the identity of the geologist soon to come to Oregon to examine the Benham Falls and Crane Prairie reservoir sites which are a part of the Deschutes irrigation project in Jefferson and Deschutes counties.

Ranchers in the Fort Klamath district are being considerably annoyed by herd of wild elk, liberated two years ago in that section of the country. There are about 30 in the herd and farmers complain that it is next to impossible to fence them from the stacks of feed. There are some fine specimens in the lot, some weighing 1000 pounds.

Damages of $10,000 are asked by A. Lazonsky from the Southern Pacific railroad and Walter H. Hines, director general, for injuries received by his nine-year-old son, Morris. The boy was struck by a train at Fourth and Wood streets, Portland, January 19.

C. W. Sears, for the past 49 years a resident of Oregon, 31 of them spent in Albany, died Wednesday at the age of 81 years. Mr. Sears has been one of Albany's substantial business men and with his son, E. W. Sears, operated the Albany Planing mills.

An enthusiastic road meeting was held at the little town of Scholls for the purpose of organizing a good roads association, says the Sherwood News. The objects and purposes are to secure federal and state funds, and perhaps through private subscriptions, to build a hard surface or a macadam road from Sherwood to Scholls and on to Hillsboro.

The sheep outlook is considered generally quite favorable. Buyers are in the field in Baker county after ewes, one man wanting 5000 head. Mixed yearlings are expected to demand $12 a head or turning out time. Some men put the price wool growers are predicting prices will be from 40 to 50 cents per pound.

James Lindley, one of the early settlers of the Willamette valley, died at his home at Lebanon Thursday. Mr. Lindley came to Oregon in 1852, having driven four head of cows all the way from Indiana, and it required two years' time to make the journey across the plains and mountains.

Russia's casualties in the war are now established at 9,150,000 men, of whom 1,700,000 were killed. Austria-Hungary's casualties are slightly above 4,000,000, and include eighteen generals killed.

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