

BRODRICK WINS OUT

Vote of Censure Rejected by House of Commons.

WITH HELP OF IRISH MEMBERS

They Refuse to Vote Against Their New Allies—Balfour Declares Large Army is Needed to Guard Against Russia in Asia.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The House of Commons tonight rejected by a vote of 281 to 148 Mr. Brodrick's amendment to the address in reply to the King's speech, which was tantamount to a vote of censure on the War Secretary, Mr. Brodrick. The division revealed fewer defections in the Unionist ranks than had been expected, only about a dozen Unionists voting against the measure, while the Nationalists abstained, walking out in a body when the division was called.

In the course of the debate the Liberal leader, Mr. Asquith, expressed the general feeling when he remarked that the debate was of greater significance than the division on it, and would be remembered long after the six army corps had vanished into thin air.

Churchill Renews Attack.

In resuming the debate, Winston Churchill, Conservative, declared Mr. Brodrick's expectations had been realized in but two directions, namely, in the decrease in the number of volunteers and in the increase of expenditures. There were, he said, "fewer bayonets and sabers in the British army in proportion to the number of Germans than in any army in the world except the Venezuelan."

The speaker further declared that the whole army scheme was a "humbug and a sham," and was only introduced with the object of militarizing England. He asked where the government expected the three army corps intended for foreign service to operate. It was not in South Africa, and such a force was not needed on the Indian frontier. They certainly could not contemplate the three army corps operating in Canada, for the United States was "no more prepared to receive Canada than Great Britain was prepared to invade the United States," Mr. Churchill added, amid cheers, "and long may that salutary neglect continue."

Balfour Defends Army Bill.

Premier Balfour, in closing the debate for the government, complimented Mr. Asquith on going to the heart of the question, namely, whether the army was too large and costly for the empire's needs. He said the fleet stood first, but there were limits to the use of a fleet. It was impossible to bring a war to an end with a fleet which could not even strike a heart blow at most enemies with which Great Britain might be engaged without a strong attacking force of soldiers, and it would be folly to deprive the country of a means of offensive action in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Balfour contended that three army corps were necessary for work outside the empire. They had to consider the defense of India. He regarded a war between England and Russia as in the highest degree improbable, but it was impossible to forget that the Indian frontier was the key to Great Britain's military position in the event of such a war, and without being an alarmist, he wished to impress upon them that events moved rapidly in Central Asia.

"We had to consider," continued the Premier, "how far the strategic position of Russia improved year by year. The Indian frontier is the only part of the empire adjacent to a powerful military power, and in the improbable and unhappy event of a war with Russia we should require not only all the available forces in India, but all the forces that Mr. Brodrick's scheme places at the disposition of the crown."

In conclusion Mr. Balfour claimed that the government deserved well of the country. The government did not trim its sails to popular favor, and, if the public desired an army on a scale that the government thought inadequate, the House must look to another government.

Rumors that Brodrick will soon quit the War Office were again current in the lobbies tonight.

DUNRAVEN HOPES FOR PEACE.

Believes Scheme of Land Conference Will Pacify Ireland.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Earl of Dunraven, in an interview regarding the report of the land landlord and tenant conference in Dublin, of which he was chairman, spoke hopefully regarding the prospects of legislation which he thought would end the difficulties in Ireland. Lord Dunraven said:

"The utterances of King Edward and of British public men, the temper of Ireland, the reception of the conference's report by the public, and the action of the government since the publication of the report are all favorable indications pointing to the success of the government's Irish land bill, which, if it contains a just and generous offer, will make good the impression, on which all depends. This bill, if drawn on the lines of the terms of the report, will insure a final settlement and remove the cause of friction in Ireland, which is acting unfavorably, not only in Great Britain, but throughout the empire, and on our kindred in the United States."

Lord Dunraven replied to the adverse criticism of the report, saying that the conference could not lay down a specific formula to be adopted. They were obliged to deal with the matter on the broadest lines in considering both the interests of the nation and those of the individual landlord and tenant. He did not think that the government would be able to specify a strict formula, which, if attempted, would confuse the issue. The minor details of any plan based on voluntarism must be left to the purchasers and sellers. The conference only sought to formulate the conditions under which it would be possible to complete the transfer of the land within a reasonable period. His Lordship concluded by saying that he did not think that the demand on the state treasury would be disproportionate to the benefits gained.

MERRY TIME IN PARIS.

Gay Crowds on Boulevards Celebrate Mardi Gras.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Parisians celebrated Mardi Gras with the usual enthusiasm. Early in the afternoon the boulevards were thronged with merry-makers engaged in the sport of confetti-throwing, while all the windows were filled with spectators watching the gay scene. The weather was bright and sunny, though a blustering wind prevailed which blew the confetti through the air in clouds of varied hue. The crowd was so dense after dark that vehicular traffic became impossible along the boulevards, and was diverted to parallel thoroughfares. During the evening the police made the unusual number of 38 arrests, mostly for slight acts of disorder. The morning papers call attention to the number of arrests as indicating that the carnival festivities are degenerating into rowdiness, which calls for stern repression.

COMBINE AGAINST AMERICA.

Austrian Statesman Proposes Central European Customs Alliance.

VIENNA, Feb. 24.—The Neue Freie Presse will tomorrow publish an account of a conversation with Baron von Call, Austrian statesman, who proposed a central European customs alliance.

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Our buyers are returning from the East. The Wash Materials man is here and is presiding over the most charming and varied array of wash goods that can be found anywhere. The Dress Materials man now has his personally selected stock of lovely black, white, cream and colored dress fabrics, and the finest showing of silks, including pongees, foulards, taffetas, peau de cygne and wash silks, ever assembled in one department in this city. The head of the Suit Section is here after a thorough and vigorous canvass of the fashion centers of the East, and is glad to show some beautiful garments which are strong indications of the trend of fashion for wearing apparel for the coming season. The manager of our great Millinery Section and the head milliner have just come back, with lovely things to show and secrets they are glad to tell of the airy and beautiful headgear which will predominate this season. The head of the Undermuslin Section is also back with a showing of undermuslins, that for exquisite fineness, beauty of make, trimming and finish eclipses anything you have ever beheld. The man of Trimmings, Laces, Embroideries, Gloves and Neckwear now has a full showing in all these lines, selected with a view of meeting the demands of extreme dressers and those of most fastidious taste in style and quality. The Shoe man has informed himself thoroughly on both fashions and fads in footwear for ladies, men and children for the coming season, and has made most pleasing selections in quality, style and price. Our Men's Furnishings man has been busy too. He can show the most correct things in men's wear and give all points on their fashions. Do not forget the Knit Underwear man. He can make you open your eyes at the showing he makes of knit goods, from plain, serviceable garments, to delicate web-like silk ones, elaborately trimmed with crochet work and lace. All our offerings have the supreme advantage of personal selection at fashion's fountain head. Come in and see what a gorgeous display they make.

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WOMEN HAVE A JANGLE

HOT DEBATE AMONG DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Mrs. Fairbanks Secures Change in Constitution to Allow Her Re-election as President-General.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The first skirmish in the campaign for president-general began at the onset of today's session of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Immediately after the conclusion of routine business the proposed amendments to the constitution were taken up. The first amendment proposed was that of Mrs. Katherine Wolcott Verplanck, state regent of New York, to add to Article 4, section 1, the words:

"Except the president-general, who shall not hold the same office for more than two terms successively."

This amendment was designed to make Mrs. Fairbanks, the present president-general, eligible for re-election. Its acceptance was moved by Miss Miller, of the District of Columbia, and seconded by Mrs. Murphy, of Cincinnati. Mrs. Weed, of Montana, wanted the language of the amendment made clearer, and moved to amend the amendment by making the latter read:

"Except the president-general, who shall be eligible for re-election for two terms, regardless of her previous service."

This move evoked loud applause. At this point Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York, who has been a conspicuous figure in the fight over the president-generalship, was recognized. "I desire to go on record," she declared, "that I do not intend to oppose the original amendment."

The amendment to the amendment was adopted. The original amendment of Mrs. Verplanck, as amended by Mrs. Weed, and a subsequent amendment, was then passed by a vote of 48 to 36. It reads: "No person shall hold office more than two terms successively, and no one shall be eligible to hold office in the National Society until she has been a member of the National Society two years, except the president-general, who shall be eligible to this office for two consecutive terms, regardless of her previous services in other offices on the National Board."

Then the fighting began anew. A number of delegates claimed that the amendment was subject to misconstruction, and that it established a dangerous precedent. One delegate took the rostrum to explain that it was a misconception to say that women who had not held other National offices would not be eligible to the office of president-general. Mrs. McLean, who had not taken any part in the vote on the amendment regarding the president-general, rose to question of personal privilege. "I desire to announce," she said, "that I did not vote on either side because, in accordance with my previous statement, I felt I must not oppose the original amendment, and because I could not vote for the substitute amendment for constitutional reasons."

Mrs. Morgan, of Connecticut, asked if

TAKE VETERANS FIRST.

Postmaster-General Payne Declares Policy of Administration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Administration's policy to give the veterans preference in office, other things being equal, is reiterated in the following letter, which is reprinted in its entirety in the Postmaster-General's report to Congress:

"Referring to our interview of this morning regarding the appointment of a Postmaster at —, and to your request that Mr. — be appointed, I beg to say that the records of the department show that the present Postmaster has an excellent record as an official. He has made a most capable and satisfactory Postmaster, both as to his relations with the department and the patrons of the office. He is a veteran of the Civil War with a most excellent record as a soldier."

"It is the wish of the President to retain in the service old soldiers who have made good public officials, and against whom no charges of misconduct have been preferred, as is the case in this instance. The Grand Army veterans residing in — have entered a protest against Mr. — (the present Postmaster's) displacement."

"Under these circumstances we are not disposed to make a change in the office named. Yours very truly,"

"H. C. PAYNE, Postmaster-General."

CLOSE OF THE CARNIVAL

Pageants End With Parade and Balls by Rex and Comus.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 24.—The carnival closed tonight in a blaze of glory. In point of attendance of strangers, it has been the most successful ever held, while the pageants were on a scale of great artistic splendor. The parade tonight was by the "Mystic Krewe of Comus." Its title was "a leaf from the Mahabharata," and it illustrated in 30 floats the great epic poem of the Hindoos. The culminating society event of the season was the ball of Comus at the

French Opera-House. Comus chose for his Queen Miss Myrtle Stauffer. Miss Alice Roosevelt was present, and was again the object of special attention. Admiral and Mrs. Schley and General Joseph Wheeler and his daughter were among the guests. Rex held his ball, which was really a democratic reception, in Washington Artillery Hall, temporarily converted into a carnival palace. There was a great crush of the King's subjects. Miss Ingersoll Mingo was Queen of the carnival, and several society girls served as her attendants. After midnight there was an

The Avery substitute, after a long discussion, was defeated by a vote of 143 to 77, and the original amendment was then adopted, 338 to 144. The Congress shortly before 4 o'clock recessed until evening. The consideration of the proposed amendments to the constitution took up the time of the Congress at its night session.

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Admiral Schley, Colonel A. K. McClure and their party hope to resume their journey westward on Thursday.

Musical at White House.

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