

COALITION BROKEN UP

VON BUELOW IS DESERTED BY REICHTAG CONSERVATIVES.
 Dispute Over Taxes May Lead to Chancellor's Downfall Unless He Pacifies Enemies.

BERLIN, March 25.—Prince von Buelow's coalition of the Conservative, Liberal and Radical parties apparently has reached a fatal crisis over the scheme of financial reform. In the Reichstag yesterday Herr von Normann, the Conservative leader on the floor, informed the Reichstag that the Conservatives were determined to carry through financial reform without considering where they would get a majority. This extension means with the assistance of the Clerical party, which the government has taboed since the dissolution in 1907.

Herr Bassermann said: "You intend that as giving notice of the termination of the bloc."

Herr von Normann in reply said: "The bloc can remain for other national purposes."

The National Liberals, however, held a caucus later and voted unanimously to regard the Conservative communication as serving notice of the termination of the bloc. The caucus also decided to adhere to the Liberal programme that taxes on articles of general consumption cannot be accepted without some taxation aimed especially at the wealthy

classes, but the Conservative leader's statement included the complete rejection of such a tax, as well as an estate duty on property of deceased persons.

The Conservatives also served similar notice on the Radicals.

This action caused a great sensation in the lobby of the Reichstag toward the close of the day's session, when it became known. This means the abandonment of Chancellor von Buelow by his own party to join the Radicals, who latterly have been fiercely attacking the Chancellor because he only half-heartedly defended the Emperor in the November debate.

It is also known that the court clique has been moving heaven and earth for some time past to undermine Prince von Buelow with the Emperor.

SLAG EXPLOSION IS FATAL

One Dead and Many Injured at El Paso Smelters.

EL PASO, Tex., March 25.—One man was killed, two were fatally injured and four were seriously hurt by a premature explosion in a slag pit at the El Paso smelter this afternoon. Pieces of lead were hurled among the workmen and the slag hanging above them came crashing down, burying seven men. Every available man from the smelter worked frantically in an effort to rescue the victims.

Yuma, Ariz.—The last carload of rock has been dumped into the apron of Laguna dam, and the great diversion weir will be opened March 26. Laguna dam extends across the Colorado River, and is located about 14 miles above the City of Yuma. It was built by the United States Reclamation Service at a cost of more than \$1,500,000.

CHIEF INDUSTRY RUINED

PORTO RICO ASKS PROTECTION OF COFFEE-PLANTERS.

Tariff Takes Away Foreign Markets and Upper House Ignores Popular Will.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—That Porto Rico was governed better under Spanish rule than under American administration, that the Spanish-American War and the consequent occupation of the island by the United States has ruined the coffee industry, the most important in the island, and that the Executive Council, composed largely of Americans, is responsible entirely for the present crisis were the declarations made last night by Luis Munoz Rivera, chairman of the commission now here. The commission was appointed by the House of Delegates to lay before President Taft, Congress and the American people the reasons for the existing conditions in the island and to ask for concessions from this country, both in regard to the form of Government for the island and on the tariff proposition.

Mr. Rivera said that all the Porto Ricans ask for is justice, and that the Americans are not giving them this. He said that the House of Delegates had been made practically a nonentity by the Executive Council, corresponding to the Upper House, and that the upper body refused to listen to the House of Delegates in the recent extraordinary session

of the Porto Rican Congress. Commissioner Larranga, delegate from Porto Rico to Congress, will endeavor to arrange for an interview for the commission with President Taft.

In regard to the tariff on coffee, he declared that as a result of the American occupation of the island the price of the article had decreased from \$3 to \$2 a hundred pounds, all its foreign markets having been taken away as a result of the American tariff laws.

IRON FIRM BUYS SHIPYARD

Moore & Scott Secure Control of Boole & Son's Plant at Oakland.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 25.—It was announced today by W. E. Duzan, secretary of the Moore & Scott Iron Works of San Francisco, that he had just completed a deal with the heirs of the Boole & Son's shipyard for the purchase of that plant. The new owners will take possession April 1. The amount paid is in the neighborhood of \$500,000, and the new firm expects to spend \$150,000 at once in enlarging the plant. The present dock of the Boole shipyard has a capacity of 3000 tons. Another dock is to be built with a capacity of 5000 tons, and the plans are to do general ship-repairing.

Drinks Water; Falls Over Dead.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—While in apparently good health, William V. Cope, of Coquille, while on the road to Myrtle Point with other workmen, died suddenly. He started to get a drink of water and fell over dead.

Money for reading Gregory's ad, Page 13.



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Lot 3—Splendid Tailored Suits
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