

ASQUITH'S ALLIES THREATEN CRISIS

Another Election Will Shake Britain Within Three Months, Is Prospect.

LORDS' VETO MAIN ISSUE

Labor Leader Demands It Be Acted on Before Budget—Fishes Ask Impossible Terms—As- quith to Speak Out Monday.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Yesterday was politically one of the most exciting days since the general elections, and, if indications are to be trusted, another general election is not unlikely within three months.

Premier Asquith's confirmed habit of keeping his own counsel makes it additionally difficult to gauge the situation, but all evidence points in the direction of an acute crisis. The Cabinet council, which is now sitting daily, had a two-hour session yesterday morning and the Prime Minister had an audience with the King in the afternoon, after which the Cabinet council resumed its sittings, being occupied for more than an hour.

George M. Barnes, new chairman of the Labor party in Parliament, sent a manifesto to the Premier protesting against the budget question preceding the vote question in the House and declaring that, in the event of this protest being disregarded, the Laborites would vote against the government.

Negotiations between the government and the Nationalists are in an unsatisfactory state, it being stated that John Redmond has failed to carry his demands.

While an alliance between Nationalists and Laborites in a campaign to force the Premier to take up the matter of the veto before the budget undoubtedly presents a serious situation, the Premier himself does not appear to be alarmed. He sought relaxation last night by attending the theater.

Mr. Asquith's speech in Parliament next Monday probably will give the first explanation of the government's policy. It will be expected that the Nationalists and the Laborites are dissatisfied, for them to take action.

It is believed that neither the Nationalists nor the Laborites desire to force another general election, for which party funds are not ready, and all difficulties may vanish when the veto bill, which the Cabinet is now discussing, is passed.

"I learn," writes Mr. Barnes, "that Premier Asquith is to hold office without assurance from the King with regard to the veto, and that the veto is to be dealt with after the budget."

"That, of course, will not be acceptable to the Labor party. It means the power conferred in the general election was not sufficiently decisive with regard to the Lords' veto and it involves therefore another election."

This manifesto, which has been sent to Premier Asquith, is generally accepted as an ultimatum.

HOUSE CONTAINS SKEPTICS

Peary's Proofs May Be Demanded Before Honor Is Paid.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Members of the House may demand that Robert E. Peary exhibit his proofs to the world before voting him the gold medal and the thanks of Congress. It was learned today that the naval committee was not entirely unanimous on the proposition of bestowing honors upon the discoverer of the Pole.

One of the leaders of the House, who declined to allow the use of his name, said today that he was opposed to accepting proofs of Mr. Peary that he discovered the Pole merely because the National Geographical Society had accepted them.

He charged a preconceived prejudice in favor of Peary on the part of the society and said that before Congress took this step the verdict of other scientific bodies of the world should be ascertained. Several members have expressed opposition to the proposed Peary honors and one or two have threatened to discuss vigorously the matter on the floor if it is brought there.

PAPER MILL TO BE BUILT

Vancouver Expects to Be Site of \$500,000 Industry.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—A \$500,000 paper mill that will give employment to 300 men is to be built in Vancouver. The location for the new plant has already been secured. Bond paper and other higher grade paper, not now made on the Pacific Coast, is to be manufactured.

Already those who are back of the project are assured of a ready sale for all the goods they can produce. They regard to the plant, L. M. Hadden said this morning:

"This is the biggest industry this city has ever had. It will be the entering wedge for many others that will quickly follow. We have the raw material right here at home for the manufacture of paper and much of this material is now going to waste."

here recently and begged for money. He said that his two little boys, "Buster" and Dexter, were without food. Invariably he secured contributions from the big-hearted Bremen. Subsequently they learned that Bokien bought whiskey with the money.

The two bright-eyed youngsters were taken with their father to headquarters. Police Captain Day secured a confession, Bokien cried and the children mingled their tears with his.

Vainly Bokien pleaded to be released from the predicament in which he found himself. When all pleadings seemed futile, Little "Buster," the eldest of the two lads, clung to Father's leg.

"Please, mister policeman, don't put us in jail!" tearfully sobbed the child, as he threw his tiny arms about Captain Day's neck.

"Oh, no—little sonny—you won't go to jail—your papa is a bad man, isn't he?" responded the officer, with no little emotion.

"Oh, mister policeman, let my papa go home—he's a nice papa, he is," was the childish assurance.

Away from the children and in a secluded corner of the station-house, the police captain was seen a few moments after delivering a caustic reprimand to Bokien, who subsequently was turned over to Patrolman Klingel, who escorted him and the two children to their home at 325 Fifth street.

GOVERNMENT GETS BLOW

IMPORTANT RULING MADE IN BOISE LAND-FRAUD TRIAL.

Objections to Testimony of Alleged "Dummy" Entrymen Sustained by Judge Dietrich.

BOISE, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Judge Dietrich delivered a blow to the Government in the trial of William F. Kettentach, George H. Kester and William Dwyer, of Lewiston, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the Government out of timberlands today. Objections to the testimony of alleged "dummy" entrymen were sustained, the court holding that the Government must show that arrangements for the sale of land were made before the land was filed upon and that money was furnished by the defendants.

This ruling of the court at so early a stage in the trial is considered of the utmost importance by the counsel. It followed the argument by Peyton Gordon, of the prosecution, and Attorney Tannabill, of the defense, on the objections of the latter to the kind of evidence that should be considered proper for introduction.

The chain of evidence against the defendants was strengthened today when the Government's witnesses, Ivan R. Cornell, of Portland, formerly of Lewiston, and Fred W. Shafer, of Lewiston, at one time junior in the Lewiston National Bank, with which the defendants were connected, testified that they had been offered and were paid \$100 and all expenses to act as "dummy" entrymen. They filed and proved up on timber lands near Troy and Kendrick, and these they subsequently deeded over to Kettentach, ending their connection with the defendants.

CRITICISE SCHOOL BOARD

SOUTH PORTLAND BOOSTERS FILE COMPLAINTS.

Fulton Park Building Inadequate, and Has No Water, but No Action Taken, Is Said.

A meeting of the South Portland Boosters Thursday night in St. Lawrence Hall, at Third and Sherman streets, assumed the form of an indignation meeting against the School Board. About 25 members of the association attended and many complaints made by residents of the Fulton Park and Fulton school districts.

It was said that at the Fulton Park school the quarters are too small; that there is no water for the children to drink and no lavatories; but that the Board has not acted to relieve the situation. The Fulton School, on the Macadam road, was deemed inadequate, a shed being built at the back of the building on vegetable gardens to accommodate the children. M. J. Frank, J. Weber and G. H. Thomas were detailed to confer with the School Board.

A mass meeting of the residents of South Portland was called for the evening of March 3 to discuss parks and boulevards. It was brought out that the appropriations at work for the city on the rights of way for boulevards are meeting with trouble over the excessive prices asked by some of the owners. Several real estate men said they would offer their services to the city to offset the difficulty.

NIGHT RIDERS INDICTED

FIRST BLOW AGAINST TOBACCO- GROWERS STRUCK.

Member of Legislature Among Twelve Men Accused of Re- straint of Trade.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 18.—The first blow struck by the United States against alleged "Night Riders" was delivered yesterday when a Federal grand jury at Covington, Ky., returned indictments against 12 men of Day Ridge, Ky., for alleged conspiracy in restraint of trade.

One man indicted is John S. Steers, a member of the State Legislature. The indictment charges that the defendants conspired to prevent W. T. Osborne from shipping four hogheads of tobacco from Dry Ridge to Cincinnati.

Information regarding numerous similar cases throughout the entire Burley district of Kentucky has been collected by secret agents of the United States, in the hands of the Attorney-General. If the Government is successful in the pending case further prosecutions will be started.

"Jake" Schaefer Is Dying.
DENVER, Feb. 18.—"Jake" Schaefer, the "wisdom of billiards," is dying at his home here.

DAVIS TALKS NOTLY

Senator Consigns Rockefeller to Eternal Torment.

OWEN, ASSAILED, REPLIES

Oklahoma Calls Arkansas Mem- ber's Opinion Worthless—On Vote Davis Is Only Member Against Bill for Pipe Line.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, startled the Senate yesterday with a declaration that he would like to see John D. Rockefeller consigned to perdition and burned in flames from the burning products of the Standard Oil Company.

He spoke in opposition to a bill authorizing an oil and gas pipe line across public lands of Arkansas. Accusing Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, sponsor of the bill, with a business connection with the Standard Oil Company, he engaged in a spirited colloquy with that Senator.

The bill had been passed at a previous session of the Senate and was recalled by Owen to accommodate Davis.

Davis asserted the bill was in the interest of the Prairie Creek Company, which he said was a branch of the Standard Oil Company. Believing this to be the truth, he said, he could not sit idly by and allow to be passed a bill which was in direct conflict with the anti-trust law of his state.

"This law," he said, "had proved to be effective, while the Sherman law had done absolutely nothing to check the grasping greed of the Standard Oil Company. He went on to say that unless this company could not come into Arkansas.

Fate for Rockefeller Chosen.
"We don't want the Standard Oil Company in Arkansas," he exclaimed. "The only place that I would be willing to see a pipe line laid is the Standard Oil Company would be straight from here to hell, and I should want to see the oil flowing directly there. Furthermore I would be glad to see that old trust magnate, John D. Rockefeller, there to receive the oil and would be glad to see the flames that its appearance create wrapped snugly around him."

He repeated his challenge to the Democrats to vote for the bill and declaring that Mr. Owen would be the only one to cast his vote in its favor, said his support was due to the fact that in some way the Oklahoma Senator was believed to be interested in the Standard Oil Company.

This imputation brought the Indian Senator from Oklahoma to his feet, but he was smiling when he said: "The impudent speech which the Senator from Arkansas has just delivered has no foundation in fact."

"Well, Mr. President, the Senator acts like he was interested," responded Mr. Davis, smiling, "and, by Jinks, he is interested."

Senator Owen stated that the opinion of Senator Davis was worthless. Senator Davis said that he would rather be disowned by his mother than appear as an advocate of Standard Oil.

Senate Laughs Irreverently.
Here there was a long pause, during which the Senate irreverently laughed. Then Davis said he was most in earnest. Some of the Senators again laughed.

Senator Owen said that Mr. Davis' speech did not deserve an answer, but explained that all that stood in the way of the pipe line was about fourteen forty-acre tracts of land which could not be condemned in the usual way. He said the Standard Oil Company had been admitted to Arkansas by the legal authorities of the State.

Davis asked a roll call on the vote, but the request was denied. On a roll call vote the bill then was passed, Davis being the only Senator to vote "no."

CHILDREN TO GO HOME

TRUCE MADE IN FIGHT FOR BARNARD GIRLS.

One Aunt Made Temporary Guard- ian—Mrs. Booth Tarkington Is Also Aunt.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—A truce was arranged today by the lawyers for conflicting interests in the case of the three Barnard children, of Pasadena, of John A. and the late Mrs. Barnard, in the attempt of the dead mother's relatives to secure their guardianship.

Through the agreement reached the little girls were returned to their desolate home in Pasadena, in which their mother died a few days ago. The girls remain in the care of Miss Helen Barnard, their father's sister, who was appointed by the court temporary guardian.

Miss Rita Fletcher, a sister of Mrs. Barnard and a rival aunt, under the agreement also will remain at home until the arrival of the invalid father from Boston.

It is declared the \$700,000 estate left by the mother, to which the husband and children are heirs, had this to do with the kidnaping of the little girls, who were recovered the following day. One of the interested aunts is Mrs. Booth Tarkington.

CLUB HAS ULTIMATUM

EAST SIDERS DEMAND CONCES- SIONS FROM RAILROAD.

Vacation of Streets Opposed Unless Harriman Lines Give Crossing Privileges.

The East Side Business Men's Club went on record Thursday night as being opposed to the vacation of certain streets, the closing of which is asked by the Oregon & Washington Railroad, the O. R. & N., and other Harriman companies, unless the railroad would agree to the following conditions:



What Are the Styles?

Are the skirts to be plaited or plain, trimmed or untrimmed? Are the Spring changes radical, or will "last year's" do? Are one-piece dresses still in the mode? What is the new sleeve, and what about its length? What are the fabrics and what are the trimmings? And where, oh where! will the waist line be? These are the questions. The March WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION has the answers.

Page after page of advance fashions, 102 fashion pictures, dozens of colored fashion plates, 50 Spring fabrics and 40 Spring trimmings, Spring hats, Spring embroidery, Spring dressmaking, Spring neckwear, Spring accessories; fashions for the woman with money and the woman with no money—all in the big

Advance Fashion Number

The same number contains a wealth of other entertaining and practical reading matter. For instance, Paintings in Color by Jessie Willcox Smith, Margaret E. Sangster's Home Page, Twelve Columns for Children, The Doctor's Page, A Comfortable Six-Room House, Pin Money Club, Sun Lovy's Puzzle Page, Crocheting for the Baby, Entertainment and Cookery, Furnishing a Home, The Doctor's Page, A Comfortable Six-Room House, Pin Money Club, Sun Lovy's Puzzle Page, Crocheting for the Baby.

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Each Withdraws Amendment and Passage of Bill by Senate Becomes Certain.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Assurances of the passage through the Senate of the postal savings bank bill practically were given President Taft last night at a conference in the White House.

The House was represented at the conference by Representative Weeks, of Massachusetts, chairman of the committee on postoffices and post roads, and Senators Aldrich, Root, Crane and Carter, the last named being in charge of the savings bank measure.

It is understood on good authority that the amendments offered and pressed by Senators Root and Smoot will be withdrawn. That offered by the New York Senator provides for the investment of postal bank funds in Government bonds, while Mr. Smoot's amendment is diametrically opposed to this plan, prohibiting the withdrawal of such funds from local banks in which they may have been deposited.

The agreement of both Senators to recall their amendments in the interest of harmony clears the way for quick consideration of the bill.

Last night's amicable solution of the snarl into which the bill was forced is interpreted by the majority in Congress as indicating that practically all the so-called Administration measures will be advanced by similar methods. The postal bill will be taken up today.

That the business of the American factory is still increasing is evidenced by the fact that in September, 1909, our imports of "made materials for use in manufacturing" were \$2,000,000 greater than in September, 1908, while the imports of "manufactures for use in further manufacturing" were also \$2,000,000 greater.

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