

COALITION BLASTS HOPES OF TORIES

British Liberals and Irish Now Work Together to Crush Power of Lords.

ENEMY SUNK IN DESPAIR

Only Doubt is as to King's Attitude, Tories Striving to Anger Him by Underhand Tricks—Edward Is Nervous About Outcome.

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LONDON, April 23.—The suspense of the week has ended in the complete identification of the Liberal and Irish parties with the veto campaign and wholehearted support of the budget. This has naturally produced an aftermath of tranquillity. The transformation of the whole situation has produced a corresponding transformation in the temper of the parties and of the House of Commons.

The final hope of the Tories and the Irish factionists disappeared when, on Monday, William O'Brien's attack on the veto and the good faith of Chancellor Lloyd-George and on the policy of Redmond ended in a pitiful fiasco. O'Brien's charges were completely disproved that evening. Balfour, in whose interest the attack was made, dropped O'Brien and accepted Lloyd-George's good faith.

O'Brien Weak, Tories in Despair.
O'Brien, with Healy, now is steadily supporting the Tories and the House of Lords, but O'Brien's power is crumbling daily and Healy's vitriolic attack on Redmond and the Irish party seals his doom in the South at the next election.

The Tories, jubilant for weeks in the hope of defeating the Liberals by the Irish vote on the budget, now are sunk in despair. The budget is passing through all the stages with perfect tranquillity, even apathy, after many months of fierce denunciation. Every Liberal is looking to the next election and a straight fight over the veto of the Lords with perfect confidence, while the Tories are resigned to despair.

The Tory papers already are raising the cry of compromise, but no compromise is possible on terms which the Liberals, Tories or Irish could accept. The next general election will be even more fierce than the last. The Tories will attempt to play the popularity of the King against the Liberals and will wave the bloody shirt of anti-Irish feeling, representing the Liberals as being kicked into an attack on the King by Redmond.

Trying to Arouse Edward.
It is uncertain as yet what line the King will take. O'Brien and Healy have played into the hands of those who advise him to resist the advance of the Liberals by lauding him as the most popular man in England and by representing the Tories as playing a dirty game with Redmond in driving him into a corner.

All Ireland stands enthusiastically behind the action of Redmond, while the Irish in England, who always have favored the budget, especially the land taxes, are generally sympathetic. The Liberal and Labor parties are inexorably reeling and a rupture between the English and Irish democracies. The democracies, indeed, are more closely knit in this fight than in the history of the two nations. The Irishmen in England will swell the gigantic popular demonstrations now preparing to mark the abolition of the Lords' veto. All of the British democracy also is immensely grateful to Redmond for that firmness of attitude which induced the Liberal Cabinet finally to adopt their uncompromising and prompt action in the campaign against the Lords.

Storm Over Piggot's Ghost.
The week wound up in one of the fiercest storms for years in the Commons. Anderson, head of the secret service, who fought the case with vigor for the Times in the commission to inquire into the Ligolet forgery, confessed part authorship of the Times' famous article, and in consequence of a splendid opportunity for reopening the hideous story of the joint campaign of the Times and the Tory ministry in 1889 to destroy the Parnell Irish movement in the House of Commons. Anderson thrilled the House with his terrible story of the visits of detectives and agents of the Times to John Daly and other Irish prisoners undergoing life sentences with tempting offers of liberty and money on condition of their giving perjured evidence to connect Parnell with the dynamite and other outrages. So terrible was the case that Balfour joined in the condemnation of Anderson.

Rage and Threats Break Out.
The violent denunciation of the debate came when James Campbell, the Irish attorney-general in the last Tory ministry, repeated that it was still doubtful whether Parnell was not associated with the Phoenix Park murders. The presiding officer refused to compel Campbell to withdraw, and the Irish members, bursting into wild indignation, determined to shout him down. Hoarse cries of rage filled the chamber and physical violence seemed certain till an opportune closure motion by Winston Churchill brought the scene to an end by closing Campbell's mouth.

So strong was the rage of the Irishmen that the fate of the Ministry hung in the balance for some minutes. A combination of Irish and Radicals would defeat the Government, entailing the immediate resignation of Churchill and perhaps a break-up of the Ministry.

Shall Guarantees Be Conditional?
Everything turns on the difference between guarantees and conditional guarantees. The conditional guarantees mean that the King, after he has insisted on another appeal to the country, should place the ministers in the position to say to the country that in would enable them to pass their law, whether the peers liked it or not. The general impression is that he will not refuse the conditional guarantees. But in case he refuses there is nothing open to the government but to resign. In that event the King would send for Mr. Balfour.

Parliament as in this. The Irish would show him no mercy, and they would put him out unless he immediately offered them a measure of home rule. This he would find it difficult if not impossible to do.

On the other hand, he is beset by difficulties just as great over the question of protection. He is not a protectionist himself, but his party is violently and almost unanimously protectionist. If he had a majority, they would insist that he at once use it to bring in a protectionist measure, and there is nothing which he so much dreads.

Liberals Eager for Election.
All the same, the Liberals are anxious that the dissolution should be left in their hands, with the conditional guarantee, rather than that it should be carried out by a Conservative government.



TALLEST BOY IN PORTLAND CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

J. Samuel James celebrated his sixteenth birthday on Friday. Sixteen guests were invited and the evening was spent in games and other amusements. Mr. James enjoys the distinction of being the tallest boy in Portland for his age. His height is 6 feet 5 inches, and he weighs 225 pounds.

And the Liberals want to rush the election because they are at the moment better prepared for it than the Tories. The Tories spent money like water at the last election, but the Liberals did not. Indeed there were complaints from many constituencies that they did not spend enough money and lost some seats for want of a few hundred dollars. It looks as though, as though it would be difficult to avoid a general election in June.

King Is Very Nervous.
The King is very nervous and anxious about the whole business. He used all his persuasion to get the Lords to reject the budget, and they very much appreciated him. He foresees that it will be difficult to keep his name out of the struggle, and that does not promise well for the dynasty. Altogether, royalty knows that it is face to face with a serious crisis, in which its own fortunes are involved.

These considerations make the Liberals think that the King will not wait to see the struggle prolonged until it gets so hot that nobody knows what will be the outcome.

Optical Association Elects.
The Oregon State Optical Association held its annual meeting April 22 and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. S. W. Potter; vice-president, Dr. E. M. Dallas; treasurer, Dr. D. W. Koller; secretary, C. Christensen. In accordance with the State laws, the following names were submitted to the Governor for his selection of one new member on the examining board in optometry: C. Christensen, E. O. Mattern and E. M. Dallas.

Chapel Car to Visit Forest Grove.
FOREST GROVE, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Rev. Jacob R. Buck, pastor of St. Anthony's Church of this city, has received word that St. Anthony's chapel car, commonly known as "the Catholic Church on wheels," will be in this city the latter part of May. The chapel is doing missionary work for the Catholic Church and will be in Forest Grove one week and at Cornelius for one week. It has been traveling in different parts of the Willamette Valley.

MILCHIEF MAKER
A Surprise in Brooklyn.
An adult's food that can save a baby proves itself to be nourishing and easily digested and good for big and little babies. A Brooklyn man says: "When baby was about eleven months old he began to grow thin and pale. This was, at first, attributed to the heat and the fact that his teeth were coming, but, in reality, the poor little thing was starving, his mother's milk not being sufficient nourishment. "One day after he had cried bitterly for an hour, I suggested that my wife try him on Grape-Nuts. She soaked two teaspoons of them in a saucer with a little sugar and warm milk. This baby ate so ravenously that she fixed a second which he likewise finished. "It was not many days before he forgot all about being nursed, and has since lived almost exclusively on Grape-Nuts. Today the boy is strong and robust, and as cute a mischief maker as a thirteen-month-old baby is expected to be. "We have put before him other foods, but he will have none of them, evidently preferring to stick to that which has done him so much good—his old friend Grape-Nuts. "This letter any way you wish, for my wife and I can never praise Grape-Nuts enough after the brightness it has brought to our household. Grape-Nuts is not made for a baby food, but experience with thousands of babies shows it to be among the best, if not entirely the best in use. Being a scientific preparation of Nature's grains, it is equally effective as a body and brain builder for grown-ups. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in piggy. "There's a Reason—Never read the above letter! A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest."

STORM'S LOSSES TOTAL \$30,000,000

West Must Go to Rescue of East, as Fruit and Vegetables Are Ruined.

BLIZZARD WORST IN YEARS

With Zero Weather Through Middle West, Wind, Sleet, Snow and Frost Cause Widespread Dam- age—Gale Lashes Lakes.

PORTLAND ENJOYS SUNSHINE, WHILE MIDDLE WEST IS SWEEPED BY BLIZZARD.
With Portland enjoying beautiful weather, with the temperature during the past two days around the 75 point with sun shining and roses budding, it is with regret that the Eastern visitor here reads of the Spring snow storm which passed over the Middle West Friday and Saturday and carried destruction to at least eight states totaling probably \$30,000,000 damage. This has been the most unusual Spring in the history of the East. As early as the first of March, Spring opened and for weeks sunny weather has been enjoyed.

CHICAGO, April 23.—(Special.)—Western and other fruit-producing states will be called upon this year to supply the Middle Western states, in addition to their regular business, for no fruit, with the possible exception of strawberries and a few late grapes, will be grown in six or eight states.

Of these Michigan and Missouri have here before been counted upon for very large supplies, but they will be forced to buy everything this season.

Loss to Be \$30,000,000.
Thirty million dollars is a rough estimate made tonight of the loss in this year's fruit crop by the cold temperatures and blizzardous condition which obtained through the Upper Mississippi Valley last night and today and extended as far East as Ohio.

Fears are expressed by conservative observers in Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin, Indiana and Missouri that small fruits, with the exception of late strawberries, will be a total loss.

Unofficial reports tonight are that Kansas has suffered a loss of \$8,000,000; Iowa, \$8,000,000; Michigan, \$5,000,000; Wisconsin, \$1,000,000; Illinois, \$4,000,000, and Indiana, \$2,000,000.

Boats Tossed Like Corks.
Lake Michigan, lashed into fury by a fierce northwest gale, tossed about like cork boats, then on its surface, and kept within harbors all other craft.

The blizzard played a number of freak pranks in Chicago, in one instance lifting the roof from a barn and dropping it on a slowly-moving locomotive on the tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad.

There was a general impeding of steam railway, elevated and surface passenger traffic in this city and the Northwest.

Several inches of snow fell in Milwaukee during the storm and the blizzard extended into Northern Michigan, where a fall of two feet was reported. A wind blowing 48 miles an hour accompanied the storm. The low temperature was significant over the storm area. Among reports of temperatures below freezing mark that were received in Chicago today were:

Galesburg, Ill., 15 above zero; DuBuque, Ia., 18 above; St. Louis, 17 above zero; Unionville, Mo., 16 above zero; Milwaukee, 18 above zero; Chicago, 18 above zero.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT SMARTLY DRESSED MEN WEAR THIS SEASON ASK BEN SELLING



BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER

Topelka, Kan., reports freezing weather all over the state, probably fatal to all small fruits and to thousands of apple and peach orchards. Des Moines fears the loss in Iowa may reach \$10,000,000.

Wisconsin Fears Worst Possible.
Madison, Wis., sends a report that practically all small fruits and early vegetables are killed and that thousands of trees may have been killed. Secretary True, of the State Board of Agriculture, fears the worst. It was 25 above zero at Springfield.

Immigration Will Reach 1,000,000.
WASHINGTON, April 23.—According to present indications immigration to the United States for the fiscal year, 1910, promises to reach 1,000,000 people. If the record for the first nine months of the year is maintained, the arrivals for March were 136,750 and for the nine months of the fiscal year 967,949. It has been several years since the immigration figures reached the million mark, the last year being 1907 when 1,255,349 aliens were admitted to the United States. Of the immigrants who were admitted during March 110,267 were male and 26,539 were female. Of these 8400 were German, 21,806 were from the South of Italy, 2203 were Polish and 8906 Greek.

Ohio Expects Freezing.
A message from Columbus says freezing weather is expected in Ohio to night. Strawberry raisers are burning fires tonight to save what was left of their crops after the cold weather.

Delegates Given Notice.
ALBANY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Wallace H. Struble, of Albany, who served as secretary of the big open river and freight rate convention here last week, and W. A. Shevman Jr., of

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MEN'S SUITS \$20 to \$40
YOUNG MEN'S SUITS \$15 to \$30
BOYS' SUITS \$5 to \$20

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BETA THETA PI BANQUETS
Portland Alumni Dine Active Chapter at Louvre.
The Portland alumni of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity banqueted the University of Oregon Chapter at the Louvre last night. There were about 50 members present and an enjoyable evening was passed, which included speeches and a general social time. There are about 40 Beta Alumni in the city and it is their custom to hold such smokers and banquets at regular intervals during the year. Beta Theta Pi numbers among its members some of the foremost men of the country. Beta Rho, the University of Oregon Chapter, was installed last Fall.

Good News
We Offer You Swift's Premium Hans and Bacon 2c per lb. less Than Saturday's Price.

Best Creamery Butter
70c Per Roll.
"The Store That Will Treat You Right."

Oregon City, who was then chosen secretary of the permanent Open River Association, today sent out notices to every delegate to the recent convention urging a big attendance at the first session of the permanent organization at Oregon City next Wednesday, April 27.

Dr. Wilson Delivers Lecture.
INDEPENDENCE, Or., April 23.—Dr. Clarence True Wilson, of Portland, addressed a large and appreciative audience in the Opera House last evening, on the subject of state wide prohibition.

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An Announcement

AS HAS been widely published by the press, the forty Eilers Stores in Western America have been consolidated into one concern, with headquarters in this city. This establishes in Oregon and the City of Portland the largest and financially strongest musical instrument house in America. From the day the first Eilers Store was opened at 107 First street, in this city, it has been our aim to make every customer a satisfied customer, and it has been our purpose to furnish more value to the piano-buyer than could any other concern. To accomplish this aim, we have established a system effecting truly wonderful savings which go to the benefit of our customers. The concentration of management and the absolute commercial independence that this consolidation makes possible will enable us to continue the carrying out of our policies in the future as we have in the past; and this in view of important music trade combinations of large magnitude in process of formation East, is of utmost concern to the piano-buying public of the great West. Furthermore, Eilers Music House will be enabled to branch out in the manufacture of pianos and other musical instruments, and industry still in infancy, but destined to become of great importance upon the Pacific Slope.

Our Sincerest Thanks
In making this announcement we feel that this opportunity should not be permitted to pass without a cordial expression of our sincere gratitude to innumerable kind friends and thousands upon thousands of customers who, by their generous patronage, their kindly assistance and their many expressions of good will, have enabled us to grow from humble beginnings to what the foremost New York musical journals have designated "the largest and foremost retail piano organization in the world." We hope that careful, courteous attention to every detail of our business may merit in the future the same liberal share of generous patronage that has been bestowed upon us in the past.
Portland, Oregon, April 24, 1910.
EILERS MUSIC HOUSE, Stores Everywhere.

The Record

The wonderful growth of this business has taken place within a period of little more than ten years. Everyone interested in pianos will ask the question: "How could a business of such tremendous magnitude be built in so short a time?" The answer is easily made. From the very beginning it has been the foundation principle of the Eilers houses to give to every piano buyer value for the money than any one else could. It is our aim to sell the highest-grade pianos, whether grand or upright styles, at the price regularly paid for a medium-grade piano, and to sell medium-grade pianos for the money usually spent for a poor piano. Poor pianos we will not sell under any circumstances. Every instrument we sell is backed by our binding guarantee, and we cannot guarantee what we know is poor. Every piano we sell we aim to make the means of creating new customers for us. If the Eilers Piano Stores have grown to be the greatest in America, it is because their methods are right. They have met the needs of every piano buyer, giving the best of service for the smallest amount of money.

A New York Tribute
Editorially the "Music Trades"—the official organ of the U. S. music trade—published in its last issue the following: "The three-million-dollar corporation of the various Eilers enterprises on the Pacific Coast is now fairly under way, and the benefits of the combination are becoming apparent. The combination includes forty stores and agencies scattered over several thousand miles of territory. Its aim is to reduce expenses and curtail the cost to the buyer, in which effort it ought to be successful, as the power of forty stores makes to the manufacturer a selling proposition that is most attractive. We have many larger manufacturing corporations in the music trade, but the Eilers Music House is the first dealer to build a business that required three million dollars as its capitalization."