FIGHT ABOUT VETO BITTER, BUT SHAM

Tories Filibuster in Defense of Lords to Save Face With People.

CONCLUSION IS FOREGONE

After Giving Ample Rope, Asquith Will Impose Closure and Force Vote—Home Rule Coming to Front as Live Issue.

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LONDON, April 8.—(Special.)—The fight over the veto bill began in earnest in the Commons this week and, though it was bitter and prolonged, it never lost the appearance of being a sham fight, which will end in the complete surrender of the Tories to the demands of the Liberal government.

For the present, however, the filibustering is carried on with such energy and determination by the Tories as to suggest that they are resolved to die in the last ditch. Their proposed amendments to the bill number several hundred, and even threaten to reach the thousands, and, in spite of the patient and lengthy debate on each amendment, the Ministry does not succeed in making any serious inroad on the ever-rising mountains of filibustering proposals.

Thus, after two days of debate on the amendments, the only result was that the number of pages of amendments was increased by two.

Closure Will Soon Come.

But even such a formidable array of obstinate hostility means little. The Tories have to save their face before their constituencies and to make at least a pretense of fighting a great battle in the last defense of the House of Lords.

The Ministers are biding their time. They do not apply the closure rule except in the mildest form; they do not prolong the hours of the sittings and they do not utter any threats, but everybody knows that this state of things cannot be allowed to last.

When the government is convinced that the Tories have given a sufficient indication to the country that filibustering is their settled policy, Asquith will come down with a drastic closure and will, if necessary, have all-night sittings and will force the veto bill through rapidly and mercilessly.

Tories Make Sham Fight.

The Tories will raise tremendous shouts of execration and will charge Asquith with gagging free debate, and perhaps there may be some angry and violent scenes in the House of Commons, but really the Tories themselves will be relieved at being liberated from the tedious and deadly toil of proposing senseless amendments and making futile appeals and delivering the same drearily monotonous speeches. Filibustering is a game which ultimately proves more tiresome to the filibusterer than to anybody else.

It is doubtful if the severe measures will be taken till after Easter. The different sections of the Government coalition meet the filibustering in the right way. Few liberals ever enter the debate and the labor members also are unusually silent.

But the Irish Nationalists were most tactful of all. Since the first night of the debate, neither Redmond nor any other of the Irish leaders have said one word. They sit silent, watching the game and determined not to play into the hands of the Tory filibusters by speaking.

This attitude of perfect self-restraint and self-suppression has immensely impressed everybody, and is an extraordinary example of the loyalty, unity, discipline and political sense of this party.

Party Is Sorely Divided.

In the meantime, the Tories still are divided as to their ultimate policy. One section still declares for the entire reconstruction of the House of Lords and another for a partial reconstruction, while the Morning Post voices the opinion of the still obstinate old Tories against all attempts to reform the chamber at all.

Lord Lansdowne's bill remains in the clouds, while he recovers from his illness, and when it is produced it is much more likely to make a confusion worse confounded than to help the Tories out of the impossible situation. Already A. J. Balfour is preparing for a retreat on the House of Lords, by falling back.

Ireland and home rule are being pushed every day more to the front as the real battleground between the parties, but here, also, though the fight is obstinate and prolonged, the general feeling everywhere is that it is a sham fight with a foregone conclusion.

Colonials Support Home Rule.

Preparations for a magnificent reception of the Colonial Premiers and the other colonial visitors, already are being made and most of the Prime Ministers will attend the dinner, being prepared for them by Redmond and the Irish party. While no speeches will be expected, these distinguished visitors, by their presence at such a banquet, will sufficiently indicate their already well-known and frequently pronounced stand in favor of home rule.

Everything, in short, seems now to be working towards making home rule inevitable, and already in private conversation the prophets are allotting places in the Parliament at College Green to the leading members of the Irish party, and there is keen competition, half seriously and half jokingly, among the several members for the place of Speaker in the first Irish Parliament since 1800.

COAST HAS GAINED 50,000

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for location in Oregon and Washington during previous years, we have had three such queries this year. Thousands of persons have come through Chicago on their way to the Pacific Northwest as a result of the colonist rates that have been offered and it has been necessary for us to add extra cars to our trains very frequently in order to accommodate patrons of this class. The record this Spring, I am confident, will be ahead of any heretofore established.

"A very large increase in the sale of tickets to Oregon has been noticeable and this addition to that class of business may be attributed in a considerable degree to the construction of the Oregon Trunk line, which runs through Central Oregon, beginning at Fall Bridge, Wash., and ending at Medford, Or. The fact that passenger business into Oregon and Washington is increasing during each colonist period is convincing evidence of the fact that wonderful opportunities are there for those who wish to take advantage of them. Cheap land upon which an abundance of crops can be raised and fruit grown at a large profit can now be had and the thousands who have been moving in that country this Spring realize what is an undisputed fact—the chances offered now will not be in existence within a few years."

Travel Grows Year by Year.

Statistics compiled by the officers of the Harriman roads show that during the two colonist rate periods in 1910 60,000 passengers took advantage of these fares to reach California points alone. In 1909 the total was 50,000.

An impetus to the colonist travel to California and the Pacific Northwest has been given by the Union Pacific road, which began operating a special train yesterday west from Omaha to cities on the ocean's edge. This particular service will continue until next Tuesday, passengers reaching San Francisco on the morning of the third day out, which is eight hours quicker than at present. The time to Los Angeles, Portland and others in California and the Pacific Northwest is materialy shortened. A feature of these trains is the serving of luncheons in the dining cars at prices ranging from 10 to 25 cents.

According to figures prepared by E. E. Wade, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, 2437 more persons went to California from the East on colonist tickets in the first 13 days the rates were in effect this Spring than took advantage of similar rates during the same period last year. Including business received from the Union Pacific, Mr. Wade's figures for the 13 days are 9523 passengers of this class, as compared with 7086 persons in 1910. According to railroad statisticians 80 per cent of persons having colonist rate tickets remain in California. Most of those coming, it is declared, are destined for interior points, where large numbers have purchased small farms. Ever since colonist rates to the Pacific Coast were inaugurated, it is asserted, there has been an increase in this kind of travel and a decrease in the percentage of those returning.

COLONISTS GO BY NIGHT

Homeseekers Miss Scenery but Save Time in Traveling.

Fred W. Graham, Western industrial and immigration agent for the Great Northern Railway, returned yesterday from a trip into Central Oregon and reported progress in all cities and towns of the interior.

Since the warm weather has set in many people travel to points off the railroad by night, thus saving considerable time, although not getting an opportunity to view the scenery. From 15 to 20 automobiles meet each incoming train at the Madras depot and take the tourists, colonists and homeseekers to their desired destinations.

When the Oregon Trunk starts operating through to Opal City, which will be next Sunday, that place will be made the base of supplies, and the travelers will be met there by automobile and stage. Opal City will be the southern terminus of the road until after the Crooked River bridge is completed.

FLEET MAY VISIT KIEL

GERMANY TO INVITE AMERICAN SQUADRON TO REGATTA.

Preparations for Reception Will Be Made by Admiralty Acting Under Government Orders.

BERLIN, April 8.—There is no doubt that an American squadron will be invited to visit Kiel during regatta week, June 19-25. The Foreign Office today communicated the purpose of the Government to the Admiralty, with the result that preparations for the reception and entertainment of the Americans be made.

A visit from the battleship squadron will be the more welcome because of the failure of the United States Atlantic fleet to call at German ports last Fall.

SHIP CONTRACT IN DOUBT

Turkey May Divide Work Between America and England.

LONDON, April 8.—It was learned today that the Turkish government is reconsidering its decision to award its naval construction contract to British shipbuilders and the matter may be brought up in Parliament. American builders are endeavoring to get the work.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The State Department has not yet been officially advised that the contract for the Turkish warships had been finally awarded to the British firm of Armstrong, Vickers & Co., as announced several days ago from London and officials are inclined to believe, in the light of today's dispatch, that possibly the contract has not yet been closed.

The American Government has been upholding the efforts of the Bethlehem Steel Works of Bethlehem, Pa., and the Palmer Shipbuilding & Iron Company, of England, to get the contract jointly.

The contract contemplates three battleships of 14,500 tons each and several smaller craft.

ART EXPERTS ARE WANTED

Panama-Pacific Fair Authorities to Leave Site to Committee.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—President Taft telegraphed to the Panama-Pacific Exposition Company yesterday that it was not within his authority to instruct the Federal fine arts committee to come to San Francisco to aid in the selection of a site for the fair. He informed the committee that he was acting on the advice of the Attorney-General in declining its request.

The committee at once decided to telegraph the President of the Fine Arts Commission, Daniel H. Burnham, inviting him and his colleagues as individuals to come here at the expense of the exposition company to give their advice on the site question.

Rich but Despondent Man Is Suicide

WASHINGTON, April 8.—James De Mum Smith, a wealthy coffee broker of St. Louis, was found drowned in a pond on the United States Soldiers' Home grounds here yesterday. It is believed that he committed suicide while despondent.

Smith was once one of the best-known amateur billiard players in America, and took part in several National tournaments.

The largest international sygienic exhibition that has ever been held will take place this Summer from May until October in Dresden, the attractive capital of Saxony. It will be open to every American article of first-class make.

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Fight Over $25,000,000 Property Is Settled.

CALIFORNIA HEIRS LOSE

Miller & Lux Litigation Involving 121 Persons Is Settled After Four Years' Contest—Decision Made in Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—(Special.)—Property rights of over $25,000,000 which have involved Henry Miller, multi-millionaire land owner and stockman of the wealthy firm of Miller & Lux, and the 121 heirs of the late Charles Lux in litigation for several years, were settled in a judgment handed down in the Superior Court today by Judge Seawell.

By the decree Miller & Lux, incorporated under the laws of Nevada and successors to Miller & Lux, a California corporation, is declared to be the owner of all of the property of the latter in California and Nevada and entitled to the possession, subject only to the terms of a deed of trust to the Mercantile Trust Company of San Francisco, made by the California corporation July 1, 1910, to secure the payment of a certain bond issue.

It is further declared that none of the heirs of the late Charles Lux or any other person or persons, except under the trust deed, other than the stockholders in the Miller & Lux Nevada corporation, has any right, title or interest in the property now decreed to be owned by the Nevada corporation.

For more than four years there has been a fight in the courts to prevent a transfer of the California interests of the multi-millionaire corporation of Miller & Lux to the Nevada corporation.

New Haven Has $200,000 Fire.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 8.—Fire early today swept away the Killiam block, a $200,000 loft building in the downtown factory section of this city. The stocks of four firms, which were tenant, were destroyed, and three tenement houses adjoining were burned.

The only watchman employed in the building was a bulldog, who had done faithful service in this capacity for several years. He discovered the blaze and gave the alarm by a series of barks which attracted the attention of passersby.

Young Burglar Fatally Shot.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Chicago's youngest burglar is at a hospital here, said to be dying from a bullet wound received early today, while trying to escape from a saloon, which, with seven companions, he had just ransacked. John Borta, 12 years old, was shot by Stanley Koblinski, owner of the saloon on the West Side. The saloonkeeper fired several shots in the darkness, and afterward six of the boys found young Borta with a bullet in his abdomen.

Letter Betrays Opium Smugglers.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—By seizing a note which a member of the Chinese crew of the British steamer Persia was attempting to hand to a fellow countryman on the dock, the custom authorities learned today that $5000 worth of opium had been landed since the vessel has been in this harbor. The note, translated from Chinese, complained that Leung Ah Chong, a local Chinese merchant, had failed to pay the writer, Lo Si, his commission on 95 five-tael cans of opium which the latter had landed during the past week.

Lo Si was placed under arrest and arraigned today on a charge of smuggling opium. The customs inspectors are now looking for Leung Ah Chong and two other Chinese said to be implicated in the landing of the contraband drug.

Climatic conditions in Argentina are such that over the greater part of the country stock can live the year round on pasturage.

Important Prescription For Stomach Troubles

This comes from reliable medical authority as being one of the most remarkable prescriptions of recent years as demonstrated in the results shown by its widespread use in hospital work and private practice. It is said to give immediate relief for distress after eating, belching, sour stomach, dizziness and headaches, and if used for sufficient time will eradicate the worst dyspepsia. "Two ounces essence of Pepsin; three ounces syrup of Ginger; one ounce Catandir compound. Mix and use one to two teaspoonfuls after each meal and at bed-time." Catandir always comes put up in one-ounce sealed packages. Any druggist should have it in stock by this time or he will quickly get it from his wholesale house. For best results mix the Pepsin and the Ginger and let stand about an hour before adding the Catandir. It will be more convenient to get the ingredients from the druggist and mix them at home. Those who have tried this are enthusiastic over its prompt and effective action.—Adv.

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