

LIBERAL PROGRAM WILDLY TANGLED BY NATIONALISTS

Budget Alone May Escape Deadlock, and That Only in Modified Form — Asquith's Days Apparently Numbered.

(United Press Special Wires.)
 London, Feb. 22.—The 40 parliamentary members of the Liberal party today joined with the Royalists in opposing the Liberal program outlined by Premier Asquith. Speaking for the party, George N. Barnes, the Laborite leader in Parliament, declared on the floor of the house that the Laborites would demand a limitation of the house of lords and the taking up of the veto bill before the consideration of the budget. Barnes spoke for Irish home rule and opposed an increase in naval expenditure.

An alliance between the O'Brien faction of the Nationalist party and the Conservatives was hinted at today in an interview had by William Stead with O'Brien. The leader of the smaller wing of the Nationalists is regarded as being unsympathetic with the policies of John Redmond. In his interview O'Brien said:

"It seems beyond the power of the opposing parties to remove the house of lords. I would suggest that the Irish party might get something from the Conservatives, and that it is better to obtain temporary semi-self government from them than to get nothing at all from the Liberals."

London, Feb. 22.—Premier Asquith is playing a lone hand. His downfall is predicted, even by his own Liberal press, unless he acquiesces in the demands of his party's former allies in the legislative program.

The premier is accused of tricking both his own party and the Nationalists and Laborites. It is charged that his promises regarding the order in which important legislation would be considered could not all be kept.

It is apparent that the Nationalists will not support the Liberal program in the legislative program. The Liberal leader has outlined, unless he agrees to immediate home rule for Ireland and the abolition of the veto power of the house of lords. The Nationalists apparently have the future of the present parliament in their hands. Even the Liberal press is supporting the attitude they have assumed.

The Liberal leaders had hoped that a compromise with the allied parties might be effected. The demand of John Redmond, leader of the Nationalists, however, has removed practically all hope of a crisis in the situation is believed to be imminent.

Balfour, Then Dissolution.

Several conferences among the Liberals were held today. The fact that what happened behind closed doors was not made public has resulted in a general prediction that unless Premier Asquith resigns he will be voted out of office within three weeks.

A rumor was current today that the premier was actually preparing his resignation. This, however, was denied promptly.

Should Asquith resign, it is thought the premiership would be offered to Arthur Balfour, a conservative. How long Balfour could retain control if he accepted is a matter of conjecture. It is not thought he could last more than a few days, after which parliament would probably be dissolved. If parliament were dissolved a new election, of course, would be necessary. In this event it is deemed almost certain that the Asquith wing of the Liberal party would be eliminated. This would make David Lloyd George, father of the British budget, the nominal leader of the Liberals.

Foreign Consuls Who Took Part in Rose Planting Exercises This Afternoon



Top row—Chile, A. J. Vejar; Japan, Y. Numano; Peru, Charles M. Barreto; Norway, Endre M. Cederberg.
 Bottom row—Great Britain, James Liddlaw; France, C. Henri Labbe; Italy, Charles F. Candrari; Sweden, Valdemar Lidell.

All Lost but the Budget.

Under the chaotic conditions prevailing, it is apparent that the only legislation possible is the passage of the budget. Even this, although some action concerning it in view of the disturbed condition of business growing out of the uncertainty surrounding its fate, is regarded as improbable.

It is certain now that the budget cannot pass without some Conservative support. Enough Nationalists, Laborites and Liberals will vote against it, if it is introduced ahead of the veto bill, to make its passage by the Liberals alone impossible.

In view of the tangled government finances caused by the budget controversy, it is imperative that some compromise be reached whereby the budget may be passed. It is probable that this will be effected.

After the budget is passed, persons who are conversant with the situation and who are able to interpret the signs declare confidently a deadlock will ensue. After the deadlock Lloyd George is expected to resign as chancellor of the exchequer and Winston Churchill the home secretaryship.

30 Inches at La Grande.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 La Grande, Or., Feb. 22.—At 12 o'clock today the local O. R. & N. office could not announce if traffic would be resumed on the Joseph branch this afternoon. The train has been here awaiting word from Wallawa, where drifts exist, to learn if the train could be sent out to the isolated Wallawa county with any degree of safety.

Traffic on the main line of the O. R. & N. was resumed today on the regular schedule, but it commenced to snow and blow again at noon and another steep is feared.

Knight commenced to move slowly this morning and there is general relief. It is more than probable that it is only temporary.

Thirty Inches of Snow Had Fallen Yesterday Afternoon Here During the Month of February and It Has Commenced Again Today with Less Than 12 Hours' Break Since Saturday Morning.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 22.—The worst storm of the year is on in the

Stock Suffers in Wasco.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 The Dalles, Or., Feb. 22.—A brisk east wind has prevailed here the past 24 hours and this morning the minimum temperature was 20 above. Snow has been falling steadily all forenoon and the local forecaster predicts snow for 12 hours to come. Train service has not been interfered with seriously, though all trains are running late on both the O. R. & N. and North Bank.

Heavy snow drifts on the Columbia Southern yesterday caused several hours delay in the arrival of the North Bound train. Stock in the southern part of Wasco county are suffering because of the cold and scarcity of food. In the vicinity of The Dalles there is sufficient hay to carry all stock or another month.

How to Make Better Cough Syrup Than You Can Buy

A full pint of cough syrup—enough to last a family a long time—can be made by the recipe given below in five minutes, for only 54 cents. Simple as it is, there is nothing better at any price. It usually stops a deep-seated cough in 24 hours, and is a splendid household remedy for whooping cough, colds, hoarseness, bronchitis, etc.

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Strained honey can be used instead of the syrup, and makes a very fine honey and pine tar cough syrup.

Some of the best known druggists here, as Laue-Davis Drug Co. (distributors) and others think so well of the above prescription that they guarantee it to give perfect satisfaction or refund the purchase price.

OREGON PHIZ PAINTED WHITE BY WEATHER MAN

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 The flakes were very fine and it is not piling up. According to the official weather observer, 15 inches of snow has fallen during this month.

It is impossible now to predict the extent of the damage. Unless high winds prevail, causing the snow to drift there will be little danger of crops being harmed. As each day shows no indications of a break, stockmen are growing more and more alarmed, as the limited supply of hay will not carry the cattle and sheep much further.

All trains today are delayed but so far as learned, none are actually blocked.



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The Quickest action is necessary, however, for at the present rate the remaining fine values, which have been unmercifully reduced, will surely be snapped up in short order. Arrange to come the first thing tomorrow morning. (Store closed this afternoon—Washington's birthday).

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valley today, and while the mercury did not reach the record mark of the winter, the clouds are hanging low and a bitterly cold wind is blowing. The mercury dropped to 11 degrees last night and accompanying conditions made the night the worst of the year. There is between six and eight inches of snow on the ground.

Crops are perfectly protected by the covering of snow and little apprehension is felt by the farmers. Train service has not been hampered, as the snow is not deep enough to cause any delay.

The danger here is when the thaw comes. It is reported that the snow in the mountains is nearly two feet deep at the headwaters of the streams flowing through the valley.

Worst Day at Hood River.
 (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Hood River, Or., Feb. 22.—With a cold wind from the east today, a heavy snow and the thermometer at 18 above zero, Hood River is having some of the

Balmy Skies at Medford.
 (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Medford, Or., Feb. 22.—Typical southern Oregon weather prevails here today. The skies are balmy and a touch of spring is in the air. Temperature at 8 a. m. was 49. By 9 o'clock it ranged around 40.

Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—A steady snow-storm settled over the city early today. The temperature is several degrees below the freezing point. Snow had fallen to a depth of about 4 inches by 12 o'clock with no indications of cessation.

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