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GOVERNMENT WINS VICTORY

First Test Vote in Parliament Shows Liberals Have Small Majority.

DOUBTFUL WHETHER THEY CAN CARRY BIG MEASURE

House of Commons Rejects Austen Chamberlain's Fiscal Amendment by Vote of 285 to 254—No Cross Voting Showing Intention of Discontented to Overthrow Ministry—Laborites Vote With Government—Asquith Supporters Encouraged.

London, Feb. 25.—Premier Asquith today surrendered to the new alliance of the radicals of his own party with the nationalists and laborites and agreed to introduce the veto bill and budget measures simultaneously. The premier had originally planned to force a vote on the veto bill, before the budget was taken up. The action of Asquith is taken to indicate he already has the assurance of the king to appoint enough liberal peers to pass the veto measure, if the Lords reject the bill. If the king fails to do this, the cabinet will resign without passing either the budget or salary list. This would paralyze all business.

London, Feb. 25.—Members of parliament today have learned that the liberals can muster a sufficient vote on minor measures to secure their passage in the commons but the slender majority has aroused speculation as to whether they can carry out the policies of the government. The first test came yesterday when Austen Chamberlain's fiscal amendment was rejected by a margin of 31 votes. The result proved encouraging to Asquith's supporters. Incidentally, the laborite members voted with the government. The liberals now believe the ministry will weather the storm of coming legislation.

Division was taken amid a scene of great excitement, and the figures announced were received with tremendous opposition cheering. The premier having given notice that he would move on Monday that government business take precedence over all other business until March 24, the house adjourned.

The government's existence now will depend upon the production of a plan satisfactory to the nationalists and the radicals for dealing in a drastic manner with the house of lords veto.

Freeman's Journal of Dublin this morning said:

"It cannot be stated with too much emphasis that the Irish party has not budged a hair's breadth from the policy which John Redmond has laid down. Unless the government speedily produces a veto scheme and pressed it to an issue, the Irish party will enter upon a policy of vigorous opposition to the government with the result that the ministry either will be defeated in a few days or will be contented to eke out a contemptible existence by the aid of Balfour's supporters."

Freeman's Journal further explains that it was not out of consideration for the government that the nationalists abstained from voting, but because they did not desire to commit themselves to a tariff reform or to take a step that would divert the issue of the next election from the house of lords to the tariff question. Meetings of liberal and radical groups daily are sending deputations to Premier Asquith urging him to take a strong line on the veto question.

BRITISH TO BE NEUTRAL IN PRESENT TIBETAN CRISIS

London, Feb. 24.—No information had reached the British government as to how the Tibetan crisis was precipitated, but British agents at Cyantse and other posts in Tibet have been ordered to observe strict neutrality.

The advance guard of the Chinese mounted infantry entered L'Hass on February 17 and the Dalai Lama fled that night. He expected to reach Darjiling next Sunday. According to advices received by the foreign office, the Buddhist's pope was accompanied by three ministers and 100 men. The Tibetan station came up in the house of lords today. Lord Morley, secretary of state for India, said:

"The government has opened communications with the Chinese government in regard to the unexpected and interesting situation, but nothing has developed. The Dalai Lama will be invited to occupy the Warren Hastings

home in Calcutta and be treated with the courtesy and respect due to the ruler of high spiritual authority and the object of veneration to many millions of his majesty's subjects."

STRIKERS WOULD WED.

Shirt Waist Girl Strikers in New York Write to Dayton Bachelors.

Dayton, Wash., Feb. 25.—Striking shirt waist workers of New York city seek evidently to mitigate their troubles in marriage. The Blue Mountain Bachelors' club, an organization of farmers of this locality, yesterday received a letter from one of the fair strikers containing a long list of names of eligibles for "Cupid's dart." All of the applicants, stated the communication will be willing to correspond with a view to early marriages. The letter was apparently written in seriousness and inferred that most of the applicants were good looking and used to hard work. Members of the club are not to overlook these valuable considerations and the letter will be answered.

MOTHER KILLS SON IN ACCIDENT WHILE HUNTING

Los Angeles, Feb. 25.—Lewellin Gushman, aged 14, died today from the effects of a shot fired by his mother, who is a widow. Mrs. Gushman and her son were hunting in Antelope valley late yesterday when the gun carried by the mother was accidentally discharged, the contents entering the boy's leg. He died early today from loss of blood. When told of her son's death Mrs. Gushman collapsed and is now in a precarious condition at the hospital.

ARRESTED FOR REFUSAL TO STOP DRINKING

Everett, Feb. 25.—The first arrest under the new law was made near Arlington when F. W. White was taken from a train after refusing to quit drinking liquor. He was fined \$5 and costs and today on his failure to pay, he was taken to jail.

BODY OF SECOND SOLDIER FOUND

DISCOVERED WHERE CORPSE OF PRIVATE DUNN LAY

Mystery About Fort Worden Thickens—Marks of Violence Indicate Murder—Several Soldiers Have Disappeared in Like Manner.

Port Townsend, Wash., Feb. 25.—With the finding of the body of another soldier, this city and Fort Worden are excited today. The body was found near the point where private Robert Dunn's corpse was discovered last week. During the past year and a half soldiers have repeatedly disappeared a few hours after pay day. Both in Dunn's case and on the second body there are marks of violence and officers at the fort believe the men were murdered.

NO DANGER OF TROUBLE.

Secretary Knox Frowns Down on Idea of Fighting With Japanese.

Washington, Feb. 24.—"There's not the slightest likelihood of any trouble with Japan any more than with any other country with which we have excellent relations of friendship."

This statement was made today by Sec. Knox. The secretary of state expressed great surprise that notice should be taken of trifles. Secretary Knox continued:

"Mr. Shaw's speech was obviously nothing but an argument for ship subsidy, and what General Bell said made no reference to the trouble in the far east, and was quite evidently an ordinary argument for increased appropriations for the army."

"As for the San Francisco report, everybody knows that our immigration arrangement with Japan is working entirely satisfactorily. If, in spite of this, agitators will talk, no serious minded person should be disturbed."

SNOW PLOW AND CREW MAROONED WITHOUT FOOD

Tacoma, Feb. 25.—A Milwaukee snow plow and a hundred and fifty men were marooned in the mountains near Keechelus today and the crew is without provisions. The Northern Pacific laborers left on the east-bound train this morning with food loaded on hand sleds for them. No trains are moving on the Milwaukee through the Cascades and few on the Northern Pacific.

Jeffries Starts Road Work.

Los Angeles, Feb. 25.—Jeffries started road work today in addition to his gymnasium work out. It is believed he will train at the ranch of Burbank. A crowd of local admirers have raised fifty thousand to bet on Jeffries even money.

Industrial Worker Found Guilty.

Spokane, Feb. 25.—C. L. Fillingier was found guilty last night by the jury in the famous industrial workers conspiracy case and Elizabeth Flinn not guilty. Fillingier will appeal. The penalty is a year in prison.

CONNERS BOWS BEFORE MURPHY

Keeps His Scalp But is Shorn of Most of His Locks by Tammany Chieftain.

IS STILL CHAIRMAN OF DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

In Meeting Yesterday, Manages to Save His Official Head But Agrees to Resign in April and Never Again to be Candidate—Retracts Harsh Statements Against Murphy—Meeting Was Very Short One.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 25.—William J. Conners made good his prediction that he would still be chairman of the democratic state committee after its meeting yesterday. In saving his political scalp, however, he lost most of his hair.

Charles F. Murphy, Tammany chieftain, whose complete mastery of the situation was realized by no one better than Conners himself, granted the Buffalo leader a brief political reprieve in the interest of party harmony after Conners had agreed to resign in April and repudiate his recent harsh statements concerning Mr. Murphy and the alleged auctioning of judgeships in New York, which he declared, were the result of his "infirmities of temper" and were unjustified in fact.

Chairman Conners was re-elected for a two years' term on April 17, 1908. He announced yesterday "that under no conceivable circumstances would he be a candidate for re-election."

Gets Little Thanks.

"The office of chairman," he said, "is a thankless and difficult job, anyway," and he desired to give more time and attention to his family and to his business than he had been able to do since he accepted the responsibilities of leadership four years ago. He promised, however, to work hard to uphold the hands of his successor and to aid in restoring the democratic party to power.

The meeting lasted less than 15 minutes. After the compromise, which was arranged at a personal conference between Chairman Conners and Leader Murphy, all fear of a clash at the meeting vanished.

Resolutions were adopted and the meeting adjourned. The first resolution was in favor of a federal income tax. The second place the committee on record as favoring the direct primary bills introduced by Senator Grady and Assemblyman Frisbie. The third declared the republicans won the last national election upon the platform pledge to revise the tariff downward, but that in spite of that pledge "the recent revision has in no way removed from the shoulders of the great mass of people the great burden of indirect taxation."

BANK LOOTER RETURNS HOME AND SURRENDERS

Boston, Feb. 25.—George Coleman, accused of looting the bank of Cambridge of nearly two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, was arrested here today upon his return to surrender. The bank is being investigated by the bank examiners. Many Harvard students have their money tied up in the bank.

Mrs. H. E. Bickers, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lee Teutsch for several days, left this morning for her home in Salem.

WELL KNOWN PENDLETON MAN MISSING SINCE MONDAY

Jack Peters, a well-known Pendleton character has been missing for three or four days and no trace of him can be found by anxious relatives and friends. Fears are now being entertained for his safety.

Peters, who is an uncle of Attorney John Lowry, has been a resident of this city for a number of years, having made his home with Lowry on West Webb street. Recently he has been employed as a section laborer in the Pendleton section crew of the Northern Pacific, of which crew W. A. Siddons is foreman. Monday was payday on the Northern Pacific and along with the other local employees, Peters drew his pay. Since that day he has not been seen.

While the missing man was addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor and has been known to go on sprees lasting three or four days at a time, he has never been known to leave

POLICE CURB THE STRIKERS

Great Troupe of Armed Officers Check Spirit of Vengeful Rioters.

NOT MUCH DANGER OF BIG SYMPATHY STRIKE

Question to Be Settled Finally Next Sunday—Churchmen Want Difficulties Submitted to Board of Arbitration—Strikers Approve Proposal—Bots Put Soap on Tracks But Pay Heavily for Their Fun.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—Although a general strike, in sympathy with the street car employes, appeared remote today, the question will be settled finally next Sunday at a great mass meeting. The presence of armed troops along the lines today prevented any semblance of rioting and cars moved with frequency. Indications are that the authorities will be able to hold the situation in hand.

Officials of the company refuse to comment on the request from the committee of churchmen that the grievances of the strikers be submitted to a board of arbitration. The request will be referred to the directors of the company.

Strikers Approve Proposal.

This proposal of arbitration made by representatives of 25 religious denominations, including the leading clergymen of the city, has been approved by the strikers, who suggest, however, that one of the seven members of the proposed board of arbitration be a representative of the organized labor.

Only one-third as many arrests were made by the police yesterday as Wednesday—when 78 persons were taken into custody. Among those arrested was the son of a constable in the office of the committing magistrate. He confessed he was a member of a band of youths who manufactured a quantity of explosive caps and then drew lots to see who should place them on the track. He drew the fateful straw and was arrested when placing the explosives on the tracks.

Track Rails Are Soaped.

A new and dangerous method of showing their antipathy to the company was adopted by crowds of boys in the uptown district late yesterday afternoon, when soap was used on the rails.

For 15 minutes bricks and stones and other missiles were thrown into one car, breaking windows and throwing the passengers into a panic.

A detail of policemen gave chase to the rioters, who fled. Soon afterwards the same crowd soaped a down grade and the next car slid down the slippery rails, but came to a halt before crashing into the preceding car.

Power Employes May Strike.

Plans for crippling the service of the company by a strike of the power house employes were discussed at a meeting of the stationary engineers and firemen's union yesterday. These men were in session until after midnight.

Reports that the power houses of the company would be attacked resulted in detaching the State Fencibles to guard these structures. Orders that they were not to fire having been withdrawn. These young soldiers say they will redeem themselves from their recent ignominious fiasco.

The company posted a notice in each of its 19 barns that all employes who have remained loyal to the company and who had become incapacitated by injuries received in the strike

disorders will be cared for the rest of their lives.

At the company's office there was a long line of unemployed men seeking positions as conductors and motormen. The company is advertising for 2,000 men.

It is offering 22 1-2 cents an hour with a guarantee of an early increase.

Would Employ Philadelphians. The company states that it prefers Philadelphians seeking permanent employment and does not desire to engage men who will work only during the strike. Many in the long line of men were engaged.

Many boy rioters arrested in the last few days were taken into the juvenile court yesterday. They were, for the most part a pennant lot, and a majority paid dearly for the fun they thought they were having in attacking cars. All promised to be good, but the promises had no weight with the court and fines varying from \$5 to \$20 were inflicted. Some of the boys will stay 30 days in the house of detention and others until the strike is over.

There has been no interference with the transportation of the mails over the lines of the Transit company. So far as reported, there have been only two instances of the blockading of cars carrying mails between substations and the city.

TERRIBLE POVERTY CAUSES HINDUS TO SEEK AMERICA

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Terrible, heartrending poverty is the sole incentive of the great hordes of Hindus who are seeking entrance to America, according to Rajah Rao, who is on his way from Bombay to Cambridge, to enter Harvard. He said: "That same poverty is the reason you never see many women among the Hindus coming to this country. It is about all the men can do to secure money necessary to pay their fare to the United States."

BUT SLIGHT DANGER OF FLOOD WATERS

RIVER IS AT STANDSTILL THROUGHOUT THE DAY

All Indications Fail to Augur Coming of Flood—Wild Horse Creek Is Quiet—No Damage Anticipated.

That the "old timers" knew what they were talking about when they said there was absolutely no danger of a flood is indicated by the condition of the water in the Umatilla river today. While the water rose about a foot yesterday afternoon and last night it has been absolutely at a standstill all day. At 8 o'clock this morning the marker at the Main street bridge registered five feet and four inches and at 3 o'clock this afternoon the water stood at the same mark.

In addition to the fact that the snow is going off gradually, there is comparatively little if any frost in the ground and large quantities of the snow water is being absorbed. This is responsible for the lack of any considerable quantity of water in Wild Horse, a creek which heretofore has contributed largely to past high waters.

The conditions under which the snow is going are ideal for all concerned. There will be a few hours when the thermometer will go up to above 50 and the balmy breeze starts the water to flowing in all directions. Then the wind will swerve to the north, the temperature will fall and the thaw will be temporarily checked. In this manner the greater part of the moisture is being conserved for the benefit of the grain and grass crops.

The railroads have so far experienced no difficulty whatever and the trains are running nearer on time than they have for many months. If the conditions of the past 36 hours continue to prevail during the remainder of the week the snow will have disappeared and no ill effects will be felt.

Pinchot Before Committee.

Washington, Feb. 25.—An immense crowd was attracted to today's session of the Ballinger investigation by the report that Pinchot would take the stand. All participants are on hand except Ballinger.

Horace Jones, the former special agent of the land office, was called to the stand. He said he told Ballinger that Special Agent Love, who was associated with him in the Alaskan case, seemed half-hearted when the investigation was in progress because friends of his were claimants. Ballinger agreed with him, the witness stated, approving the criticism of Love.

Shoot Policeman, Jailed.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 25.—Following his arrest early this morning, Will Martin, a negro, 22 years old, shot and killed R. M. Ragan, a policeman. Martin was taken to police headquarters and within a few minutes 75 men gathered. Officers secretly took their prisoner to the county jail, which is surrounded by an iron barricade. Officers are guarding the jail.

GORDON MAKES UNIQUE ADIEU

Venerable Mississippi Senator Bids Farewell to United States Senate.

ENTIRE BODY LISTENS WITH RAPT ATTENTION

Retiring Solon Aims His Views on Many Questions—Pities the Millionaire and Believes Rockefeller is Good Man—Got Rid of His Surplus Money Easily—Pays Tribute to Lee and Grant.

Washington, Feb. 25.—What Senator Dewey characterized as a farewell unique in the senate's history, was delivered yesterday by James Gordon, senator from Mississippi, who said good bye to the senators with whom he had served for 60 days.

Practically the entire senate listened with rapt attention to the address of the venerable Mississippian.

Beginning with the statement that the deadlock in Mississippi had been broken and that Mr. Percy had been chosen to take his place, Colonel Gordon said that he had felt a desire to express his feelings toward the senate before returning to his home in Mississippi.

He then told how, when five years old, he had been presented with a toy board checked over with different objects, some good and some bad. One of these objects was the capitol of the United States, and his mother had told him, he said, that if he would be good and would live a correct life, he might some day hope to sit in the seat of the big man who was pictured there.

Believes His Mother.

"She had never told me a lie, and I knew that what she said was true. I knew that I would some day occupy the seat of that big man, and God helping me, I got there yesterday." Referring to the fact that for a time yesterday he had occupied the seat of the presiding officer.

"I was born a multi-millionaire," said Colonel Gordon, "but I was never happy until I got rid of my surplus money. I spent much of it on my slaves and the rest of my funds I spent like a gentleman and got rid of the entire encumbrance."

"I have listened with interest to the speeches here, and the more I hear of them, the sorer I am for the millionaires. Why, if there is a fellow in the United States that I am sorry for, it is Rockefeller. He can't go for the street with one of his grandchildren unless he is afraid that some one might kill him. Why, I know that he loves one of those children much better than he loves all his money."

Rockefeller Good Man.

"I think Mr. Rockefeller is a good man. I see his employes speak well of him, and I am told that he never had a strike. I am told also that he has given much money to churches and education. Now don't suppose that everybody will like that, but those who don't like it, can put it in their pipes and smoke it."

"I'd like Mr. Rockefeller to come down to Mississippi and run his pipe lines through my land. He could have right-of-way for all the lines he wanted, for I know that in my time coal oil has been reduced from 40 cents to 10 cents per gallon."

Referring to the fact that he had been a confederate soldier, Mr. Gordon said:

Fought, Bled and Skedaddled. "I fought and bled, but I did not die. However, I skedaddled frequently." He then told of some of his exploits in the war and how he had captured General Coburn of Indiana and General Shafter. Shafter, he said, had fired at him five times in the confederate charge, without hitting him. He said that whenever the union and confederate soldiers met they were always good friends. As asserting that he loved the negro, he declared that he wanted Mason and Dixon's line obliterated from the map of the United States, because he did not want any more strife.

"A few blab mouthed people down our way talk differently," he said, "but they are so insignificant that they are not worth cursing, they are not worth wasting invectives on."

Paying a tribute to soldiers of both the north and south, Colonel Gordon said:

"You may as well try to storm the heights of heaven and pluck the diadem from Jehovah's crown as to take away from either of them any of the glory of the records of the two men who stood under the tree at Appomattox and brought the war to a close."

"This is the finest body of men that I ever associated with," he continued, speaking of the senate itself, and he beamed upon his colleagues.

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