

RESIGN IS HEARD IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

LLOYD GEORGE AGAIN WAS SUSTAINED

Cabinet Secretariat Was Under Fire—Vote to Cut Cost Defeated 205 to 111.

London, June 13—Premier Lloyd George successfully resisted another powerful attack in the house of commons today when a proposal to reduce the vote for the cost of his cabinet secretariat was rejected by 205 to 111 amid scenes of excitement. The majority was considerably smaller than customary and occasioned shouts of "resign."

The secretariat consists of the premier's private secretaries with a large staff, costing about £33,000 yearly. It is an outgrowth of the war and in the opinion of the opposition parties is no longer needed, giving the premier too great an executive control, especially in the domain of foreign policy, besides destroying the traditional cabinet secrecy as the members of the secretariat now attend cabinet meetings and take notes.

Asquith and Chamberlain,

Mr. Asquith attacked the system mainly on this ground, inasmuch as it destroyed the confidential nature of cabinet councils.

Austen Chamberlain, defending the vote, said he had had experience with both systems and greatly preferred the new one. He would not think of returning to the old unbusiness-like practice, when the only record of cabinet discussions was a brief letter, perhaps from the premier to the King.

Mr. Lloyd George, in discussing the subject, predicted that no responsible minister in the future would cast away this new machine. He denied that the secretariat exercised mysterious functions or usurped the functions of parliament or enabled the prime minister to over-ride the parliament's decisions.

The secretariat had nothing to do with politics, it had no control over foreign policy. He asserted that the world wanted new methods, and ridiculed the idea that there should be a return to the old system, which had plunged the world into war.

METHODIST CONFERENCE AT SACKVILLE

Sackville, June 13—At the Methodist Conference today, the afternoon was taken up with the work belonging to the first session of the ministerial conference. This work has chiefly to do with reviewing and confirming the action to be sustained to the conference during the next year by all ministers and probationers for the ministry. The conference opened at 2.30 with a half hour devotional period conducted by the president. In the matter of who should be allowed a superannuated relation this year a committee on conference relations was on motion nominated by the president as follows: Rev. Messrs. George F. Dawson, C. Flemington, W. C. Rice, George Ayers, P. A. Fitzpatrick, L. J. Wason, J. Heaney with George M. Young of Fredericton, conference representative of the superannuation fund board. This committee will report at a later session to be called by the chair. The minutes of the several districts on the matter of the standing of the probationers within their bounds were called for and after being reviewed by the conference were so ordered except in two or three cases where minor changes are made.

The record in the case of probationers is as follows: St. John district reported Chester Nelson Brown, M. A., as having completed his probation. The district therefore moved that the conference arrange to carry out the ordination of Mr. Brown to the ministry when that order is reached in the conference programme. A second probationer who was reported as having finished his course was George A. D. Elliott.

KING GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET CARRIED BY EIGHTEEN MAJORITY

NINE PROGRESSIVES AND ONE INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED TARIFF—DRAYTON'S AMENDMENT REJECTED—HOUSE SAT INTO EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING—MANY LATE SPEAKERS.

Ottawa, June 14—By a majority of eighteen, the government at 1.20 this morning carried its budget proposals. Nine Progressives and one Independent voted with the government the vote standing:

For the budget, 119. Against, 101. Gov. majority, 18. The Drayton amendment was rejected by a vote of 167 to 44, a majority of 123 for the government.

Several Progressives did not vote, although in their seats. This fact was called to the attention of the speaker by Mr. Meighen, who called on them to vote. The division as so modified was then announced as: Against the amendment, 169; for 51; majority against, 118.

The main budget motion was then carried by eighteen the vote standing: For, 119, against, 101.

Nine Progressives and Mr. Neill (Ind., Comox-Alberni) voted with the government.

Announcement of the vote was received with a tremendous outburst of Liberal applause, government members flinging papers at each other in their enthusiasm.

The vote on the main motion came after a division on the Drayton amendment which censures Liberals for "flagrant violation" of pledges amounting to "disregard of political honor" tending to lower the standard of public life." This was declared defeated by a majority of 118 as follows: against, 169; for 51; majority, 118.

The amendment was supported solidly by Conservatives. Liberals as solidly voted against it.

DIVISION IN PROGRESSIVE RANKS

As in the vote on the main motion there was a division in the Progressive ranks, five of their number voting for the amendment and the remainder against it. The actual vote on the Drayton amendment was reached only after a curious incident. When the house divided, several Progressives did not vote either way, among them being Miss McPhail, the woman member. The result of the vote was announced as: For, 44; against, 167; majority against, 123.

Immediately Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition, drew the attention of the speaker to the Progressives' abstention and emphasized that they had acted contrary to the rules of the house.

"They did not vote and they were in their seats when the vote was taken?" the speaker queried.

"Yes," Mr. Meighen replied, "and they are not on the whips' lists as being paired."

The speaker ruled that those in their seats and not paired were obliged to vote.

"No loafing on the job," called out a voice from the government side, the house roaring with laughter.

Galleries Crowded

Ottawa, June 13—With practically every member in attendance, with every seat and aisle in the galleries filled, with deeply interested men and women, with hundreds of disappointed spectators turned away because of the lack of seating space, the house of commons tonight faced the dying hours of the budget debate, and waited with apparent impatience for the division. While speakers received the ordinary attention, the greater interest at midnight centred in the lobbies galleries and corridors where speculation as to the outcome of the vote is rife.

Members who were called away from the capital during the last few days, or had returned to their homes were either in their places or rushing here on the evening trains.

Spectators Settle Down

Spectators have settled themselves to stay as late as necessary, the bright clothes of the ladies and the tier on tier of faces giving an added animation to the galleries which, during the past few days, have been almost continuously empty. Here and there in the galleries devoted to members of the two houses and in the special galleries were groups in evening dress, evidence that much of the social life of the capital is in attendance. In the galleries set aside for representatives of foreign countries, the consuls-general of the United States, China and Japan watch the proceedings.

The debate today was being largely devoted to clearing up the last few arguments. This afternoon Hon. A. K. Maclean (Liberal, Halifax) held the floor for slightly over two hours. He declared that the limit of taxation had been nearly reached in Canada and

that relief must come through reduction in public expenditure. A resumption of normal trading was needed. Speaking for his own province of Nova Scotia he did not believe there was any hope that Nova Scotia would develop under a protective tariff. The people of that province, however, were in a minority in the dominion and must accept what the majority demanded.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie followed to criticize Hon. Mr. Fielding's new tariff proposal with regard to depreciated foreign currency. The Canadian market would still be flooded by German goods. Mr. Guthrie also protested against the abolition governing "dumping" and the marking act.

Member For Red Deer

In the evening Alfred Speakman (Progressive, Red Deer) criticized both the budget and the Conservative amendment. The budget proposals would increase the cost of living and the cost of production, he declared. Further the sales tax as a means of raising revenue, was founded on a wrong conception. There was, he said just one way of building up the population and that was with native Canadians. But at the present time, people were penalized for having children simply meant the payment of additional taxes.

Mr. Denis of Joliette

J. J. Denis (Liberal, Joliette) declared that the Progressives, must show a spirit of compromise. They should try to see the viewpoints of representatives of other parts of the country. Mr. Denis congratulated the government on assisting tobacco growers.

The Afternoon Discussion

Resuming the budget debate in the house today, Hon. A. K. Maclean (Liberal, Halifax) said the modifications of the original proposals made

KICKED LANTERN AND MADE ESCAPE

Keene, N.H. June 14—Cheshire County officials are conducting a search for Gilbert Burns, alias Gilbert Barnes of Westminster, Vt., who escaped from Deputy Sheriff Frank A. Spaulding late Saturday night by kicking over a lantern in his barn, leaving the officer groping about in the dark in search of his charge.

Burns had been arrested on a charge of stealing some chickens in Walpole, and the deputy sheriff took Burns to his barn to allow him to feed his stock before shutting him up for the night.

Burns is 35 years old, 5 ft 8 in tall and weighs 140. He has a smooth face and light complexion. He wore blue checked overalls, a faded coat, a cap and tan shoes.

STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURES

Public Works Department Calls for Tenders for Four Bridges—Spans Vary in Length.

The Provincial Department of Public Works is calling for tenders for steel superstructures for four bridges the substructures of which are now under construction. The bridges are: Bass River Mouth Bridge, Parish of Bathurst, Gloucester County; Nigadoo River Mouth Bridge, Parish of Beresford, Gloucester County; Bocabee River Mouth Bridge, Parish of St. Patrick, Charlotte County; Musquash River Mouth Bridge, Parish of Musquash, St. John County. The spans vary in length from 93 feet to 181 feet.

TRAGEDY WAS DISCOVERED IN A LIGHTHOUSE

Providence, R. I., June 14—Mrs. Nellie Smith, thirty, wife of Ellsworth Smith, keeper of Conimicut light in Narragansett bay, administered poison to her two sons, two and five respectively and then took poison herself. The younged boy and the mother are dead and the elder boy is in a critical condition.

After a year of desolate existence in the lighthouse, Mrs. Smith had grown morose. Several times she had importuned her husband to take her away from the place.

Smith had business in Providence and while he was absent the woman finding his keys which he had forgotten, opened the medicine cabinet and found the poison. She told the children it was candy.

The absence of the keeper from the light and the consequent failure of the light to flash was brought to the attention of the authorities at Newport and relayed to New York so that a warning to shipping could be broadcast.

KID LAUGHED, BURGLAR PLAYED

New York, June 14—With her father and his clerk bound and gagged nearby, 3 year-old Sarah Auster laughed merrily today as one bandit played with her, while three others rifled her father's jewelry store on 1st av. She gave up the game reluctantly when the four fled with several thousand dollars in loot.

Gabriel Auster his clerk and his daughter were in the store when a well dressed young man entered. While the proprietor was showing him a watch three other "customers" entered. One robber displayed a gun and the jeweler got this order:

"Get into the back room, quick." The little girl watched with interest while the bandits bound and gagged the pair. Then one robber said: "You come and play with me kiddie"

CHURCHILL IS SATISFIED WITH NEGOTIATIONS

MINORITY RIGHTS BEING GUARDED

Bomb-Throwing in Belfast—German Ship Intercepted on Way to Ireland.

London, June 13—At the close of the Irish negotiations today, Colonial Secretary Churchill, in behalf of the British signatories of the treaty, expressed complete satisfaction at the progress made. The negotiations continued throughout the day, concluding with a conference this evening at which Mr. Churchill, Michael Collins, Arthur Griffith and the southern unionists headed by Lord Middleton were present.

Today's proceedings chiefly concerned the devising of a means where by the interests of the Irish minorities will be adequately safeguarded under the new constitution. There are still a number of technical details to be settled and the conferences will be continued tomorrow.

Mr. Collins and Kevin O'Higgins, leaving Mr. Griffith and Hugh Kennedy here for the purpose of proceeding with the conversations.

The members of the Irish provisional parliament, which has been summoned for July 1, will not be required to take the oath prescribed by the treaty, Winston Spencer Churchill, announced in the house of commons this afternoon although the ministers of the provisional government will be required to do so under the terms of the treaty.

As for the members of the parliament of the Free State, it is explained, they would have to take the oath.

The colonial secretary made his announcement in answer to questions concerning the Irish provisional government.

Robert Munro, secretary for Scotland, replying to heated questions with regard to the meetings which Eamonn De Valera proposes to address this week, declared that the government had no power to prevent the meetings.

Bombs Thrown in Belfast

Belfast, June 13—Incendiary bombs were thrown in two motion picture theatres in the Falls Road tonight, one of them being badly damaged. Crowds were waiting for admission at the time.

Five men entered the Gorey (Wexford) branch of the National bank this morning and held up the staff.

The manager and his wife in their own apartments hearing the words "hands up" called for help from a window. Two of the men were captured by the police as they emerged from the bank with their pockets stuffed with notes. The other three were arrested inside.

The German steamer Stella Maris bound from Hamburg to Cork, was stopped by the British warship, Danae last night. Two shots were fired across the bow of the steamer. Today she was towed to a shipyard for a search of her cargo.

RAILWAY WAGES TO COME DOWN

Montreal, June 13—Notice has been given by the Canadian Railway Association to the representatives of the maintenance of way employees that a downward revision of wages paid to such workers is in contemplation. The association is composed of the Canadian National, the Grand Trunk the Canadian Pacific and the various smaller corporations and branch lines of United States organizations. The proposal of the companies is to reduce wages from three to five cents an hour from the present rates paid to the various classes of labor affected. This means a reduction of approximately of ten per cent and would bring the rates into line with reduced wages for similar classes of labor in the United States coming into effect July 1.

The notice actually given by the association to the men's representatives will make the reductions effective as from June 10 next. The men affected include a total of about 30,000 men in Canada or about twenty per cent of the working force of the lines.