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THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT'S MOSUL POLICY IS APPROVED BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, Dec. 21—The House of Commons tonight approved the government's Mosul policy, in principle with only four adverse votes. The Prime Minister's motion asking for such approval was adopted 239 to 4.

The Laborites, however, withdrew from the House after employing obstructionist tactics and obliging the Government to disarrange its business and delay prorogation by another day.

In the course of his speech the Prime Minister made the important announcement that he would meet the Turkish ambassador tomorrow to begin negotiations covering the entire question of Mosul. Great Britain, he declared, was anxious for Iraq to live in neighborly amity with Turkey, and in pursuance of this policy he would discuss with the Turkish ambassador an agreement regarding the disputed

Appeals to Critics

"For this we need the support of a united country," said the Premier. "And I would appeal to those who have criticized our policy so vehemently to consider whether the prospects of the peaceful settlement will be improved or damaged by agitation which consistently misrepresents the policy we have followed and which is calculated to create doubt abroad, both as to our resolution to honor our obligations and as to the sincerity of our desire for peace."

Labor Checkmated

The Laborites threatened to keep the House sitting through the night to prevent discussion of the Mosul motion and were in process of making good their threat when the Government resorted to counter tactics, postponing the scheduled business until tomorrow. It was then that the Labor party left the House as a protest.

Mr. Baldwin promised that the British taxpayers should be relieved of burdens on account of Iraq at the earliest possible date. This took the edge off the criticisms and when division was called only four members entered the lobby against the Government.

Most of the Liberals abstained from voting and the outcome of the division caused ministerial laughter.

Mr. Baldwin, in defending his motion, argued that the Government was only continuing the action taken by previous government, including the Labor administration of Ramsay MacDonald, which last September submitted an Iraq treaty to the League and he asked what could the world think of British professions of zeal for the League as an instrument of peace if Britain rejected the League's award.

British Policy Stated

The Premier did not wish to commit the House to the actual terms of the projected treaty with Iraq, but only to the principle involved. He then read a statement of the British policy which guided the British representative at Geneva. It was to the effect that on undertaking should be given to remain in Iraq 25 years, but only until Iraq acquired stability justifying its membership in the League and then in the event of Iraq being attacked and an attempt being made forcibly to overthrow the boundary fixed by the League Council, it would be the responsibility of the League at the body directly challenged.

Treaty Terms Awaited

British responsibility apart from the League, the statement added, would depend upon circumstances then arising.

Continuing, Mr. Baldwin pointed out that the House would be better able to judge the precise extent of the obligations involved when it was in possession of the actual terms of the proposed treaty. The House would then decide whether to endorse the Government's policy.

Walter Runciman, Liberal, said that Mr. Baldwin's statement might involve Great Britain in obligations stretching for a generation, as it was quite unlikely that Iraq would qualify for membership in the League under 25 years. He cited the danger of a possible frontier incident involving British lives; public opinion would then insist upon the Government taking action without waiting for the League. He regarded the matter with grave disquiet.

"Tay Pay" Backs Baldwin

T. P. O'Connor, Nationalist, declared that the country stood united behind the Government and asked why Great Britain should give back to Turkey in the name of self-determination a people between whom and massacre she alone stood.

L. C. M. Amery, Secretary for the Dominions, in winding up the debate, dilated on the fine progress that Iraq

was making toward stability and self-support. He was convinced that within a very few years Iraq would no longer require financial or military support from Great Britain. No interest of any sort directly concerned with oil, he declared, had influenced the British policy.

Emphasizing British responsibility to the Christian and other inhabitants of the country concerned, Colonel Amery asserted that, if Great Britain gave up the present frontier, she would be obliged to send vast sums in sustaining the refugees.

In conclusion he denied that he had taken any uncompromising attitude toward Turkey.

MANY LAWYERS ELECTED TO THE NEW HOUSE

Ottawa, Dec. 20—Lawyers will hold the largest number of seats in the House of Commons, when the 15th Parliament convenes here on January 7 next. Sixty-three members of the legal profession have been gazetted.

Farmers follow with second largest number, 39 farmers of different political persuasion having been elected. Doctors, including those of the professions of medicine and dentistry, will have 29 of its members in parliament.

Twenty-two of the elected members give their occupation as merchants, and 15 inscribed themselves as manufacturers. However, practically every profession, business and occupation will be represented. Other occupations include: Brokers, agents, druggists, contractors, notary public, lumbermen, publisher, accountants, journalists and retired farmers; while one clergyman, lecturer, canner, director student, superintendent, manager, teacher, publicist, cattle exporter, editor, producer and farmer, miller, fruit-grower and civil engineer, locomotive engineer, mining operator, municipal secretary, geological surveyor and flax grower have also been elected.

Still Alarm.

The firemen responded to a still alarm for a burning furnace pipe the home of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, Church street. There was no damage.

Scarlet Fever.

The King's Printer, G. M. Byron, is suffering inconvenience at present time because of scarlet fever at his home. A son has the disease.

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