



WAR OF HOUSES OPENS. TO LIMIT LORDS' POWER.

Liberals Seem to Fear Speedy Test—The Irish Question.

London, Feb. 12.—The opening skirmishes in both houses of Parliament in the debates on the address in reply to the speech from the throne were devoted almost entirely to the subject uppermost in all men's minds, the coming conflict between the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

The speech of Mr. Balfour plainly revealed the hope of the Conservatives that the struggle will lead to early dissolution, as a result of which they hope to reverse the verdict of the country given at the last general election.

Another noticeable feature of the debates on the address has been the general desire to express British gratitude for the assistance rendered after the Kingston earthquake by the American navy.

DEBATE OPENS IN THE HOUSE.

The House of Commons was crowded in all parts when the members assembled for business at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and great animation was noticeable.

The Speaker, James Lowther, read the speech from the throne. The reference to the aid rendered by the American navy at Kingston was welcomed with a loud outburst of applause.

The mention of the differences between the House of Commons and the House of Lords was also cheered.

Debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne then began. It will last for several days, after which the Premier is expected to unfold definite plans for dealing with the House of Lords.

In the course of the debate, A. J. Balfour, former Premier, the Opposition leader, referring to the Irish question, said that Mr. Bryce, the former Chief Secretary for Ireland, and now Ambassador to the United States, had held a pistol to the heads of every one concerned in the matter.

Mr. Balfour also commented with surprise at the absence from the King's speech of any reference to the colonial conference, saying that the matter would be raised in the debate on the address.

Turning to the relations between the two houses, Mr. Balfour said that what he called "flinging the cup" against the House of Lords would, he felt assured, fill to overflowing the cup of unpopularity of the government and lead the country to desire a change not in the House of Lords, but in the House of Commons.

PREMIER REPLIES TO MR. BALFOUR.

The Premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in reply said that the government had only followed the precedent set by Mr. Balfour in not mentioning the colonial conference in the King's speech.

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THE SESSION OF THE LORDS.

On the resumption of the sitting of the House of Lords, Lord Castletown, Liberal, moved the address in reply to the King's speech, and in so doing praised the assistance rendered by the American navy to the sufferers at Kingston.

TRAIN JUST MISSES RIVER.

Halted at Edge of 50-Foot Trestle After Leaving Rails.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 12.—An express train on the Susquehanna Railroad, carrying over three hundred passengers, narrowly escaped running into the Passaic River at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Lord Lansdowne, Liberal-Unionist, former Foreign Secretary, said that the opposition was left in entire ignorance as to the direction in which a solution for the present relations between the House of Lords and the House of Commons was to be sought.

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Lord Lansdowne added that the opposition was perfectly willing to meet the government.

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RAIN MARS PARIS CARNIVAL.

Paris, Feb. 12.—A steady downfall of rain today spoiled the carnival festivities in the streets of Paris.

CAREER OF MR. HIGGINS.

Frank Wayland Higgins came of Irish stock, but of a family long in this country.

EX-GOV. HIGGINS DEAD.

End Free From Pain. Serious Organic Heart Trouble Complicated His Condition.

Glenn, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Frank Wayland Higgins, former Governor of New York, died at his home here to-night at 8:40 o'clock.

Among those present, besides Dr. Hibbard, the family physician, were Mrs. Higgins, Josephine Higgins, a daughter, and Harry, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sullivan Smith, of Angelica; Mrs. J. R. Cameron and Miss Charlotte Cameron.

Mr. Higgins for years had been afflicted with a heart trouble. After he entered upon his work as Governor of the state Mr. Higgins was warned by Dr. E. G. Janeway, of New York, of a serious organic difficulty in the heart, but no effort was relaxed and no duty was left unperformed which Mr. Higgins believed essential to the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him by the people.

When the only official duty which remained for him to perform was to assist in the inauguration of his successor as Governor he firmly rested the importunities of his family, his friends and his physician to spare himself, and went to Albany to take part in the ceremonies.

This last devoted act of what he deemed his bounden duty undoubtedly shortened his days by precipitating symptoms which otherwise might have been forestalled.

The enfeebled action of the heart at the last was complicated by a disease of the kidneys, from which the ex-Governor had been suffering for some time. This added trouble the Governor seemed to try to conceal even from himself, so

spread they could throw the explosive into the river.

With great danger to himself, knowing that the shafts were filled with smoke, Superintendent Herrick got into a car and was lowered down the shaft.

In his last hours Mr. Higgins's mind dwelt upon philanthropic acts and efforts to do good to all.

The funeral services will be held on Friday, February 15, at 2 p. m., at the Higgins home in this city.

The services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. James W. Aston, rector of St. Stephen's church, of which Mr. Higgins was a vestryman for over twenty years.

It is the desire of the family that the funeral be devoid of all ostentation. The burial will be at the convenience of the family.

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