



SCATTER INDIAN BANDS

CRAZY SNAKE, CREEK CHIEF, SURROUNDED.

Officers Rout Detachment, Killing One and Capturing Eight—Outbreak Near End.

Oklahoma City, March 29.—A detachment of Crazy Snake's band of beligerent Creek Indians was surrounded by deputy sheriffs this afternoon near Crazy Snake's home, and a lively fight ensued.

There were about fifteen Indians in the band, and they had taken refuge in a house. The deputies had tracked them for some distance.

Advancing from all sides, the posse fired a volley at the hall house. The Indians rushed out, scattered among the trees, and made a valiant defence.

One of the Indians was seriously injured, but it is said that a number of other Indians were hit with bullets.

Chitt Harjo (Crazy Snake) was surrounded at midnight in the North Canadian bottoms near Poley.

Three hundred militiamen, cowboys and deputy sheriffs are closing in on him, and his capture is expected at daybreak.

Crazy Snake's band apparently has broken up into numerous small groups. It seemed at nightfall that each Indian was trying to accomplish his own escape without regard for the grand drags of the chief, to realize which they were called together Sunday by the smoke of signal fires.

All efforts at organized resistance seemed to have been dropped with the sinking of the sun to-night.

GUERRILLA WARFARE ON. The militiamen seemed well able to cope with this latest phase of the situation.

The militia scattered and invaded the hilly, wooded region of the Creek nation in a determined effort to hunt down both leaders and members of the war party.

Among the Indians arrested were Little Tiger, a sub-chief, and Simla Harjo. The latter is not related to Chitt Harjo.

Most of them were heavily armed. The captives were started for the militia camp at Hickory Grounds under heavy guard.

Orders were issued that the search be kept up, and numerous parties went out during the early hours of the night to round up the Indians.

As fast as they are captured they will be hurried to Hickory Grounds. By this means the soldiers expect to avoid a pitched battle, but they regarded it as probable that numerous small engagements will be fought.

The killing of the Indian by the posse was the only fatality of the day reported to Colonel Hoffman, who is in command of the state troops.

There are numerous rumors of engagements here and there with a varying number of fatalities. One story was that a posse of farmers near Checotah fought a large band of negroes and killed twenty.

This and similar reports cannot be confirmed. A disquieting condition exists throughout the troubled region, however, and almost anything in the way of a fight would not be surprising.

CHIEF'S HOUSE BURNED. The house of Crazy Snake, near Hickory Grounds, was burned to-day by Indians to divert attention from the bushwhacking fight near by, in which the Indians were killed.

"The fight took place at 11 o'clock," said Sheriff Jones. "We were pressing the Indians pretty closely, when our attention was called to a fire in the distance. Harjo's house was burned to the ground. The fight was warm, but we did not dare push it long, for we were short of ammunition."

George Woodruff, attorney for the Department of the Interior, reached Muskogee to-day from Washington. He will go to Henryetta to-morrow.

Deputies this evening captured Sandy Tabler, a half-breed, who for a long time has been one of Crazy Snake's chief aids.

Sheriff Odum believes that he was in the chief's house during Thursday evening's fight.

Deputy Flynn took Tabler to the Okmulgee jail. He said bloodhounds were placed on the Snake's trail during the day and that the chances were favorable for his capture within twenty-four hours.

Those negroes and Indians are not afraid of blood," said Flynn. "They know no fear as long as they stand together, and it was wise generalship scattering them. The situation is more critical than it appears on the surface. The trouble has consisted principally of skirmishes, but the lives of many people are continually endangered just the same.

Some of the people want to suppress the news, because it is bad advertising for the state."

Several families have deserted their homes near Poley on account of the Indian troubles.

UTAH FUEL COMPANY PLEADS GUILTY. Pays \$200,000 and Relinquishes 1,440 Acres of Coal Lands.

Salt Lake City, March 29.—The Utah Fuel Company pleaded guilty in the United States Court to-day to the fraudulent acquisition of 1,440 acres of coal land, paid a fine of \$5,000 and \$12,000 for the coal landed, and relinquished the land.

The land was acquired through "dummy" entries as agricultural land.

\$50,000 INVOLVED IN MAIL ROBBERY. Fragments of Sacks Found Near Crane from Which They Had Been Taken.

Georgetown, Ky., March 29.—A daring mail pouch robbery in which the alleged thieves got probably more than \$50,000 in currency and checks was made public to-day when the iron and checked leather of two pouches were found by a boy near the crane from which they had been taken.

Checks to the amount of \$38,000, addressed to A. L. Ferguson, president of the Burley Tobacco Society's board of control, are said to be among the stolen property.

NIGHT RIDERS THREATEN OFFICIAL. Prosecutor Told He Must Drop Suits or Die—Citizens Guard Him.

Paducah, Ky., March 29.—County Attorney Krone of Lyon County, who dismissed the militia doing duty around Eddyville last week, was visited late Saturday night by a delegation representing the Night Riders, who informed Mr. Krone that unless he recommended a dismissal of the prosecution and the settlement of damage suits in different courts his life would pay the forfeit.

Last night a meeting was held in Mr. Krone's office at Eddyville, and as a result twenty citizens are standing guard day and night around the little town.

ADMIRAL CONVERSE DEAD

Well Known Naval Officer—Had Headed Three Bureaus.

Washington, March 29.—Rear Admiral George A. Converse died at his home here to-night from uremic poisoning. Although placed on the retired list several years ago, he was in active service at the time of his death, being president of the board of construction of the navy. He was confined to his home only a few days before his death.

It was under Admiral Converse, as chief of the bureau of navigation, that the battleship fleet of sixteen vessels which recently circled the globe was assembled. Previous to this, he was head of the bureau of ordnance. His services to the navy were largely identified with torpedoes and torpedo boats. While he was inspector of ordnance at the naval torpedo station, Newport, R. I., smokeless powder was introduced into the navy.

A prominent naval officer to-night, in speaking of Admiral Converse, declared that his influence in the navy had been far-reaching, and that his career was in some ways without parallel, one of these being that he had served as head of three important bureaus.

His wife, who was a Miss Blood, of New York, and his two unmarried daughters, the Misses Maud and Olga, were with him when he died. Two other daughters, Mrs. Colt, of Bristol, R. I., and Mrs. Jackson, of Baltimore, married in January, also survive him.

Rear Admiral George Albert Converse was born in Norwich, Vt., in 1841. He was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1865 at the head of his class, and saw his first service on the steam sloop Canandaigua, of the European squadron. He became commander in 1889, captain in 1889 and rear admiral in 1894. He took command of the battleship Illinois in 1901 and served in that capacity till 1905, when he became chief of the bureau of equipment.

BOY KILLED BY AUTO.

Another, Also Playing in Street, May Lose a Leg.

A game of leapfrog in front of No. 455 West 51st street yesterday cost the life of Thomas Telly, Jr., son of Thomas Telly, who is employed by the Fire Department and lives at No. 738 Tenth avenue.

Telly was playing in the street with two other boys, when a touring car, driven by Harry Sutherland, of No. 108 West 82d street, approached from Tenth avenue. The boy did not see the car, and the chauffeur says he did not see Telly until too late.

Sutherland lifted the boy into the machine and drove to Roosevelt Hospital, where the boy died an hour later. Sutherland was arrested.

Alexander Adams, a nine-year-old baseball captain, was run down by a taxicab yesterday, and as a result may lose a leg.

Adams lives with his parents at No. 162 Leroy street. The chauffeur, George Schumacher, of No. 109 West 100th street, drove the injured lad to St. Vincent's Hospital and was then arrested.

DIES AFTER VISIT TO READ

Wife of Lieut. Commander Snowden Succumbs to Cerebral Hemorrhage.

Washington, March 29.—Returning to-day from a visit to Lieutenant Semmes Read, naval aid to President Taft, who is in the naval hospital here, suffering from injuries received recently by a fall from his horse, Mrs. Adelaide Snowden, wife of Lieutenant Commander Thomas Snowden, of the Mayflower, was taken suddenly ill and removed to the Emergency Hospital, where she died about fifteen minutes later. The cause of death is given as cerebral hemorrhage.

HAVANA PIERS BURNED.

The Loss Estimated at \$1,000,000—Steamer Badly Damaged.

Havana, March 29.—Two piers of the Havana Central Railroad, in the upper part of the harbor, were destroyed by fire, which broke out at 11 o'clock this morning. It is reported that it was of incendiary origin. The damage done is estimated at \$1,000,000, covered by insurance.

A number of lighters loaded with sugar were lying at the piers when the fire broke out. They were out of house and were blown to sea by the southerly gale, threatening to sink the steamers and other craft anchored in the harbor. Some of the vessels hoisted their anchors and shifted their position. Several blazing barges drifted to the mouth of the harbor and went aground off Morro Castle.

The Hamburg-American line steamer Altenburg, which was lying at the second pier, discharging her cargo of rice, was unable to get away. Tugs could not render her assistance on account of the dense smoke, and the crew of the steamer were compelled to abandon her and take refuge on the adjacent pier. It was thought at first that the steamer would be destroyed, but the fire was controlled after damaging the vessel to the extent of \$80,000.

Both piers, which contained a great quantity of miscellaneous freight, were consumed, practically nothing in the warehouses being saved.

BALTIMORE LAWYER HELD HERE.

Begs Permission to Keep Photograph of His Fiances in His Cell.

Aaron R. Goodman, who said he was a lawyer and lived in Baltimore, was locked up in the Oak street police station last night, charged with being a fugitive from justice. An officer of the Department of Justice made the arrest.

When Goodman was searched a number of loan application blanks were taken from his clothes. He asked permission to keep a photograph, saying it was a likeness of his fiancée. He said that in his arrest he appeared to lose interest in the proceedings. He will be extradited.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Baltimore, March 29.—Aaron R. Goodman was indicted by the grand jury and released on \$2,500 bail. Before his case came to trial he left the city, and has since been sought by the local authorities. Before one case was disposed of Goodman was indicted for a second time, on charges involving questionable real estate transactions. The involving questionable real estate transactions. The involving questionable real estate transactions. The involving questionable real estate transactions.

WESTON WRENCHES HIS ANKLE. Pedestrian Arrives at Olean—Expects to Make Jamestown, 51 Miles Away, To-night.

Olean, N. Y., March 29.—Suffering considerably from a wrenched ankle, Edward Payson Weston arrived in Olean at 5:30 o'clock to-night. After a brief rest he addressed a crowd of thirteen hundred persons in the opera house. He retired early. To-morrow morning at 3 o'clock he will start for Jamestown, fifty-one miles from here, where he expects to arrive to-morrow night. Weston had a cordial reception here, a crowd of several hundred meeting him at the city limits and marching through the streets with him.

SHOOTS HIS PRISONER

DETECTIVE IN A FIERCE BATTLE IN ELEVATOR.

Pinkerton Man Kills Fifth Avenue Apartment House Employee He Arrested for Burglary.

Following a desperate struggle last night in a descending elevator of the apartment house at No. 615 Fifth avenue, close by the Hotel Buckingham and the National Democratic Club, Joseph Parise, a Pinkerton detective, shot and killed "Fred" Johnson, the elevator man in the building. In the encounter Parise shot off his left index finger with his own weapon. He was taken to the Flower Hospital, weak from the loss of blood, and held on the charge of homicide preferred by the police of the East 51st street station.

Parise, who is forty-one years old and lives at No. 7 Island avenue, Corona Heights, Long Island, was assigned by the detective agency, for which he has worked for the last fifteen years, to watch the apartment of Arthur T. Kemp, owner of the building, on the eleventh floor. Mr. Kemp is at present in Europe, and the apartment is in charge of a caretaker, Mrs. Unger. In his absence many robberies have occurred, and it was to prevent further depredations that Parise was employed. The freight elevator, in which the shooting took place, is in the rear of the building, and Parise was the only witness. His story is all the police have to work on.

About 9 o'clock, Parise says, he was in the Kemp apartment and heard some tampering with the lock. In a few minutes Johnson entered. Not giving a satisfactory explanation of his presence, Parise placed him under arrest and started with him for the freight elevator.

Johnson was ordered to run the elevator to the ground floor. All went well until the third floor was reached. Suddenly stopping the car at the floor level, Johnson turned on his captor, and catching him unawares threw him violently to the floor of the car. Then ensued a desperate struggle, with Parise as the under man. Gaining a slight advantage, Parise was able to draw his revolver, but it was discharged prematurely, blowing off his finger.

Johnson, seeing his opportunity, threw the detective to the floor, opened the door and attempted to escape. Before he could get out of range, however, Parise fired twice, one shot going through Johnson's heart and the other taking effect in his left eye. Johnson died instantly, and was found, half in and half out of the car by James Wright, superintendent of the building, who was attracted to the scene by the shots. He summoned an ambulance and sent word to the police.

Parise had been assigned to work in the house yesterday afternoon, and last night was his first vigil there. He was told that jewelry had been taken from Mr. Kemp's flat at different times. The detective decided that it was one of the servants in the house who was committing the numerous thefts. Last night Mrs. Unger, the housekeeper, left Mr. Kemp's flat and Parise, who had been in the building all the afternoon, remained in the flat to watch. He put out the lights and sat listening in the darkness.

Mrs. Unger had been gone only a short time when Parise heard somebody at the hall door of the apartment. A little later it was opened and closed very quietly, and Parise heard steps moving about the room. The detective suddenly flashed his little electric lamp in the direction of the noise and saw a man in overalls and without a cap near the sideboard.

"Put your hands up," said Parise.

"Well, you've got me," replied Johnson, according to the detective, as he stood blinking in the bright strip of light from the lamp.

Parise said he recognized the man as one of the employes of the place, and told him that he would take him before the superintendent of the building before taking him to the station house.

"I told him plainly," said Parise later, "that he was a prisoner and would be locked up, charged with robbery."

Johnson, according to the detective, did not try to deny his guilt, and had no excuse for his presence in the flat.

Still keeping the rays from the electric flash lamp focused on Johnson, Parise started with him from the apartments. Johnson made no resistance. Parise says that his prisoner was so calm and took his arrest so quietly that he slipped his revolver back into his pocket when they reached the hall.

Mr. Wright, the superintendent, told the police that he had never seen Parise in the building and did not know that anybody had been assigned to duty there. From the Pinkerton agency it was learned that Mr. Kemp had directed that secrecy be preserved even in the case of the superintendent. When Johnson was searched a bunch of keys was found on him, none of which fitted the apartment occupied by Mr. Kemp. There were no marks on the door or anything to show that Johnson used violence to effect an entrance.

Johnson had been employed about a year and had always been considered faithful to his duties. He was about thirty years old, and lived at No. 444 Third avenue. Coroner Harburger viewed the body and ordered it removed to the police station. He then went to the hospital and had a long talk with Parise, who told him the story he had told to the police.

HERBERT L. SWIFT ADJUDGED INSANE

Committed to Illinois Sanatorium—Excessive Use of Alcohol Blamed.

Chicago, March 29.—Herbert L. Swift, thirty-three years old, son of the late Gustavus F. Swift, founder of the packing firm of Swift & Co., has been adjudged insane and sent to the Kenilworth Sanatorium. The order was made out on March 8 by the County Clerk and became public to-day.

The petition was filed on March 6 by Robert C. McManus, a lawyer for Swift & Co. The hearing was held at the Swift home in Michigan avenue. Louis F. Swift, a brother, testified that Herbert Swift had threatened to kill himself and members of the family. Excessive use of alcohol was given as the cause.

Mr. Swift is married, but he has no children. He has an annuity of \$5,000 from his father's estate. At the end of fourteen years he will receive \$1,000,000. A conservator will be appointed for his estate.

ARTIST'S SON KILLED BY TRAIN.

Boy Had Run Away from Home, It Is Thought—Struck by Express at Greenwich.

Greenwich, Conn., March 29.—Pebine Gouette, fourteen years old, son of A. F. Gouette, an artist, of Monson, Mass., was struck by a westbound train this afternoon in the cut just west of the Greenwich station and instantly killed. The boy had apparently run away from home, as he had letters in his clothing from his father begging him to return.

A few days ago the boy came to town, apparently without money. He was taken in by the family of Edward Chard and cared for for two or three days. This morning Mr. Chard gave him some money and advised him to go home. He supposed the boy had started, until he was informed of his death.

ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP MAKES RECORD.

Friedrichshafen, March 29.—The Zeppelin airship made a successful flight to-day, reaching a height of six thousand feet, the greatest altitude yet reached. The landing also was successful.

TOUR TO SEE WASHINGTON.

Pennsylvania Railroad, April 1. \$12.00 and \$14.50 covers necessary expenses for three days.—Adv.

AUTO CLUB DISSENSION

SPLIT OVER AGREEMENT WITH AERO CLUB.

G. F. Chamberlin Calls It Irregular—Favors Aeronautic Society for the Recognition.

As the result, it is said, of the agreement between the Automobile Club of America and the Aero Club of America, entered into last Saturday, there is dissension among the members of the board of governors of the Automobile club. George F. Chamberlin, one of the governors of the Automobile Club of America, talked freely at his office, at No. 31 Nassau street, yesterday. Mr. Chamberlin is also a member of the Aero Club of America and the Aeronautic Society.

By the terms of the agreement with the Automobile club the board of directors of the Aero club has control largely of all aeronautical questions that arise, being made the aviation section of the Automobile club. This arrangement was not pleasing to the Aeronautic Society, which for several months has been holding weekly meetings at the Automobile club and giving entertainments there under a working agreement with that organization.

Mr. Chamberlin said yesterday that ex-Judge Elbert H. Gary, president of the Automobile Club of America, had signed the Aero club contract under a distinct misapprehension, and added: "The Automobile club has been considering the forming of an aviation section for some time. Dave H. Morris and I were appointed an aviation section committee to look carefully into the whole question. As chairman of that committee I gave a great deal of thought and time to it. I am a good deal surprised, therefore, to know that the president of the Automobile club has signed a contract with the Aero Club when my name does not appear upon the report of the aviation committee. There were only the two of us on that committee, and yet Mr. Morris says that he forgot entirely that I was the other member. Those who signed the report upon which favorable action was taken Saturday were Dave H. Morris and Robert Lee Morrell.

"I can account for it only on the ground of a mistake all around. Mr. Morrell is on the motor boat and the Larchmont Yacht Club committees. His signing of the aviation committee's report must have been unintentional on his part, and, anyway, Judge Gary signed the contract under an entire misapprehension of the facts.

"There will, I think, be another meeting called at an early date, by reason of these irregularities. I do not think that a square deal has been given to the Aeronautic Society by the Automobile club's action. To my mind, the Aeronautic Society is the only organization in this country that has really done anything practical in aeronautics. The entertainments which its members have held at the clubrooms have been fine, and they are most energetic in everything they undertake.

"As a member of all three organizations, I feel qualified to speak in an unbiased way on this subject. The position which the Automobile club has all along wished to take is a neutral one. It feels that every encouragement should be given to every aeronautic society without excluding any."

Mr. Morris said that Mr. Chamberlin was present at the meeting of the board of governors of the Automobile club when the agreement of the Automobile club when the agreement was ratified, and that "everything was done in accordance with proper procedure." He said that Mr. Chamberlin was his friend of many years' standing and one of the best-liked men of the Automobile club.

"A special aviation committee was appointed on Friday afternoon by the Automobile club," he continued, "and what was done is all duly recorded on the minutes."

Mr. Morrell was then named as the other member of the committee to act with Mr. Morris.

Mr. Morrell said: "It is all a matter of record. I do not think that these club matters should be talked about outside."

Cortlandt Field Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America, said that it was not a question that concerned the Aero Club. After several meetings with various officers of the Automobile Club, at which the terms of a working agreement between the two organizations were fully understood, he said, the essential features of the agreement were simultaneously announced by both clubs. Notice was duly sent him, he said, that the contract had been unanimously approved by the board of governors of the Automobile Club of America, and that then the articles were duly signed by Judge Gary and himself, and there the affair, so far as he knew, ended.

WOMEN CARRY DAY IN SPRINGFIELD

Ohio County "Dry" by Eleven Majority—Hottest Campaign in Its History.

Springfield, Ohio, March 29.—After the hottest campaign and with the heaviest vote in its history, Clark County voted "dry" by 11 majority to-day. The total vote was 17,831. The election affects ninety-seven saloons in the county and three breweries.

There was much excitement to-day. Every available livery rig in Springfield was hired by one side or the other and private vehicles were pressed into service. There are two breweries in Springfield. Women stood guard at the election booths. If any of the "wet" stopped to talk to a man applying for the booths the women slowly sauntered up to them and the crowd separated. Women also guarded the front and rear entrances of the saloons, and alleys and adjoining buildings were under surveillance.

CALHOUN CASES KEEP COURTS BUSY.

Nine Defendants Answer Charges in One Police Tribunal—Official Called "Lying Dog."

San Francisco, March 29.—Issues connected with the trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, on a charge of bribery, claimed the attention of three local tribunals, a score of attorneys and numerous detectives to-day.

In one of the police courts nine defendants appeared for arraignment upon charges of obstructing the trial of Calhoun, from the office of District Attorney Langdon. Their cases were continued until Wednesday.

Hearing on an injunction issued by Superior Court Judge Muraskey was prolonged until A. A. Moore, attorney for the United Railroads, had called Assistant District Attorney James L. Hanley "a lying dog," and then the Court ordered the case continued until to-morrow.

PARTICULAR ABOUT HIS PALLBEARERS

Aged Man Requested That No Users of Profanity Should Act.

Utica, N. Y., March 29.—Eli Christian, an aged man, was found dead sitting in his chair in his home, some distance south of Mohawk, to-day. He lived alone. All his life Mr. Christian has abhorred profanity, and he held himself aloof from people because to near profanity gave him much pain. He requested long ago that when he died he should be borne to the grave by men who never used profane language, and he selected those who should act as his pallbearers. They are alive, and Mr. Christian will be buried as he desired.

DEWEY'S OLD MADEIRA OR SHERRY.

Sherry before dinner, Madeira after. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 153 Fulton St., New York.—Adv.

ASSAULT ON ROOSEVELT.

Reported Attempt to Injure Ex-President on Steamer.

London, March 30.—A dispatch to "The Standard" from Horta says that when the steamer Hamburg arrived it was learned that an attempt had been made aboard to assault ex-President Roosevelt, but that it was frustrated, and his would-be assailant placed in irons.

"The Daily Mail's" Horta correspondent says: "Reports are current, and I repeat them with reserve, that an attempt has been made on the life of ex-President Roosevelt."

BROKEN HEART KILLS.

Grief for Lost Baby Fatal to Aged Sailor.

Lowell, Mass., March 29.—Stricken with grief over the sudden and strange disappearance of a baby boy, who was the sole of his old age, Robert Thompson, a retired sailor, died to-day literally of a broken heart, according to physicians. Thompson, who was seventy years old, lived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Howarth, whose infant son, John Williams, has been missing since Saturday afternoon.

Although not related in any way to the Howarths, the aged sailor took a deep interest in them, and his regard for the baby amounted almost to a passion. Sunday night, after being without sleep for twenty-four hours, Thompson retired, and this morning was so ill that a physician was summoned. He was found to be delirious from grief, and after lingering a few hours died this afternoon.

UNIONISTS WIN CROYDON.

A Heavy Majority for Advocate of Greater Navy.

London, March 29.—While the House of Commons was debating the naval question to-day the voters of the Croydon district convincingly registered their opinion by electing as Member of Parliament Sir R. T. Hermon-Hodge, Conservative, who advocated the building of eight warships. His majority was decisive, the returns being as follows:

Sir R. T. Hermon-Hodge, 11,989; J. E. Raphael, Liberal, 8,041; Frank Smith, Laborite, 886.

All the candidates had personally canvassed the constituency, and for several days the district had been wrought up to a fierce pitch of excitement. The Conservatives expected a big majority as a protest against the naval policy of the government.

FOR MORE CANAL BONDS.

Congress, by MacVeagh's Request, Will Probably Allow Larger Issue.

Washington, March 29.—The House leaders have decided to amend the Payne bill by increasing materially the authorization of Panama Canal bonds and providing for a sinking fund to pay these bonds at maturity. The first step will be taken on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, who believes he can dispose of a larger issue to greater advantage than he could the issue of \$40,000,000 authorized by the bill as reported.

Secretary MacVeagh has also suggested to the leaders that he receive authority to defray the expenses of the canal from the general revenues as long as he deems desirable, but that he be empowered to sell the larger issue whenever he finds conditions for such sale most favorable.

The sinking fund provision will set apart a portion of the receipts of the canal as a fund to redeem the issue. One object in taking this step was to check the agitation in favor of making passage through the canal free. It is maintained that this agitation emanates from those interests which have always opposed the canal, and which, now that its completion is assured, seek to make it as unpopular as possible by making it a heavy expense, with no compensating return, to the government.

GERMANY THE BUGBEAR.

Foreign Secretary Explains the Admiralty's Policy.

London, March 29.—The House of Commons, by a strict party vote of 353 to 135, refused to-night to express lack of confidence in the government's foreign policy. The motion on to-day's notable debate hinged was proposed by Arthur Hamilton Lee, Conservative member of the House from Hants. It set forth: "That in the opinion of this House the declared policy of his majesty's government respecting the immediate provision for battleships of the newest type does not sufficiently secure the safety of the empire."

The result of the vote on the question was expected, but the debate preceding it was one of the most momentous which the House has listened to for years. The assembly of diplomats, including Ambassador Roth, and peers testified to its international as well as domestic importance. The leaders of both sides spoke, in addition to several lesser lights. A. J. Balfour and Mr. Lee accused the Cabinet of incompetence and demanded that eight Dreadnoughts be laid down immediately. Premier Asquith and Sir Edward Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, reproached their opponents for making a party question of the most vital matter of the country's foreign relations.

Sir Edward Grey's speech was by far the most notable contribution to the debate, because of its remarkable candor. In the diplomatic aspects of the British-German rivalry, the hopelessness of expecting any cessation of the race for armaments, and predicted eventual European bankruptcy if it continued. After his exposition of the government's policy the speeches from the Opposition benches seemed half-hearted, although flashes of enthusiasm were kindled among the Opposition members by his announcement, while Mr. Balfour was speaking, of the victory of the Unionists in the Croydon election.

The Socialist members of the Reichstag and the British Laborites exchanged telegrams pledging themselves to work for the reduction of armaments. Just about the time that the British Foreign Secretary was frankly declaring that the British navy was designed solely for protection against Germany.

SPEECH OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. The Foreign