

BANNERMAN IS NO MORE

EX-PREMIER OF GREAT BRITAIN DIES IN HIS HOME IN LONDON.

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After Long Sickness, Which Compelled Him to Resign His Position as Premier, Noted English Statesman Grows Gradually Weaker Until Death Ends Suffering.

London, April 22.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, former British premier, died at 9:15 o'clock this morning at his official residence, 10 Downing street. The end was peaceful.

The death of Sir Henry after a lingering illness of more than two months did not come as a surprise. Although the doctors had declared his condition critical, the fact was perfectly understood and the public had been expecting the end at any hour during the past fortnight.

The news came in the form of the following bulletin issued at 10:30 o'clock this morning:

"Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman passed peacefully away at 9:15 o'clock this morning. The cause of his death was heart failure. (Signed) R. W. BURNETT."

In the death chamber when the end came were his niece, Mrs. Campbell, who had acted as Sir Henry's host since the death of Lady Campbell-Bannerman, a little more than a year ago; Dr. Burnett, who was Mr. Campbell-Bannerman's personal physician and who had been in constant attendance since his long illness, and Sir Henry's butler.

End Came Gradual. The ex-premier had been unconscious most of the time during the last two or three days and his sinking was gradual. A few hours before his death telegrams were dispatched to King Edward, who with Queen Alexandra, is visiting the Danish royal family at Copenhagen; the Prince of Wales and the cabinet ministers.

Immediately newspaper reporters commenced keeping vigil watch before the house of the dying man but the only news handed to them was a bulletin. A few minutes after a crowd assembled in Downing street but all persons were barred from approaching the house by a cordon of police.

Sir Henry's illness dates from February 12, when he last appeared in the house of commons and moved the closure of the Scottish land bill, though he had been ailing since November 13, 1917, when he participated at an entertainment in honor of Emperor William at the Guild hall.

On November 14 after addressing a political meeting at Bristol he was seriously stricken with heart weakness and later influenza was added to his heart trouble, bringing on his fatal illness.

Knew He Must Die. The ex-premier fully appreciated his condition and realized that his recovery was impossible. He offered to give up his office some time before he formally resigned early this month.

Few Invalids have been the object of such solicitude and attention as was bestowed upon Sir Henry, there having been a constant stream of callers at his Downing street residence, including King Edward, who visited him on two occasions, Queen Alexandra and the dowager empress of Russia, the prince and princess of Wales, and many diplomats and prominent men in public life.

Last Public Utterance. Sir Henry's last public utterance was a warm letter of thanks to his Scottish friends who presented him with a portrait of himself. It is known that the ex-premier was opposed to a public funeral and it is believed that he will be buried without ostentation beside the body of his wife at Meigle, in Perthshire, Scotland.

David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer on receiving the news of Sir Henry's death, said: "I never met a greater public figure since I have been in political life who won so completely the affection of men who came in contact with him."

On his resignation April 5, the representatives of all the parties united in paying tribute to his ability and his strong character. Mr. Asquith said of him:

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Ireland Suffered Loss. Mr. Redmond, leader of the nationalists said that in Campbell-Bannerman's disappearance Ireland suffered a loss second only to the loss caused

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Sketch of Life. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was born September 7, 1836. He was the youngest son of the late Sir James Campbell of Stracathro, Perthshire, for some time lord provost of Glasgow. He assumed the additional name under the will of his paternal uncle, the late Henry Bannerman of Hutton Court, Kent, who bequeathed to him a large estate. He attended Glasgow university and Trinity college. He married Charlotte, daughter of Major Charles Bruce. She died in 1906, and from that time Sir Henry's decline in health may be dated.

He was chosen leader of the Liberals in succession to Sir William Harcourt in February, 1899. The Boer war proved a stumbling block to the administration, but notwithstanding the differences between liberal imperialists and other liberals over this question, a unanimous vote of confidence in his leadership was carried at a meeting of the liberal party held at the Reform club in July, 1901.

Clashed With Roseberry. In 1902 a passage of words took place between him and Lord Roseberry over the doctrine of the "Clean State" of the Irish question and other public questions, and the liberal party was formed. Sir Henry received the support of the liberal party of the house. On the resignation of the Balfour administration in 1905, Sir Henry was summoned by the king and formed a liberal cabinet, himself becoming first lord of the treasury and prime minister.

The general election followed and Sir Henry entered the new parliament with the greatest majority ever given to a British premier.

It was prophesied at that time that the incoming of the new party into power would make a complete upsetting of the old order of things; that the liberal government was in power for at least its full term under the septennial act, and that within the next six years new names would be made and new statesmen would appear.

But with his passing the forces which he held together as a party, appear also to be approaching dissolution, unless by some strong act the new premier, Mr. Asquith, can weld and hold together the various factions. Recent by-elections have resulted in the defeat of the liberal candidates on every hand and no liberal seats are regarded as too safe at the present time, a matter that has been given consideration in view of the reconstruction of the cabinet and the necessity of holding further by-elections in case certain changes are made.

The Educational Bill. Among the most important measures of the liberal government brought before the parliament in 1906 was the educational bill, but the house of lords gave it its death blow by adopting amendment which the house of commons could not consider. The premier withdrew the measure on December 20 of that year in a memorable speech in which he repudiated claims of peers to dictate to commons, adding:

"It may be necessary to submit for the moment, but neither the resources of the British constitution, nor the house of commons are yet wholly exhausted and means must and shall be found whereby the will of the people expressed through their elected representatives to the house of commons, can be made to prevail."

Almost immediately after followed efforts on the part of the government to check the power of the house of lords and on July 24, 1907, the premier himself moved:

"That, in order to give effect to the will of the people, as expressed by their elected representatives, it is necessary that the power of the other house to alter or reject bills passed by this house should be so restricted by laws as to secure that within the limits of a single parliament the final decision of the commons shall prevail."

Eventually it was decided to appoint a select committee to consider and report upon the "suggestions which have from time to time been made to increase the efficiency of the house in matters of legislation."

From the very beginning of the present session of parliament Sir Henry had been suffering ill health and after the opening day he had not been able to attend the sessions at all, Chancellor Asquith acting as premier in his absence.

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EDITORS AT A BANQUET

NOTED NEWSPAPER MEN OF THE UNITED STATES GATHER IN ANNUAL EVENT.

NOTED MEN SPEAK

Annual Banquet of the Members of the Associated Press and the American Publishers' Association Held in New York, Where Annual Meetings Are Being Held—Oratorical Feast.

SEEKING BENCH LANDS

Secretary Decker of Chamber of Commerce Says Homeseekers Are Men Accustomed to Farming Under Similar Conditions.

STRIKE ON IOWA CENTRAL

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MAXWELL WILL LECTURE HERE

EDITOR OF "THE TALISMAN" IS COMING.

NOTED IRRIGATIONIST

Address Will Be Illustrated With Views of Reclamation Projects and of Results of Rural Settlement Work in This Country.

ATTORNEY BY PROFESSION

Mr. Maxwell is an attorney by profession and is editor of Maxwell's Talisman, a magazine devoted to the promoting of rural settlement work. As a member of the delegation sent to Washington by the National Irrigation association to secure the passage of the reclamation act he did much to promote the passage of that measure.

He is an advocate of the small farm and of intensive farming and in "boosting" this refers to the results obtained in the Yellowstone valley on a small farm. He used statistics of the crop raised in this valley in promoting the passage of the reclamation act, and has always taken an interest in the growth of Billings and the surrounding country.

BARTENDERS DANCE WAS DELIGHTFUL

GOOD MUSIC AND AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM FURNISHED.

BARNES TESTIMONY IS OBJECTED TO

ARGUE POINT OF LAW IN OREGON LAND FRAUD CASE.

PROMOTIONS RECOMMENDED

Brigadier General Barry Nominated to Be Major General.

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JURY FINDS WILKINS GUILTY

Killed Woman and Buried Her Body in Lime Pit in California.

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DRAFT RULES OBEY THE LAW

RAILROAD MEN AND EMPLOYEES AGREE ON REGULATIONS.

A JOINT CONFERENCE

Decide Upon Conditions Governing the Enforcement of the New Sixteen Hour Law, Limiting Length of Service of Train Crews.

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