

BRITAIN IN THROES OF HOT CAMPAIGN

Politicians Trying to Crowd Into Few Days Work of Months.

IRISH UNIONISTS SEND MESSAGE OF DEFIANCE

Mr. Balfour Publicly Warned While Speaking, That If Irish Parliament Is Set Up Its Authority Will Not be Recognized—"Dance to Tune of American Paymaster."

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Nov. 29.—The politicians of all parties are straining every nerve to crowd into a few days the work which in ordinary elections is spread over weeks or months. Nearly all the heavy guns were in action tonight. Arthur J. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the house of commons, before a big meeting in Albert Hall, where he warmly supported the referendum, described the government as puppets dancing to the tune of John Redmond and his American paymaster.

The prime minister, Mr. Asquith, spoke at Reading, Chancellor Lloyd-George at Cardiff; John E. Redmond, leader of the Nationalists, at Dublin; Winston Spencer Churchill, home secretary, at Colchester; Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, at Bristol; John Burns, president of the local government board, at Battersea, and Austen Chamberlain, at Ashton.

The issues are narrowing daily. The Conservatives made much of home rule. They proclaim that the plan of the Liberals for the reform of the house of lords means a single chamber government and put to the front their new policy of referendum. There is great fever among the Liberals, a feature being the sudden reforming scheme on the part of the lords, who claim that the Landsowne scheme is a snare that the parties would be unequally yoked together under it, that Conservative measures would always sail smoothly through the house of lords, while the referendum would be invoked only for Liberals' bills which were distasteful to the peers. Moreover they estimate the cost of each appeal to the people as \$10,000,000.

Tariff Reform.
An interesting factional cleavage has occurred in Balfour's party over tariff reform. The Spectator, which is the spokesman of the Unionists, free traders, has proposed that the tariff reformers pledge themselves to submit the question to a referendum. If the party wins, it not being a leading issue of the campaign.

Mr. Balfour tonight announced his willingness to leave it to a referendum. In the meantime, the leaders are making every appeal to what in the United States would be called the independent vote, believing that it controls the issue.

The Irish Unionists sent to Mr. Balfour's meeting a message of defiance to home rulers, and deputations from the Non-conformist Unionist Association of England and 600 ministers of non-Episcopal churches in Ireland, have addressed Mr. Balfour in opposition to home rule.

Home Rule Opposed.
The reading of the message from the Irish Unionists at Albert Hall caused much enthusiasm.

"In all solemnity," said the message, "we now declare that home rule will bring Ireland not peace but the sword. If an Irish parliament is set up, the Unionists of the south, allied with the men of Ulster, will not acknowledge its authority. They will neither obey its decrees nor pay its taxes."

Mr. Balfour pronounced strongly in favor of the referendum as the best method of settling the deadlock between the two houses without requiring the reform of the house of lords and it could be carried into effect before the house of lords was reformed. This he declared to be Landowne's plan. The cost of a referendum, he said, would be nearer \$1,000,000 than the estimates of the Liberals, \$10,000,000.

"Don't trust the puppets who are performing their parts on the stage," admonished Mr. Balfour. "Don't trust the Irish wire puller. Don't trust the American paymaster who calls for a tune. Trust alone the sound judgment and enlightened patriotism of the people of this country."

J. H. Seaverns, who was a member of parliament for the Brixton division of Lambeth, in 1896, and who was a long time a resident of Boston, has become the Liberal candidate in the same constituency against Davidson Dalzell, Unionist, once a resident of New York.

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GOVERNMENT INQUIRING INTO WOOLENS FRAUDS

Thousands of Dollars Said to Have Been Lost Through Undervaluations.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—After a conference lasting throughout the day between Secretary MacVeagh, Collector Loeb, of New York; Attorney General Wickersham and other officials of the customs service no decision was reached as to the action with reference to customs frauds in woollens and linings at the port of New York.

The frauds are said to reach into hundreds of thousands of dollars lost to the government through undervaluations.

The conference will be resumed tomorrow.

Those who are accused of having defrauded the government are said to have offered to compromise provided there is no prosecution. It is said the government is opposed to accepting the compromise where sufficient evidence has been collected to convict by the unaided efforts of its own investigators. In cases where the culprits have confessed voluntarily to under valuations and have offered to make restitution, it is said leniency may be shown.

LARGE BODIES OF MEN ARE JOINING REBELS

Gustave Maders Says Only Skirmishes Have Taken Place So Far.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—Gustave Maders, brother of the leader of the revolution in Mexico, who is here representing the interests of the insurgents, issued a statement tonight declaring that only skirmishes have taken place thus far with government troops; that large bodies of volunteers are constantly adjoining the revolutionist forces in Chihuahua, Durango and neighboring states and that the revolt in Coahuila and Southern Mexico, is even more serious than in the north.

Nearly 9,000 prisoners were in the prisons in Mexico City yesterday, says the statement and there have recently been many secret executions, several of them young Mexican officers whose loyalty was under question.

General Diaz is reported in inside circles to be prostrated and has threatened to dismiss Senor Coelo, the minister of war, because of the magnitude which the revolution has assumed.

MONEY PUT IN EVIDENCE

Bilbo Produces Bills Which He Alleges Were Paid Him.

(By Associated Press)

YAZOO CITY, MISS., Nov. 29.—The actual money which State Senator Theodore Bilbo says was paid him during the Mississippi senatorial contest last January, was introduced as evidence today in the trial of Lee Dulaney, accused as the bribe giver.

The package contained 73 notes of twenty, ten and five dollar denominations. Chief of Detectives Nicholas Bach of Chattanooga, Tenn., was another witness today. He was called to testify as to the reputation of Mrs. Lawrence, who is reported to be the mother-in-law in the alleged bribery of Senator Bilbo while a resident of that city. In substance his testimony was rather detrimental.

WORLD'S BILLIARD RECORD.

Willie Hoppe Rung 155 Points at 18.1 in Philadelphia.

(By Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 29.—Willie Hoppe, tonight broke the world's record for a high run at 18.1 billiards in his game with Jose Mayer, the amateur champion of this city, by piling up 155 points. The best previous record of 150 was made by Hoppe four weeks ago in New York.

Hoppe, who is to play 1,800 points at 18.1 to Mayer's 1,400 at 18.1, now leads in the three blocks play by 442 points, the score being Hoppe 1,100, Mayer 658.

Hoppe's high run tonight was 155 and his average 31.1-13. Mayer's best run was 42, with an average of 8.4-12. The score tonight was Hoppe, 404; Mayer 108.

FOREST POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Small Amount of Money and Stamps Taken.

(By Associated Press)

ROANOKE, Va., Nov. 29.—The post office at Forest, Va., was robbed last night and so far there is no clue to the burglar.

Only a small amount of money and stamps were taken.

"Complete Tranquility."
NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The Mexican minister of foreign affairs, Senor Enrico Coello, in a telegram received by Mexican Ambassador De La Barra, today said:

"The whole republic is in complete tranquillity extending to the district of Chichihuahua, where there are still some bands at large. The federal troops are in pursuit."

AMERICAN SHIPPING CONTROLLED ABROAD

Money Said to Have Been Spent Freely to Foster Feeling in This Country.

Witness Before Congressional Investigating Committee Declares Foreign Steamship Owners Make It Impossible For American To Handle Their Own Products—How It is Done.

FORMER CONGRESSMAN TELLS OF CONDITIONS

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Testimony that steamship companies which are owned abroad absolutely control American shipping and have spent money freely to foster feeling against an American marine, was offered today before the congressional committee holding sessions here to investigate charges that a steamship lobby has maintained at Washington, William H. Douglas, who formerly represented a New York district in congress, made these statements.

"As conditions are now," Mr. Douglas testified, "the American merchant is handicapped. The foreign steamship owners make rates at Hamburg, London and Paris that control the export shipment of any article of this country."

Couldn't Get Cargo.
"Even if the American should charter a steamer for his own freight, he would not be able to obtain additional freight to make up a cargo."

Similar conditions govern the trade between the United States and South America, he said, as all the lines are owned abroad; and foreign steamship companies, he asserted, had spent money freely to influence sentiment against American shipping.

How it was done.
"By prepared articles for the newspaper which were widely distributed, and the employment of agents."

"While you were a member of congress, did you ever know of money being spent there by agents to influence legislation through the giving of dinners or anything else?"

"I think there was."

"Did you ever meet the agents or know them?"

"I hardly think they would want to know me."

Mr. Douglas added that although foreign companies had used whatever influence they possessed in shaping legislation and had paid money in Washington, he believed that, strictly speaking, they had not violated any law. And his testimony, he said, should be taken as facts rather than as criticism.

PROPOSED INCREASES UNJUST AND UNFAIR

Expert Witnesses Criticize Proposition of Railroad Before Commission.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—Five expert witnesses for the shippers testified today before the Interstate Commerce Commission in its investigation of the proposed rate increases, and upon adjourning until tomorrow the commission announced that the arguments for the eastern and western increase cases consolidated would be heard here December 1.

Today's testimony tending to show increases which the roads claim will involve a net additional revenue of \$275,000,000 in the official classification territory extending from the New England states to the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, were unjust and unfairly distributed. There was discussion also of the high cost of living, rebates and other questions.

The only witness who did not agree to the unfairness of the rates was C. C. McCain, of New York city, chairman of the Truck Line Association, who was called to explain a pamphlet which he prepared for the roads as an argument for the increase. Other witnesses were D. G. Ives, of Boston, Mass., chairman of the traffic committee of the trade organizations of the Atlantic seaboard; J. L. Thomas, of Omaha, Wis.; Edward S. Orr, of St. Louis, and E. Williamson, of Cincinnati, commissioner of the shippers' bureau there.

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FAULTY MECHANISM CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

War Department Finds That Design of Breech of New Gun is Imperfect.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—An investigation of the fatal accident at Indian Hook, Md., on November 9, resulting from a proving test of a new five-inch gun, which cost the lives of four men, has established the fact that the design of the breech mechanism for the gun is faulty. The pattern is now being changed at the Washington navy yard.

The accident was investigated by a board appointed by the secretary of the navy. The premature discharge of the cartridge case which blew out the breechplug, the board finds, was due to a projecting firing pin. It is this projecting firing pin which the board considers imperfect and before the five-inch guns are issued to the service the firing pin will be held in a safe position so that a similar accident cannot happen.

The board relieved the gun crew of all suspicion of carelessness, and said that all due precautions were taken in loading the gun and in handling the ammunition.

NEGRO TELLS STORY OF CRIME.

Pomp Scott Says He Didn't Intend to Kill Conductor.

(By Associated Press)

ROANOKE, Va., Nov. 29.—At the trial today of Pomp Scott for the murder of M. M. Spence, a railroad yard conductor, Scott related his story of the crime. He claimed the conductor attacked him with an iron bolt when Spence detected him stealing brasses, and that he cut the conductor in self-defense, but did not mean to kill him.

The prisoner, Judge Staples, who is trying the case, and the lawyers visited the scene of the tragedy. There is no jury in the trial, and the verdict will be rendered tomorrow by Judge Staples.

GAYNOR'S ASSAILANT INDICTED.

Two Charges of Assault With Intent to Kill.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—James J. Gallagher, who shot Mayor Gaynor last June, was indicted today by the grand jury in Hudson county, N. J., charged with assault with intent to kill on the mayor and William Edwards, street cleaning commissioner.

Another charge placed against him was that of carrying concealed weapons. Gallagher has been held in jail since his act, waiting the result of injuries which he inflicted.

REPUBLICAN DAY OVER

Country Apparently Behind Democrats, Says Senator Hale

SHORT SESSION PROGRAM

Chairman of Republican Caucus Expects That Little Will Be Accomplished—Victors Would Oppose "Death Bed Legislation" by G. O. P.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine, Republican leader of the senate by virtue of his position as chairman of the party caucus, and of the senate committee on appropriations foresees little of accomplishment in the coming short session of congress. Beyond the passage of the usual appropriation bills and possibly of an apportionment measure and one providing an ocean mail bounty, he believes no important business will be transacted.

Would Be Resisted.
"Should an expiring congress, in its last days, undertake to, by any death-bed action, rob the victorious party of its natural inheritance, it will be resisted to the utmost and nothing will follow but a protracted struggle which will shut out other measures which otherwise may perhaps carry in either house."

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"Were you ever approached by any member of the legislature, saying that it would be wise to have a session 'to raise a fund'?"

"I was not."

SAYS JOCKEY CLUB MADE FAIR FIGHT

Belmont Tells Committee That Opposition to Race Track Bills Was Legitimate.

ASSOCIATIONS GAVE MONEY VOLUNTARILY

There is No Authority For Assessment, But Combination For Defense Retained Attorneys To Fight Anti-Race Track Measure—Witness Complains He Has Been Persecuted.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—August Belmont, millionaire horse owner and chairman of the Jockey Club and the Westchester Racing Association, took the witness stand this afternoon and told the legislative committee that he considered that he had been persecuted.

"Anti I want to say," he added with emphasis, "that the racing associations and the Jockey Club fought the anti-race track bills fairly."

Mr. Belmont is the only one of a trio of prominent men identified with racing whom the committee has been able to get on the witness stand to testify concerning the charge that a \$500,000 corruption fund was raised by the racing interests to combat the Hest-Agnew law, prohibiting betting on horse races, which passed the legislature in 1908.

Subpoenas for Mr. Belmont, James H. Keene and Harry Payne Whitney have been out for weeks, all having been mentioned as present at a conference at which the alleged fund was subscribed. Service has not yet been obtained on Mr. Keene, called as a witness today, it being testified that he is in Europe.

Voluntary Contributions.
The Jockey Club, Mr. Belmont said, is a close corporation of fifty members brought into existence some ten years ago by men prominent on the turf. He was asked by what authority the Jockey Club had assessed \$5,500 on the Coney Island Jockey Club, and replied that the money had not been paid as the result of an assessment, but was contributed as informally.

"There is no authority that can be exercised by the Jockey Club to influence the payment of a fee by a racing association for legal purposes; but the associations, finding that they were to be prosecuted, combined and retained attorneys to fight the legislation. This was purely a voluntary matter and there was no compulsion whatsoever in having the money raised to retain lawyers."

"To what do you refer when you say persecution of racing?" he was asked.

"Committee Reflected on Him."
"Well, I may say that I was served with a subpoena by your committee in a way that I call persecution. I had no notification of the fact that you wanted me. An attorney was made to serve me the day before. Thanks giving he called at my office and saying that I was wanted on a very pressing business matter. That is a reflection and a persecution and made the community think I was trying to evade service. Now, take Mr. Whitney. He is abroad arranging a polo match. His wife is abroad. You post him as a subpoena dodger."

"It was absurd," he added, "to expect Mr. Whitney to charter a special steamer to come over to testify about some mythical dinner that was printed in the newspapers and a mythical sum that was raised, sums very also makes it ridiculous."

Left After He Knew.
Chairman Bruce interrupted to say that it was on record that James H. Keene left this country after the committee had issued a subpoena for him and after he knew the committee wanted him; as to Mr. Whitney, he said, it was not established when he called.

"Tell all you know about what funds were raised, and how," said Judge Bruce.