

VOTED DOWN AMENDMENTS

House of Commons Adopts the Reply to the Queen's Speech.

GOVERNMENT MAJORITY OF FOURTEEN

Government Questioned About Samoa Affairs—Brother Jonathan Has No Intention of Giving Up Pago Pago Harbor.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Sir Thomas Edmunds, anti-Parnellite, questioned the government in the House of Commons this afternoon on Samoa affairs. Sir Edward Grey said the United States claimed the exclusive right to occupy Pago Pago as a naval coaling station under the provisions of a treaty with Samoa. There had been no intimation by the United States of an intention to surrender this claim. Therefore, no arrangement had been effected for the reversion of the interests of the United States. Neither was there any truth in the report that Germany would not annex Samoa. The government could not give any pledge that it would insist upon the maintenance of the independence of Samoa. The country was in an unsettled state, but the last reports from there did not make any mention of any hostilities being in progress. Proposals for the more effective prevention of the importation of arms into Samoa were being considered by the government. The United States and Germany.

When the debate on the address replying to the queen's speech was resumed, Sir William Vernon Harcourt said that the speech made by Herbert Asquith had torpedoed Mr. Chamberlain's amendment. Mr. Chamberlain had described the government as tottering to its fall. But Sir William had received news of confidence. This belated abortion of an amendment had been moved by a supporter of disestablishment. Why, the opposition fight under their own flag. Sir William denied that the government proposed to introduce a bill to disestablish the House of Commons was called upon to consider whether the House of Lords would sanction any bill the government proposed to introduce. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 257 to 233. The result was greeted with cheers by the supporters of the government.

The chancellor of the exchequer then moved a clause, which was adopted by a vote of 273 to 271. The opposition cheered when the reduced government was announced. The address was then adopted without division.

KAISER RECEIVES THE FARMERS.

Asks that They Repose Trust in Him and the Government.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The emperor has entirely recovered from the cold from which he was suffering on Saturday, and today gave audience to the deputation of the agricultural union, whose reception had been set for Saturday last, but was deferred owing to the fact that the emperor remained in his apartments that day.

The deputation presented an address to his majesty on behalf of 200,000 farmers, begging him to direct his attention to the condition of husbandry.

After receiving the address the emperor said that the fact that he had granted them an audience showed his deep concern for the welfare of the peasantry. The agitation of last year, exceeding as it did, what was legitimate, grieved his paternal heart, but the efforts of the agricultural union, and the deputation to lay their grievances before him had healed that wound. He trusted that something beneficial would accrue to husbandry from the deliberations of the council of state. The emperor said: "I beg you, gentlemen, to abstain from unnecessary agitation. Let us pray to God to grant that the efforts of the council of state shall be attended by beneficial results."

After the deputation had called upon Emperor William, it attended a meeting of the Agrarian League, which is now being held here. Herr von Pöhl, a member of the Reichstag, who was one of the deputation, made a report of the interview with the emperor, and also said that the emperor had expressed his wish that the agricultural union should be the greatest enthusiasm and cheers for the emperor. All those present sang: "Hail to the Emperor!"

ARCHDUKE ALBERT DEAD.

Emperor Franz Josef's Great Nephew Succumbs to Congestion of the Lungs.

VIENNA, Feb. 18.—Archduke Albert died today at Arcs, South Tyrol, of congestion of the lungs.

Archduke Albert was the eldest son of Archduke Charles, a brother of the grandfather of Emperor Francis Joseph and Princess Henrietta of Nassau-Weilburg. In 1841 he was married to Princess Hildegard of Bavaria, who died in 1864. He entered the army at an early age, and commanded a division in Italy in 1849, took an important part in the battle of Novara, received the command of the Third army corps at the end of the campaign, and was subsequently appointed governor general of Hungary. In 1861 he was appointed to the command of the Austrian troops in Lombardy and Venetia. He captured a victory over the Italian troops at Custoza during the campaign of 1866, and after the battle of Solferino he was appointed commander-in-chief of the Austrian army, which he retained until March, 1869, when he exchanged it for that of inspector general of the army. A work on "Repossession of War," which he published in 1869, was translated into French by a captain of the French artillery and into English by an English captain.

BROKE LOOSE FROM THE TUG.

Disabled Cotton Steamer Adrift Off the French Coast.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The British steamer Ganges, Captain Roberts, which sailed from New Orleans January 6 for Havre, arrived at Corbion, Spain, January 28, for supply of coal. After replenishing her bunkers she proceeded on her voyage, but soon broke her propeller and was towed back to Corbion. She started from there in tow for Havre, and when off the island of Ushant, about twenty-five miles from Brest, she broke apart from the tug, towed her and has not been seen since. The Ganges has a cargo of cotton valued at £60,000. Her crew numbered thirty men.

Farmers Called on the Minister.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—A deputation representing the farmers in the department of Puy de Calais and Nord visited M. Gadaud, minister of agriculture, today and pointed out to him the grave danger of infection to French cattle arising from the importation of American cattle suffering from contagious diseases. M. Gadaud informed the delegation that the danger to which it referred had been submitted to a committee of experts on cattle diseases and their decision would shortly be given. After leaving M. Gadaud the delegation called upon M. Ribot, the prime minister, and submitted their grievance to him. M. Ribot promised that he would take the matter under consideration.

Minister Denby's Aid Invoked.

TIEN-TSIN, Feb. 18.—The Tsung Li Yamen, the Chinese foreign office, has requested Mr. Denby, United States minister to this country, to suggest to the government of Japan that the peace envoys appointed by the two countries meet at Port Arthur, or some place near Tien-Tsin, in order to suit the convenience of Li Hung Chang, one of the

CHINESE ENVOYS.

The Chinese government has requested Mr. John W. Foster, who was selected to represent the Chinese envoys in peace negotiations, to meet Li Hung Chang at Tien-Tsin. Mr. Foster, who is now at Shanghai, will probably leave there for Tien-Tsin as soon as communication between the two places is opened.

Mexico and Guatemala Ready to Settle.

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 18.—From the best possible source it is learned that a settlement between Mexico and Guatemala will be reached in a few days. The assertion of certain correspondents that Minister Mariscal had said that the question of the amount of indemnity being discussed between the two countries is settled, is denied. This question has only been touched upon so far. The amount due Mexico is hereafter to be settled.

Elite Body on the Kenish Coast.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The body of Walter Schull, who was a cabin passenger on the North German Lloyd steamer Elbe, was recovered today in the English channel off the headland of Dunkeness, county of Kent. A reward of £1,000 had been offered by the agents of Mr. Schull for the recovery of his remains.

To Revive Olympian Games.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Standard from Athens says that the committee on the revival of the Olympian games has invited the Russian emperor to witness the games at St. Petersburg. The Russian emperor, who is a member of the committee, will attend and offer a prize.

Satisfied Herr Von Leitzow.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch from Berlin to the Standard says that in view of the adoption of the Russian proposal for giving increased disciplinary power to the president over that body during the absence of the emperor, Herr Von Leitzow, the Russian ambassador, has decided to retain the presidency.

Protests of the Pope.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch from Rome to the Chronicle says that the pope has received a letter from the Russian minister at the arrest of three Catholic priests in Poland, who are accused of anti-dynastic tendencies.

Valuable Manuscript Found.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris says that an opera bouffe by Bizet, entitled "Don Procopio," has been discovered among the manuscripts left by Aubur.

NAVIGATION COMPANY ANSWERS.

Asks that the Road Be Taken Out of the Receiver's Hands.

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Bailed an Alleged Mining Exchange.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 18.—The Washington Mining Stock exchange, a concern that was organized with a large capital, was today quoted in the night before, was raided by the police today, considerable money and other valuables were seized.

Greenback Appeared in Court.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The Greenback appeared in Judge Grosscup's court today to answer the rule asking him to account for his actions during his brief term as receiver of the United States mint at Chicago.

Seattle Short a Fire Chief.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 18.—A. B. Hunt, chief of the fire department, has mysteriously disappeared, and no trace of him can be found. He was expected to leave today to go to Tacoma and attend his trial in the United States court on the charge of obtaining a naturalization paper by fraud.

Electrical Convention at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 18.—The tenth annual convention of the National Electric Light association begins in Cleveland tomorrow. Five hundred delegates are expected to attend. The convention will be held at the Hotel Cleveland.

Jury Failed to Agree on the Bankers Case.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 18.—The jury failed to agree on the case of the defunct Walla Walla Savings bank, which has been on trial for receiving stolen money and embezzlement.

Banker Headed Guilty to Swindling.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—Richard S. Parker, who swindled the A. O. U. W. out of about \$2,000 by forging death, today pleaded guilty to the charge in the criminal court and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. A banker and Harry Hunter are held as accomplices.

Mine Workers Convention Adjourns.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 18.—The convention of the United Mine workers adjourned today. On recommendation of the scale committee action on the wage question was deferred. The present agreement does not expire until May 1.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Feb. 18.

ARRIVAL—ARRIVED—Fuerst Bismarck, from New York for Alexandria.

ARRIVAL—ARRIVED—Mars, from Philadelphia.

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ARRIVAL—ARRIVED—La Bourgeoise, from New York.

ARRIVAL—ARRIVED—Aranua, from New York for Liverpool.

ARRIVAL—ARRIVED—Carlton, from Norfolk, Derwentholm, from Galveston, Tripoli, from Galveston.

ARRIVAL—ARRIVED—British King, from New Orleans.

ARRIVAL—ARRIVED—Hungary, from New Orleans.

BANKER RUTH ON THE RACK

His Statement Concerning the Taylor Debauchery Very Unsatisfactory.

CONFLICT WITH RECORD EVIDENCE

Fugitive Ex-Treasurer of South Dakota Admits Through His Attorney That He Is Ready to Treat for a Compromise.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 18.—(Special Telegram.)

The Ruth investigating committee was heard today. Secretary of State Thornton swore that the testimony of Chief Clerk Bowman to the effect that Thornton admitted the holding up of state money and that he had impounded Bowman not to send it out, was incorrect. Thornton said he merely expressed an opinion in casual conversation that the forcing of currency on the people they had would, during the panic, result in the failure of a number of banks.

Commissioner Lockhart appeared before the committee in an informal way and informed them that the methods of bookkeeping under Ruth were exceedingly irregular and careless and that the office had been largely neglected during his predecessor's term.

The committee wired Ruth to be in attendance Wednesday morning, and he will at that time be subjected to a close and thorough examination. He testified three weeks ago that at no time since 1882 had he \$1 of state money in his bank at Pierre.

The public examiner disclosed the committee with a certificate from the cashier of Ruth's bank, dated last April, stating that there was then on deposit \$15,000 due the state. There are other certificates of testimony, making it look somewhat dark for Ruth.

The committee has instructed Colonel Joly of Vermillion to take the testimony of the people in this city regarding the famous letter which Ruth is alleged to have written to Taylor and sent by mistake to the treasurer of Clay county. Mr. Joly admitted that he was Taylor's attorney, representing the defaulting treasurer, and bonded here, also admitted that he was prepared to treat with the state for compromise.

In the house this afternoon the railroad committee reported back Wheeler's maximum rate bill and asked that the bill be referred to the judiciary committee. The populists called for to secure a report from the latter tomorrow, but the railroad men postponed the matter until Wednesday. The bill was introduced for the introduction of new bills. This when the house rejects the bill, as it is expected to do, there will be no opportunity, except by a two-thirds vote, to put in another measure.

The supreme court rendered a decision to the effect that while the constitution required the taking of the census this year, there was no way of compelling the legislature to enforce the provision, and should it refuse to do so the apportionment bill would hold over.

F. Rieth, Ballot and No Work in Sight.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 18.—The fifteenth ballot of the senatorial fight was taken today. It resulted as follows: Higgins, republican, 8; Addicks, republican, 5; Massey, republican, 4; Wolcott, democrat, 7; Tunnell, democrat, 4. It will be five weeks tomorrow since the senatorial fight resolved itself into a deadlock and there appears to be no immediate prospect of its being broken.

It was rumored here that overtures had been made to both Addicks and Higgins by the republican committee to withdraw in favor of a third party, acceptable to both candidates, but the rumor is not confirmed.

Will Test Louisville's Sunday Law.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 18.—As a result of the investigation of the Louisville Sunday law, the Louisville Sunday observance law was reported to Chief of Police Taylor today. The authorities held a conference and decided to make the test cases the various lines of business, next Thursday being the day for the first test.

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NO TRACE OF GEORGE.

Murderer of Madge York, Still at Large—His Weapon Found.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(Special Telegram.)

Nothing has been heard of Actor J. B. Gentry, who last night murdered Miss Madge York at Zeis's hotel. The police are giving every effort to find him in the city and if he is found he will be immediately arrested. It is not yet known if the murderer has not already made his escape from town. It will be almost impossible for him to do so. Detective Geyer is of the opinion that the fugitive caught the 10 o'clock train on the Pennsylvania road for New York last night.

The revolver with which the murder was committed was found in a room at the Zeis's hotel, which was the room in which the murder was committed. Three chambers were empty, showing that the murderer fired three shots. The unfortunate actress, only one of which took effect. Two bullets went wide of their mark and were found buried in the wall.

The third bullet, Miss York in the center of the forehead and passed through her head, coming out just back of her right ear. Miss Clark, who was a close friend of the dead actress and who was in the room at the time of the shooting, can give no reason for the murder, as she had never heard of any quarrel between the two women.

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