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## Veto Bill in England

The government bill to abolish the veto power of the House of Lords, which, if the government is able to pass it as it stands, promises to accomplish a historic change in the parliamentary system of Great Britain, was introduced in the House of Commons by Premier Asquith.

No one professes to see the outcome of the constitutional battle. If the Liberals have any thought of a compromise they are keeping their intentions to themselves, and the greatest controversy known in this country for several generations began with both sides apparently determined not to yield except to superior force.

A full house faced Mr. Asquith when he rose to make the customary explanatory statement on the introduction of a measure of such moment. Tickets for seats in the public galleries had been exhausted weeks before and the diplomatic and past, balconies were thronged.

The Premier lost no time in letting the opposition know that he felt the country was behind him and, therefore, did not hesitate to reintroduce the bill without a change of word in the form in which it had its first reading last year. The measure, he said, had gone before the electorate at the recent elections and had been endorsed by the return of its supporters to the House of Commons with a majority of 226.

Mr. Asquith declared that when the Lords rejected the budget of 1909 they committed political suicide and that history would say that it was the most stupendous act of political blindness ever perpetrated.

Hereditary in origin, irresponsible in the exercise of its powers, and overwhelmingly partisan in its actual composition—that was the body to which the law intrusted the right to delay and check the considered decisions of elected representatives of the people, according to the Premier.

### IMMEDIATE RELIEF NEEDED

The Premier said that he did not propose to dispense with a second chamber. They already had suffered enough from the evils of what was practically a single chamber government, but the country required an immediate remedy of the evil and could not await a release from the dangerous and intolerable situation until the long and laborious process necessary for the creation of the new second chamber had been completed.

The Premier continued: "Is all progressive legislation, though heartily desired and demanded by the people, to come to a standstill pending the evolving of a new second chamber? We say 'No' and the country has said 'No' twice.

"It is asserted the government's proposal will have the effect of enabling a despotic single chamber to ride rough shod over the electorate and the government is charged with enthroning, under the subtle disguise of democratic forms, a power which would enthral and set at naught the very spirit of democracy. Such a view is one of the most unsubstantial nightmares that ever afflicted the imagination.

Mr. Asquith said the political fortunes of the representatives of the government were at stake. By delay to provide a bill for the

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purpose now sought, the government had guarded against all risks of a measure which could be condemned by the people as having been arbitrarily smuggled into law. He concluded:

"The government presents this bill as the first and most urgent step that it can take toward the attainment of perfection."

Mr. Asquith was followed by A. J. Balfour. The leader of the opposition commented upon the absence of all evidences of a conciliatory spirit in the Premier's speech. All were agreed, he said, that there should be a modification of the relations of the two houses, but the reconstitution of the House of Lords should be the subject of cautious deliberation. The bicameral system must prevail and the House of Commons must be the predominant partner, he declared.

### HEREDITARY NECESSARY

Mr. Balfour said he was convinced that some leaven of heredity was necessary for the second chamber. He desired a peaceful arrangement by agreement, and he would do much so that a great struggle might be settled without controversial violence which it was especial desirable to avoid in a coronation year, but there were some issues so great that no compromise was possible and if fought out they must be carried over the heads of the Unionist party.

Reverting to his remark that something of the principle of hereditary membership must remain in the second chamber, Mr. Balfour said that he distrusted the policy of making the House of Lords a purely elective body. In no country, in neither the United States nor in France, had that been found consistent with the predominance of the lower house. If, therefore, it was wished that the House of Commons predominate, hereditary principle should be continued.

James Ramsey McDonald, chairman of the Labor party, said he was frankly in favor of a single chamber, but the country insisted upon two houses. The Laborites were opposed to the preamble of the bill, but would accept it rather than defeat the measure.

The veto bill introduced to-day is described as "a bill to make provision with respect to the powers of the House of Lords in relation to those of the House of Commons, and to limit the duration of Parliament."

The preamble recites that "it is expedient that provision shall be made for regulating the relations between the two House of Parliament," and that "it is intended to substitute for the House of Lords, as it at present exists, the second chamber constituted on a popular basis instead of a hereditary one."

## "Après Moi" Causes Riot

Paris.—Stormy scenes occurred at the Comedie Francaise at the second performance of "Après Moi" by Henry Bernstein, author of "The Thief". Rowdy clerical organizations which have taken exception to production of

a play by a Jew against whom they have made various allegations, were posted in different parts of the house and kept up incessant interruptions. They resisted ejection from the theater, tooth and nail, and Bernstein's brother received a black eye during the course of an altercation. Eighteen of the disturbers were arrested.

## Prefer American Machines

Berlin.—The German holders of the Wright Brothers' aeroplane patents have invited competitive exhibitions with the idea of demonstrating the superior stability of the American machines in stormy weather. They announce they will forfeit \$250 to any aviator who in an aeroplane of different make will fly twice around the Johannisthal field in a wind of more than eighteen miles an hour if the performance is not immediately duplicated in a Wright flyer. The challenge will hold good from March 5 to March 15.

## Condition of Treasury

Washington.—At the beginning of business to-day the condition of the United States Treasury was as follows: Working balance in Treasury offices, \$28,248,380, in banks and Philippine treasury \$91,533,719, the total balance in general fund was \$84,656,431.

Ordinary receipts yesterday were \$1,207,598, with ordinary disbursements of \$1,738,090. The deficit to date this fiscal year is \$5,847,342, as against \$24,602,284 at this time last year.

These figures exclude Panama Canal and public debt transactions.

## Would Stop Atrocities

As a result of a protest registered by the British consul general at Port au Prince against the reign of terror in Hayti, the State Department made representations to the Haytian government of revolutionary prisoners, advising the authorities to adopt a more reasonable course.

## Jap Soldiers

### Going to Peru

San Francisco.—Migratory Japanese debarred from entering the United States by the agreement between the two governments are going in large numbers to Peru, according to a report brought here yesterday by the steamer Uarda. Officers of the Uarda, which called at Callao on her way here from Europe, say

that each vessel going to Callao from Asia carries many Japanese. It is reported that the Peruvian army, which has been engaged in skirmishes with the forces of Ecuador over the boundary dispute, has in its ranks Japanese soldiers, some of them veterans of the Russian war. It was learned in Callao that there was still considerable unrest on the frontier of Peru and Ecuador and that several sharp fights have taken place recently.

## Picture May Be Fake

Montreal.—Sir William Van Horn, who possesses a full-length Velasquez portrait of Philip IV of Spain, in commenting on a published report to the effect that a portrait of Philip IV by Velasquez was on its way to New York for the private collection of J. P. Morgan, said to-day:

"I have good reason to believe that Mr. Morgan has not acquired any picture of Velasquez."

## Current News.

Mr. Nutter Cox, British Consul at San Jose was a passenger on the Cartago yesterday, from Colon. His wife accompanied him.

The man about Town is on a holiday trip, consequently we are unable in this issue, to tell our readers what the people of Limon are saying next week when he will say what they are saying.

There were not less than 7 steamers in port yesterday; it is quite an unusual occurrence to have such a number in harbour at one time. They are as follows: San Jose, Cartago, Sarnia, Serrana, Overdale, Belle Verne and Citta de Milano.

Mr. Enrique Pucci, Italian Consul, was a passenger yesterday on the Citta de Milano for Italy. Mr. Pucci been suffering for a long time from paralysis and goes to his native home for the benefit of his health. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The United Fruit Company steamer "San Jose," Capt. Davidson, arrived yesterday morning from Boston via Port Antonio, Jamaica, with 23 sacks mails and passengers. The following is from Boston: Miss. M. Aragon, George Aragon, Mrs. T. F. Hayes, H. B. Bourne, P. P. Pillsbury and 6 deckers.

The "Cartago" of the U. F. Co's line ran into port early yesterday morning from Colon, bringing the following passengers: Aaron Cohn N. and Mrs. Otto Elmerichs, Mr. and Mrs. William Niehaus, Sidney Nackie, Prospero Calderon, William Keech, Hali Parker, Mrs. Amy Kissick, F. Nutter Cox and wife and 20 deckers. In transit: S. Dawson, S. B. Mitchell and wife F.F. Brisbil S. Saito, General R. M. O'Reilly and wife, R. L. O'Neill, Mrs. C. B. Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Spencer and 6 deckers.

On Thursday afternoon last while a young man was riding his cycle in Front Street he came in

collision with a Spanish lad that was playing with some idle boys like himself. The cyclist, it is alleged gave the boy a slight blow with his machine, but more through fright the little boy fell to the ground. The rider of the cycle seeing the boy on the ground came to the conclusion that he was "d o n e u p" and made an effort to get out of the vicinity but as he was not fairly balanced like John Gilpin he fell three times; the police was just in time to seize the cycle the last time he fell. The young man being more fleetly with his feet took to it and safely got out of the way, leaving his cycle in the hands of the police.

The s. s. "Sarnia" of the Hamburg American line came into port on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock with her live and dead freight, but much to the annoyance of the passengers they were kept on board all night till next morning. As if to make matters worse it leaked out that the vessel did not bring down her proper papers from the last port of call. However we learned later in the day that the authorities had given the agents permission to dock her. But still the passengers fate was more tested; there was no room for her to be docked as other vessels were occupying the pier. It was not till 6 o'clock that she was brought from the stream and allowed to land her passengers.

The passengers train was beyond time yesterday, she did not run into Limon till 7.15 last night.

This is to certify my mind of making this publication of my wife live my premises from the twelve of December until now the twelve of February and I make claim of my married tickets and my ring. Because she is living a miserable and dirty life for a married woman and my wife Margaret Allen Bring her self to on awfull disgrace she Burn her weden garment and her conformation dress out on the public rail-way if she should contract any deht I am not responsible.

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## In the Churches

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- 7 p. m.—Do
- Waldwyn
- 11 a. m.—T. A. Glaspole
- 7 p. m.—Do
- Seren Day Adventist
- 7 p. m.—Elder H. Mignott
- International Bible Association Class (Dormant)
- 11 a. m.—Studies in the scripture
- 3 p. m.—Symposium by S. B. Chon
- 7 p. m.—Scripture Studies

## KING GEORGE Hold Levee

London, King George had the first levee of his reign at St. James, Palace to-day. Those received were mainly from diplomatic and official circles. Secretary Phillips and others of the American embassy who are in town were present, but there were no other American presentations.

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They have no natural affection for Great Britain. Probably they have been educated in contempt of kings and monarchical institutions. There are places in Saskatchewan where there is a hearty celebration of Independence Day by the American settlers and a dull, routine and uninteresting observance of Dominion Day by Canadians.

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