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BRITISH BUDGET IS IN

Surplus Funds of Last Year Will Be Used to Reduce Debt.

SURPLUS IS EXPECTED FOR NEXT YEAR

"Social Reforms" One of the Features of Present Policy of Government, According to the Chancellor.

LONDON, April 18.—No budget statement of recent years had been awaited with so much interest as that submitted by the chancellor of the exchequer today.

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Continuing, the chancellor said that if these objects, namely, the strengthening of the national credits and the creation of a fund for social reforms, were to be carried out, he could not do anything involving a permanent diminution of the revenue.

He said that a further reduction in the duty on tea by 2 cents would not benefit the consumer and he did not propose to make any change this year in indirect taxation.

Income Tax Changes.

The chancellor intended, however, to deal with the income tax incidence, which in its present shape worked unjustly.

The scheme must be one which without destroying the productive character of the tax would differentiate between earned and unearned incomes.

In conclusion the chancellor said that after making all reductions he had a disposable surplus of \$2,000,000 and he proposed to keep \$1,000,000 for emergency.

The remaining \$1,000,000 would be invested in the sinking fund and set aside for old-age pensions next year.

He estimated that during the year the national debt would be reduced by \$65,000,000 and that the nucleus of a fund for the honorable relief of necessitous old age would be commenced.

In addition to the \$7,500,000 set aside there would be \$3,750,000 of uncollected arrears of this year's income tax, making a total of \$11,250,000.

The chancellor relied confidently on further economy in expenditure and on the estimates, unanticipated death duties accounting for \$4,000,000 of this sum, while the balance was made up of increased receipts from the coal duty and the mint.

The latter was due to the increased demand for coinage on account of the prosperous state of trade and the large amount of silver, aggregating \$150,000,000, required for various purposes in connection with the general election.

The latter remark reminded the public of numerous petitions to annual elections on account of alleged bribery and called forth much laughter.

As a whole the revenue returns, the chancellor added, had not shown great elasticity and in view of the undoubted prosperous state of trade they were distinctly disappointing.

The reduction in the tea duty in the last budget had been followed by increased consumption, amounting to 4,500,000 pounds.

The revenue from tobacco had realized expectations and there had been a progressive formidable decline in the revenue from the alcohol group since 1904 until last year.

There are no signs of a definite reaction, and the present year had furnished an increase of \$3,000,000 in these receipts.

Turning to the financial year of 1907-8, the chancellor estimated the expenditure at \$718,350,000, a reduction of \$6,350,000 compared with 1906-7.

On the existing basis of taxation, the revenue for the forthcoming year was estimated at \$726,500,000, showing an estimated surplus of \$7,150,000.

Discussing the liabilities of the state, the chancellor announced, amid cheers, that the permanent reduction of the national debt in the course of 1907-8 amounted to \$65,000,000.

Further reduction of the national debt, declared Mr. Asquith, was the paramount duty of the government, but behind that lay the unoccupied territory of social reform.

"I am not a socialist," said he, "but there is nothing that appeals to us so loudly and impudently as the possibilities of social reforms."

The government's ministers, according to the chancellor, had old age pensions as the most serious and urgent of all the demands of social reform. It was their in-

SHERCLIFF STAR WITNESS

Pallock Diamond Robber Says Civic Federation, Through Ernie, Paid Him.

REPEATS STORY IN NEWS LABEL SUIT

Day is Largely Consumed with the Depositions of This Man Relating to Tom Dennison.

Through depositions repeating his testimony in the Dennison Red Oak trial, Sherman W. Morris, better known as Shercliff, the man who served many years in the Fort Madison penitentiary for the Pollock diamond robbery, was the star witness in the Dennison-News label suit before Judge Estelle yesterday, and in his affidavit the statement was brought out that he had been paid by the Civic Federation in reference to his testimony at Red Oak, receiving the sum of \$10,000 from "a man named Ernie."

"Ella Ernie Thomas ever sent you any money?" he was asked.

"Not personally," he replied.

"Did you not receive regular remittances while you were in Logan?"

"Not from the Civic Federation," he said.

"Who were they from?"

"From Ernie."

"A representative of the Civic Federation?"

"I believe so."

"Why did he send you the money?"

"Because I refused to go to town unless I got regular witness fees."

He denied the fact he got the money would affect his testimony in any way and also that he had made a proposition to Dennison for money.

A deposition from George B. Burrier, an inmate of the penitentiary at Anamosa, who was reading on the reputation of Dennison in Omaha and vicinity. He admitted he had been a thief since boyhood and that Lewis E. Fay of Clinton, Ia., who was associated with Elmer E. Thomas, had been working for a parole for him.

Shercliff Repeats His Tale.

The entire morning session was devoted to a continuation of the deposition regarding the alleged connection of Dennison with crimes recounted by Morris. Most of the deposition is a repetition of his testimony in the criminal case against Dennison at Red Oak after the reading of the direct examination Attorney Egan began the reading of the cross-examination directed mainly to questions tending to discredit Morris. Morris went into considerable detail in telling his story of the Pollock diamond robbery on the train near Missouri Valley. There was nothing new in all this; it was the old story of how this desperado slugged and robbed this man with \$75,000 worth of diamonds on his person, the same testimony used against Dennison at Red Oak.

A part of the deposition that caused considerable laughter related to an attempted holdup which, Morris said, Dennison had told him about.

"He told me he and Tom Farrell went to a cabin in Kokomo, Col., opened the door and turned loose with 40's at the bunk. He said they only succeeded in shooting the — in the toe."

The cross-examination began with questions to show that the Thomas, an attorney for the Civic Federation, had written to Morris, or Shercliff, while the latter was in the penitentiary at Fort Madison, and that he saw Thomas when he was released from prison. Mr. Van Dusen objected to bringing Elmer Thomas or the Civic Federation into the case, but Judge Estelle admitted a part of the questions bearing on the question of the good faith of the witness. Morris said when he was paroled Thomas was there and accompanied him away from the penitentiary.

May Have Said It.

"Did he not say he was trying to get Dennison in the penitentiary?" he was asked.

"He may have; I don't remember that he did."

"It is true you are not very friendly toward Tom Dennison, is it not?"

"Yes, sir."

"Are you not personally unfriendly and hostile?"

"I am very unfriendly to him."

The witness denied he would make an untrue statement to injure Dennison.

"Is it not true you have threatened his life?"

"No, sir."

"Did you not make threats?"

"I made a statement to his brother that if he tried to kill me or have any one do it I would start in and keep on till I had wiped out all the male members of the Dennison family."

The witness said he started on his career of crime when he was 17 years old and was prosecuted at that age in Geneva, Ill., for robbing a safe. He had been confined in three penitentiaries. When he was asked if he did not hold up a house of ill-fame in Denver and get about \$5,000 in jewels and money, he declined to answer on the grounds he might incriminate himself. The questioner brought out the fact that it was at this holdup, and not by the holdup of the two women in Salt Lake City, as he had previously testified, that he got the \$5,000 worth of diamonds.

STOCKHOLDERS TAKE CHARGE

Uncle Sam Oil Company Placed in Hands of Committee Pending Trial.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 18.—An executive board of three members will today take charge of the property of the Uncle Sam Oil company and assume its entire management pending the solution of the trouble in which the company is involved.

Harry H. Tucker, jr., the indicted secretary-manager, and the other officials will retire from active participation in the company's affairs. This action was decided on at Kansas City, Kan., last night by the directors and trustees, and a trust deed was made turning over the refinery, distributing stations, oil lands and books and papers to the board, which is composed of two Kansas bankers and a county judge.

Decision Expected Today.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 18.—After an extended hearing before Judge Pollock of the federal court took under advisement the applications for a receiver for the Uncle Sam Oil company, and it is believed his decision will be rendered tomorrow.

W. R. Rightmeyer, representing a large number of stockholders of the company, petitioned the court to take the control of the company from H. H. Tucker, jr., and have it operated by a receiver until a reorganization could be effected. Tucker's attorney presented the plea that as the company was incorporated in Arizona it was a citizen of that state and could not be sued in Kansas without its consent. Judge Pollock did not decide this point today.

The creditors of the company who brought suit to have the company declared bankrupt were represented by attorneys in court today. The basis of this suit is the assignment made today by the officers of the company to three trustees who are to manage the property for the benefit of the stockholders and creditors. The creditors claim that this act constitutes an act of insolvency.

Harry H. Tucker, jr., the indicted manager of the company, today turned its property over to three trustees.

NEBRASKA FROM DAY TO DAY

Quiet and Curious Features of Life in a Rapidly Growing State.

Wisdom From Norfolk—It depends upon good deal on the bait when you're fishing.—Norfolk News.

Even the groundhog must shiver when he remembers he could only stay underground for six weeks after February 2.

It is "up to" milliners to give another "spring opening," as present precipitation may destroy the "creations" of Easter.

Holdrege refers to "weak thieves" who steal a load of baled hay. What must a man do to get into the robber class at Holdrege?

Nebraska farmers, who are reported as holding nearly half of their corn crop March 1, may find some consolation in the present weather.

A subscriber asks if it is illegal for a resident of a "dry" town to purchase liquor for his own use. He will probably discover that the "dry trade" is not destroyed.

Reports from the Omaha Indian reservation indicate that even the aborigines are affected with the prevailing sentiment against questionable business methods.

In requesting railroads to tell patrons how to secure lowest possible rates the state commission again emphasizes Omaha's unenviable position to be considered the gateway of the west.

Watching the Babies—If any babies got away this week it is not our fault. We recorded six, although at this writing the returns may not all be in.—(Nineteen-year-old item), Madison Chronicle.

Prize Winners at Redwood—Mrs. E. H. Wright and Miss Fern Keyser tied on first prize and Mrs. Zelma Wells received the booby prize at Mrs. Powers' rag sewing last Thursday. Mrs. Wright and Miss Keyser received five pounds each.—Redwood Correspondent Kearney Hub.

Lively Time at Ord—Yesterday Jim Crouch was under the influence of adulterated poison and went into Joe Warwick's shop and tipped an anvil over onto himself, wounding his head, and was then managed to get a heavy swedge iron from his moorings and had that fall onto his leg.—Ord Quiz.

Old Problem Unresolved—It would be interesting to know how some men really make a living. We have reference to those who seem never to work, and may be seen any hour of the day walking aimlessly along the streets or standing on the corners, smoking cigars or chewing their cud, wearing good clothes and seeming to be masters of finance.—Loup City Northwest.

FEAST AT 'FRISCO

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cloudless sky over a busy metropolis, in which the volume of business more than equals that of twelve months ago, and whose population is fast approaching its former figures. Since a record is said to be without a parallel.

During the year \$75,000,000 has been expended in the work of reconstruction, one-third of which was furnished by the savings banks, which, in common with all the financial institutions, without the aid of "without a sign" of workmen, over \$30,000,000 has been paid for labor; \$5,000,000 are now engaged in the building industry, while before the fire only 30,000 were at work. Temporary construction, which for a while prevailed, has ceased and permits for the erection of first-class fire-proof structures, to cost over \$60,000,000, have been granted. The restoration of old buildings which survived the flames, now in progress, will require the expenditure of many millions more. About 300 miles of street railways rendered useless are now in running order. Perhaps the most convincing proof of the substantial rehabilitation of the city is shown by the bank clearings, which for March exceeded by nearly \$2,500,000 the figures for the same month of last year, just preceding the catastrophe.

TWO KINGS MEET AT GAETA

Rulers of Britain and Italy Greet Each Other in Italian Port.

BANQUET ON ROYAL YACHT TRINACRIA

Nearly All the Guests Are Military and Naval Officials—Toasts of Friendship Are Exchanged.

GAETA, Italy, April 18.—The British royal yacht Victoria and Albert, with King Edward and Queen Alexandra on board, arrived here at about 9:30 o'clock this morning from Valetta, Island of Malta, escorted by the British armored cruisers Suffolk and Lancaster. King Edward was received by King Victor Emmanuel, who was on board the Italian royal yacht Trinacria, surrounded by two Italian warships and several torpedo boats. The usual salutes were exchanged and hearty cheers greeted the British king from the people ashore and the sailors on board the warships.

The weather, which had been most stormy recently, fortunately cleared to some extent and the meeting of the two kings took place under more favorable auspices than had been anticipated.

The two kings embraced each other repeatedly when they met on board the Trinacria, and King Victor Emmanuel kissed Queen Alexandra's hand. The mayor of Gaeta sent her majesty a bouquet of orchids and roses with a card bearing the words, "Devotion and admiration to the most powerful queen in the world."

A luncheon on board the Trinacria followed. It was mainly attended by military and naval officers, the only local official invited being General Del Rosso, commander of the fort of Gaeta. The presence of Marine Minister Mirabello and the commanders of so many men-of-war before one of the chief strongholds in the Mediterranean accentuated the military character of the feast. The toasts exchanged were simply expressions of friendship between Italy and Great Britain.

FRENCH LABORERS ARE ANGRY

Government Said to Be Trying to Defeat the Efforts of Workmen.

PARIS, April 18.—Crowds of striking waiters paraded the boulevards today carrying the arrest of the local official invited being General Del Rosso, commander of the fort of Gaeta. The presence of Marine Minister Mirabello and the commanders of so many men-of-war before one of the chief strongholds in the Mediterranean accentuated the military character of the feast. The toasts exchanged were simply expressions of friendship between Italy and Great Britain.

Several arrests were made on the charge of intimidation. Orators at a meeting of the Labor exchange declared that most of the more important establishments would be forced to close this evening. The proprietors, however, assert that full service is assured.

The Confederation of Labor is placarding the public buildings with a most violent manifesto containing the "criminal government's" attempts to defeat the efforts of the workmen to ameliorate their condition and vilifying especially Premier Clemenceau, Education Minister Briand and Labor Minister Viviani in connection with the arrest of the strike leaders, Marck and Yvetot "under charges concocted by means of barbarous and antiquated laws."

The strike of the waiters extended during

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