

Chamberlain, Ritchie and Hamilton Have Resigned.

REASONS FOR RESIGNATION.

Retiring Colonial Secretary Will Become Missionary of the Imperial Zollverein Idea—His Letter to the Premier and Mr. Balfour's Reply—Both Agree That British Public Opinion Is Against the Change.

London, Sept. 18.—The official announcement of the resignations of Mr. Chamberlain and two other members of the Cabinet, which was announced yesterday, was made late last night at Downing street in the following communication: "The following Ministers have tendered their resignations, which have been accepted by the King: Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary for the Colonies; Right Honorable T. C. Ritchie, Chancellor of the Exchequer; and Lord George Hamilton, Secretary for India. The accompanying correspondence passed between the Premier, Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, and Mr. Chamberlain."

Mr. Chamberlain's Letter. Then follows Mr. Chamberlain's letter, dated Birmingham, Sept. 9, commencing, "My Dear Balfour," in which he sets forth his reasons for



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his resignation. An extremely interesting feature of the letter is the following statement concerning a preferential tariff: "For the present at any rate, a preferential agreement with our colonies involving any duty, however small, on articles of food hitherto un-taxed, even if accompanied by a reduction on other articles of food equally universal in their consumption, would be unacceptable to the majority of the constituencies. However much we may regret the decision, however mistaken we may think it, no good Government in a democratic country can ignore it. I feel, therefore, that as an immediate practical policy the question of preference to the colonies can not be pressed with any hope of success at the present time, although there is a very strong feeling in favor of the other branch of fiscal reform which would give fuller discretion to the Government in negotiating with foreign countries for a free exchange of commodities and which would enable our representatives to retaliate if no concession was made to our just demands."

Outlines His Policy. "If, as I believe, you share these views, it seems to me that you will be absolutely justified in adopting them as the policy of your Government, although it will necessarily involve some changes in its constitution. As Secretary for the Colonies during the last eight years, I have been in a special sense the representative of the policy of a firmer union which I firmly believe to be equally necessary in the colonies and ourselves. I believe it is possible today and may be possible to-morrow to make arrangements for such a union. I have had unexcelled opportunities of watching events and appreciating the feelings of our kinsmen beyond the seas. I stand, therefore, in a different position to any of my colleagues, and I think that I should justly be blamed if I remained in office and thus formally accepted the exclusion from my political program of so important a part thereof."

Promote Cause From Outside. "I think that with absolute loyalty to your Government and with no fear of embarrassing it in any way I can best promote the cause I have at heart from the outside and I cannot but hope that in a perfectly independent position my arguments may be received with less prejudice than would attach to those of a party leader. Accordingly I would suggest that you limit the present position of the Government to an assertion of all commercial relations with foreign countries and that you should agree to my tendering my resignation of my present office to His Majesty and devoting myself to the work of explaining and popularizing these principles of Imperial union which experience has convinced me are essential to our future welfare and prosperity."

Yours Very Sincerely, "Joseph Chamberlain." Mr. Chamberlain points out the unyielding opposition of the Liberal party, which "scouted the idea that a system generally accepted in 1846 could possibly require modification in 1903." He goes briefly over the same ground regarding protection, as did Mr. Balfour in his recent statement.

Premier Balfour's Reply. Mr. Balfour replied to Mr. Chamberlain's letter in the following manner: "I have read your letter with great interest and sympathy. It is a masterpiece of clear and logical reasoning. I am glad to hear that you are devoting yourself to the work of explaining and popularizing these principles of Imperial union which experience has convinced me are essential to our future welfare and prosperity."

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the time has come when a change should be made in the fiscal system by which we bound ourselves in our commercial dealings with other Governments, it was paradoxical indeed that you should leave the Cabinet at the same time that others of my colleagues are leaving it who disagree on the very same point with us both.

"Yet I cannot but admit that there is some force in your arguments in support of that course, based as they are upon your special and personal relation with that portion of the controversy which deals with colonial preference. You have done more to bring home to the citizens of the Empire the consciousness of Imperial obligation and of interdependence between the various fragments into which the Empire is geographically divided. I believe you to be right in holding that this interdependence should find expression in our commercial as well as in our political and military relations. I believe with you that a closer fiscal union between the Mother Country and the colonies would benefit the trade of both, and that if such closer union could be established on fitting terms, its advantage to both parties would increase with years and as the colonies grow in wealth and population."

Where They Differ. "If there has ever been any difference between us in connection with this matter, it has only been with regard to the practicability of the proposal which would seem to require on the part of the colonies a limitation in the all-round development of a protective policy and on the part of this country the establishment of a preference in favor of important colonial products. On the first of these requirements I say nothing; but if the second involves as it most certainly does, a taxation however light upon food stuffs I am convinced with you that public opinion is not yet ripe for such an arrangement. The reasons may easily be found in past political battles, and present political misrepresentations. If then this branch of fiscal reform is not at present within the limits of practical politics, you are surely right in your advice not to treat it as indissolubly connected with that other branch of fiscal reform to which we both attach importance, and which we believe the country is prepared to consider without prejudice. I feel, however, deeply concerned that you should regard this conclusion, however well founded, as one making it difficult in your very special circumstances for you to remain a member of the Government. Yet I do not venture in a matter so strictly personal to raise any objection if you think you can best serve the interests of Imperial unity, for which you have done so much by pressing your views on colonial preference, with the freedom which is possible in an independent position, but hardly compatible with office."

Lost to Government Great. "How can I criticize your determination? The loss to the Government is great indeed, but the gain to the cause you have at heart may be greater still. If so, what can I do but acquiesce?" "Yours very sincerely, "A. J. Balfour."

P.S.—"May I say with what gratification, both on personal and public grounds, I learn that Austen Chamberlain is ready to remain a member of the Government? There could be no more conclusive evidence that in your judgment as in mine, the exclusion of the taxation of food from the party program is in the existing circumstances a course best fitted practically to further the cause of fiscal reform."

Others Have Resigned. The retirement of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain precipitates the most dramatic crisis. It is understood that the resignations of some other members of the Cabinet are imminent, and that Lord Lansdowne, the Foreign Secretary, left London last night for Balmoral, while Premier Balfour and his brother are also expected to proceed to Balmoral on Saturday. In the Conservative club's last night projected was almost as great a surprise as in Liberal quarters. The Liberals are jubilant and look forward to an appeal to the country with the utmost confidence.

The Radical Daily News declares Mr. Chamberlain's is a lost cause. Rumors are current that Viscount Milner, the High Commissioner in South Africa, may be invited to become Minister for the Colonies, that Mr. Brodrick will take the India office and that Arnold-Forster will take the War portfolio.

London Press Comments. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, Sept. 18.—The London newspaper comments on Mr. Chamberlain's resignation state that the course open to an honorable, high-spirited politician. The Chronicle says: "He goes out of office because, to use his own words, 'I can best promote the cause I have at heart from the outside.'" The Morning Post says: "Chamberlain, by his resignation, which the King has graciously pleased to accept, has crossed the Rubicon. That was but a little stream, but to cross it had an immense significance."

The Times says: "Ritchie's and Hamilton's resignations are matters of quite subordinate importance compared with Chamberlain's, who is by universal admission the strongest member of the Government, and a statesman who has made the most powerful and abiding impression on the masses at home and abroad, and younger nations growing up to manhood within the Empire."

Wife Follows Husband. Paris, Sept. 21.—James L. Ferris, a well-known newspaper man of New York, died here yesterday, as the result of a paralytic stroke. His wife, in a fit of distraction soon afterwards, took her life.

BATTLE IS NOW ON.

No Time Has Been Lost in Starting British Campaign. CHAMBERLAIN'S 2ND LETTER. This Time He Writes to the Tariff Reform League—Says He Agrees With the Views of the League, and That They Have Now Sufficient Facts and Figures to Begin Work.

London, Sept. 19.—The newspapers this morning are crammed with discussions and speculations regarding the political situation brought about by the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Ritchie, and Lord George Hamilton, but no fresh development has yet been announced. The Marquis of Lansdowne, regarding whose intentions there is the greatest interest has gone to Balmoral to relieve Lord Balfour of Burleigh, as the Minister in attendance on the King.

Both political parties have already commenced active preparations for the coming campaign, and the opinion is sought of every man of prominence at home and in the colonies, whose ideas are likely to have influence. Mr. Asquith, who is by many regarded as the future leader of the Liberal party, telegraphed yesterday: "The situation in all its essentials is unchanged. The duty of the Liberals to defend free trade is as plain and urgent as before."

THE COLLISION AT BLENHEIM.

Switch Opened by a Brakeman's Mistake—List of the Injured. Chatham, Sept. 17.—The accident at Blenheim was caused by a switch left open, allowing the rear end of the passenger train to crash into a loaded freight train. The express to the siding to allow the express to pass. The rear coach of the passenger train, which was mostly occupied by high school and business college students going to their homes, was telescoped half its length and reduced to splinters.

The list of injured is as follows: Miss Nellie Forbes, leg badly fractured; Miss Winnie Packer, broken jaw and other injuries; Miss Eric Jackson, bad gash on cheek and leg much crushed; Miss Doherty and McGregor of Ridgeway, badly bruised and suffering much from shock. Miss McGregor's chest was crushed, but her injuries are not considered fatal. All the occupants of the coach were more or less bruised and shaken up. Among those more or less hurt, in addition to those named, are: James Hogan, Blenheim, neck, shoulder and head cut, not serious; Buehlan Buchanan, hand bruised, not serious; Miss Rowe, suffering from shock; Walter Sedgwick, Miss Edda Rankin, shoulder bruised, not serious; Stewart Campbell, head slightly hurt. The coach containing the Blenheim pupils was quite beyond repair, and was set on fire to facilitate the clearing of the track.

CAN'T MAKE UP DEFICIENCY.

Britain Will Not Look to Canada For Supply of Wheat. London, Sept. 21.—(C.A.P.)—Thorn Thom of the Liverpool Corn Exchange estimates this year's shortage at 36,000,000 bushels for British needs. Canada's average export of wheat to Great Britain during the past six years was only 6,000,000 bushels. Mr. Thom contends that any deficiency can scarcely be supplied from Canada, as the natural outlet for Manitoba and Alberta is the Pacific Ocean, to meet the increasing bread wants of China, Japan and the Philippines. Mr. Thom thinks that those who expect sufficient supplies from Canada's Northwest are doomed to disappointment.

St. Catharines, Sept. 21.—Lincoln County Liberals met on Saturday and nominated E. J. Lovelace, editor of The Journal, as their candidate for the Commons.

\$500 Reward For Women Who Cannot Be Cured. Backed up by over a third of a century of remarkable and uniform cures, a record such as no other remedy for the diseases of women has ever attained, the proprietors of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in legal gold to any woman who can be cured of any of the diseases of women by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Send for a copy of the book and you will see how well it is better than any other. I tell everybody that Dr. Pierce's cures cured me.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.—Seven another colliers operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the Wyoming, Shamokin and Schuylkill Districts will be closed today. About 20,000 men and boys will be idle as a result.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Edward Miall, for many years Commissioner of Inland Revenue, at Ottawa, died yesterday morning at Aylmer. He was superannuated a couple of years ago.

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Fourteen Seats Disposed of in the House in Committee Thursday. Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Fair progress was again made by the House in committee on the redistribution bill, fourteen seats being passed, involving six counties, Kent, Middlesex, Northumberland, Perth, Peterborough and York, the chief discussions being on Middlesex, Peterborough and York. Waterloo was also considered and held over. This disposed of Ontario, with the exception of Toronto, which will be taken up this morning, and a few constituencies which were held over for further consideration.

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Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Sept. 18.

All the Steel Workers at the Consolidated Lake Superior Company's rail mill on the Canadian side of the river will be laid off for the remainder of the winter, making a cut in the pay roll of the company of about five hundred dollars per week. There will also be a reduction in the office force along all lines.

FARMS FOR SALE.

114 acre farm for sale near Reaso, 6, 100 acres without stump or stumps, good comfortable buildings, stone wall under barn, sheep pen, hog pen, hen house, good bearing orchard. Possession to plough at once. Eight miles from Lindsay. The property of David Corneil.

117 acre farm, Lot 16, Con. 2, Hope, for sale. All under cultivation. Spring stream across north end and flowing west at the house. Two frame barns 30 x 70, one with stone foundation and cattle stable the whole size; horse stable and all suitable out-buildings. Comfortable brick house, six acres of choice apple orchard, (the apples have paid the rent for a number of years). Will be sold cheap. Location, two miles from Port Hope.

100 acre farm one mile north of Manilla in Brock; good stone house, frame barn, orchard, 95 acres cleared, 125 acres cleared, 173 acre farm in Mariposa for sale, good frame house and barn with stone wall, stone cellar, convenient to school, church, post office, store and blacksmith shop.

142 acre farm 2 miles east of Omamee, 128 acres cleared, 4 acres hardwood bush, good frame house and barn with stone wall, well fenced and well watered, small orchard. 125 acre farm, 2 miles south of Omamee, 90 acres cleared, fair buildings, well fenced and watered, for sale cheap.

200 acre farm near Kirkfield, mostly all cleared, good frame house and frame barn with stone cellar, good well and running stream, for sale at a great bargain. Term of payment very easy.

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ARCH. CAMPBELL. China Hall: William-st. Grocery Department: Kent-st. Wrecked Near Cape Ray. Queen's Needs \$500,000. St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 21.—The French fishing vessel Aiglon was wrecked at Cape Ray within two miles of the spot where the British steamer Topaz was wrecked Saturday. The crew escaped. Another French fishing vessel, the Alliance, stranded at Miquelon yesterday. Her crew was rescued. The Lash For Burglars. Victoria, B. C., Sept. 21.—In the Police Court, James Leonard, alias Billy Dunn, alias J. H. Burnett and William Lorenzo, pleaded guilty to the charge of robbery, with violence, at the Western Hotel last Monday night. The former, the man who had the gun, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and twenty strokes, and Lorenzo to six years and an equal number of strokes. Deadlock Broken. Cayuga, Sept. 21.—The Haldimand County Council, compromised after being in deadlock for three days and a half over the appointment of a County Clerk, by selecting R. F. Miller, County Councillor for Rainham, clerk pro tem, in order to do business which had to be attended to. Will Visit Canada. London, Sept. 21.—(C.A.P.)—The Honorable Artillery Company of London, intends visiting Toronto and Montreal about the middle of October.