

PARTY FUNDS SQUABBLE.

WHY LORD FARQUHAR WAS SUPERSEDED. NATIONAL LIBERALS. CLAIM THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE A VOICE.

From Our Political Correspondent.

An interesting situation has arisen which lifts the squabble about the Conservative funds out of the narrow limits of a personal difference between Lord Farquhar and the Younger. The ex-Conservative, now the National Liberal, contends that they have a title to some portion of the funds, to cause they were subscribed for the joint use of the two parties during the existence of the late Coalition.

It is believed that Lord Farquhar refers to this claim in remarks of the funds being subscribed for Coalition purposes, and of his position being "obviously fiduciary."

SUPERSEDED.

There still appears to be some misconception about the position now as regards the trusteeship of the Conservative party.

In Government quarters there is only one answer on this point—that the Prime Minister has full power to change the trustees of the funds, and has already exercised that power. The Downing-street official statement did not say that Lord Farquhar and the Younger, to whom he refused party funds a short time ago, was to succeed him—but only that Lord Younger had been appointed to the trusteeship.

The announcement was, on the face of it, an intimation that Lord Farquhar had been superseded.

Lord Younger, it is said in official quarters, has thus automatically come into control of the funds which Lord Farquhar denied him when he was the party manager.

What can Lord Farquhar do now? He can do nothing. He has no right to the funds. The former may still refuse to give his signature—if it is needed at all. Apparently it is not needed at all.

The latter may only grin and bear it.

THIS WEEK'S BUSINESS.

By far the most interesting thing in the House of Commons this week will be the discussion on Tuesday of Mr. Philip Snowden's, anti-socialist motion, which is in the following terms—

"That in view of the failure of the capitalist system adequately to provide and create the means of subsistence and power, or to provide the necessary standard of life for vast numbers of the population, and in view of the fact that this failure lies in the private ownership and control of the means of production and distribution, this House declares that legislative effort should be directed to the gradual acquisition of the means of production by an industrial and social order based on the public ownership and democratic control of the instruments of production and distribution."

There are two opposing amendments, one on behalf of the motion and the other on behalf of the National Liberal. Mr. Philip Snowden, who now sits as an Independent, has one on his own.

This will be a fight that a full dress debate, Socialism v. Capitalism, has taken place in the House of Commons. Unfortunately the motion was introduced in the House of Commons, and under the rules of the House to be given to it.

To-morrow the Unemployment Insurance Bill, as amended in Committee, will be considered. The debate is likely to be acrimonious.

PARLIAMENTARY DIARY.

MONDAY.

Navy Estimates, Philip Snowden moves that promise have been made, and wants international conference, but is beaten by 200 to 153.

TUESDAY.

Supply. Ruhr situation discussed. Motion to reduce the vote defeated by 259 to 201—majority 49.

Attack on new Pensions regulations. Mr. F. O. Roberts moved their rejection, but motion was defeated by 136 to 93, after all-night sitting.

WEDNESDAY.

Debate on Air Estimates. Discussion round opposition of competition of three services. Labour amendments rejected by 235 to 147.

Motion agreed to deploring loss of life in mines and asking for strengthening legislation.

THURSDAY.

Army Estimates, showing decrease of £10,000,000.

FRIDAY.

Hereditary Marks Bill, one clause of which proposes to mark each imported cow with country of origin. Second reading carried by 253 to 104.

£2,000 JEWEL HAUL.

Supposed Thieves Caught in a Hotel.

Early yesterday morning the jewellery shop of Messrs. Emanuel, High-street, Southampton, was broken into and valuable stolen to the extent of about £2,000.

A passing policeman, hearing a noise as someone using a hammer, called to the assistance, and the premises were surrounded, but the burglars escaped by the roof. Subsequently the police visited a local hotel and challenged two men who were paying their bills at the cash desk.

One of them was carrying a bag which he declared contained washing, but which, when examined, was found to be filled with jewellery of all descriptions.

On being taken to the police-station they gave their names as Joseph Ward and Philip Wilson, and later were brought before the magistrates and remanded.

As a protest against a wage reduction in Leith dairy-workers have decided to strike to-day.



CHILD SEES MURDER.

Man Charged with Brutal Midnight Crime.

"Reynolds's" Correspondent.

A brutal midnight murder in the court of Leith has led to the appearance at Edinburgh of a man named John Henry Savage, aged 30, charged with the murder of Mrs. Elizabeth Macdonald, who had lived in Bridge-street.

It appears that late at night a man called at Mrs. Grierson's house. Two hours later Mrs. Grierson knocked at the door house and asked the assistance of a Mrs. Macdonald in removing a man from her house. While descending the stairs she heard a cry for help, and shortly afterwards saw a man leave Mrs. Grierson's house describing a man.

On entering the found Mrs. Grierson lying in a pool of blood with her throat cut. Before she died the victim said, "He has done for me this time."

A search was made for the mysterious visitor, and about six o'clock in the morning Savage was arrested within half a mile of the scene of the tragedy. His clothing was bespattered with blood.

A five-year-old boy, the adopted son of Mrs. Grierson, was a witness of the tragedy.

WOMEN'S STRANGE PACT

Plot to Kill Husbands and Live Together.

The trial was concluded at Berlin of two young women, Mrs. Klein and Mrs. Bobbe, and twenty-five respectively, who were charged with having killed their husbands in order that they might live together.

Mrs. Klein was found guilty of the murder, but in view of extenuating circumstances was sentenced to four years' imprisonment. Mrs. Bobbe, who was found guilty of attempting to murder her husband, was sent to prison for eighteen months.

Mrs. Klein bought arsenic at a drug shop on the pretence that her house was infested with rats, and shortly afterwards her husband died. She told the medical attendants that her husband was an habitual drunkard, and they gave her a death certificate that his death was due to alcoholism.

When the body was examined later, large quantities of arsenic were found. Mrs. Klein was arrested, and in her house were found 500 love letters from Mrs. Bobbe, disclosing an agreement between the two women to kill their husbands.

At the opening of the case the judge said it was the most amazing criminal case that had ever been brought before him.—Central News.

ROYAL VISIT TO ITALY.

Magnificent State Entry into Rome.

Court officials, both in London and in Rome, are busily occupied in completing the programme for the approaching State visit of the King and Queen to Italy.

Sir Ronald Graham, our Ambassador to Italy, has been to Buckingham Palace to arrange the details, and has now returned to Rome.

The whole visit will be one of great magnificence, and the State entry into Rome will be a memorable spectacle.

From the Monday afternoon until the following Saturday the King and Queen will be the guests of the King and Queen of Italy at the Quirinal Palace. The Royal visit will travel through France in their own Royal train, and will be met at the frontier by the Italian Royal train.

There will be a series of banquets, gala performances, garden parties, and receptions, and a visit will be made to the British cemeteries and part of the battle front.

It is appropriate that King George should have among his staff on this occasion Lord Cavan, whose work and name will always be identified with the terrific battles of the Italian front.

EXECUTION POSTPONED.

Pomroy Decides to Appeal.

Yesterday relatives visited the condemned ex-soldier Bernard Pomroy, aged twenty-three, who is lying in Pentonville Prison under sentence of death for the murder of his sweetheart, Alice Cheshire, the pretty daughter of a florist and fruit hawker, by cutting her throat with a knife in a taxi-cab in Leicester-square.

They found him cheerful and busy preparing the facts for the appeal which he has lodged against the death sentence.

Home Office mental specialists are visiting Pomroy in gaol, and their report will be duly sent to the Home Secretary as to the state of the convict's mind.

Now that he has appealed, the date of the execution, which was provisionally fixed for Tuesday, has been postponed.

A reprieve petition is under preparation.

MISSING GIRL PIANIST.

Nellie Burke a Domestic Servant in Broadstairs.

"Reynolds's" Correspondent.

BROADSTAIRS, Saturday.—Missing from her home at Peckham since February 15, Nellie Burke, a sixteen-year-old girl pianist, has been found in Broadstairs. She had obtained employment as a maid to a Miss Bawdry, who recognised the missing girl from photographs which had appeared in the London papers. Her mistress informed the police, who interviewed the girl. She at first declined to give any account of herself, but afterwards confessed she was Nellie Burke.

She said that she ran away from her home because she thought she was not wanted there. In order to secure employment as a pianist in Broadstairs, she registered with a local servants' employment agency, thus getting into touch with Miss Bawdry.

Handed over to the police, she is to await the arrival of her parents. Nellie has undertaken to play for the police with selections from her piano-forte repertoire.

MR. HOWARD PALMER.

Mr. W. Howard Palmer, chairman of directors of the Associated Biscuit Manufacturers, Ltd., when the firm of Huntley and Palmer, Ltd., and Peck Frean and Co., Ltd., were amalgamated, died yesterday at Heathlands, Wokingham. He was a well-known agriculturist.

GOOD BEER MADE AT HOME

Fare as the Crystal Spring.

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