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THE BULGARS LOSE  
THEIR HEADS.

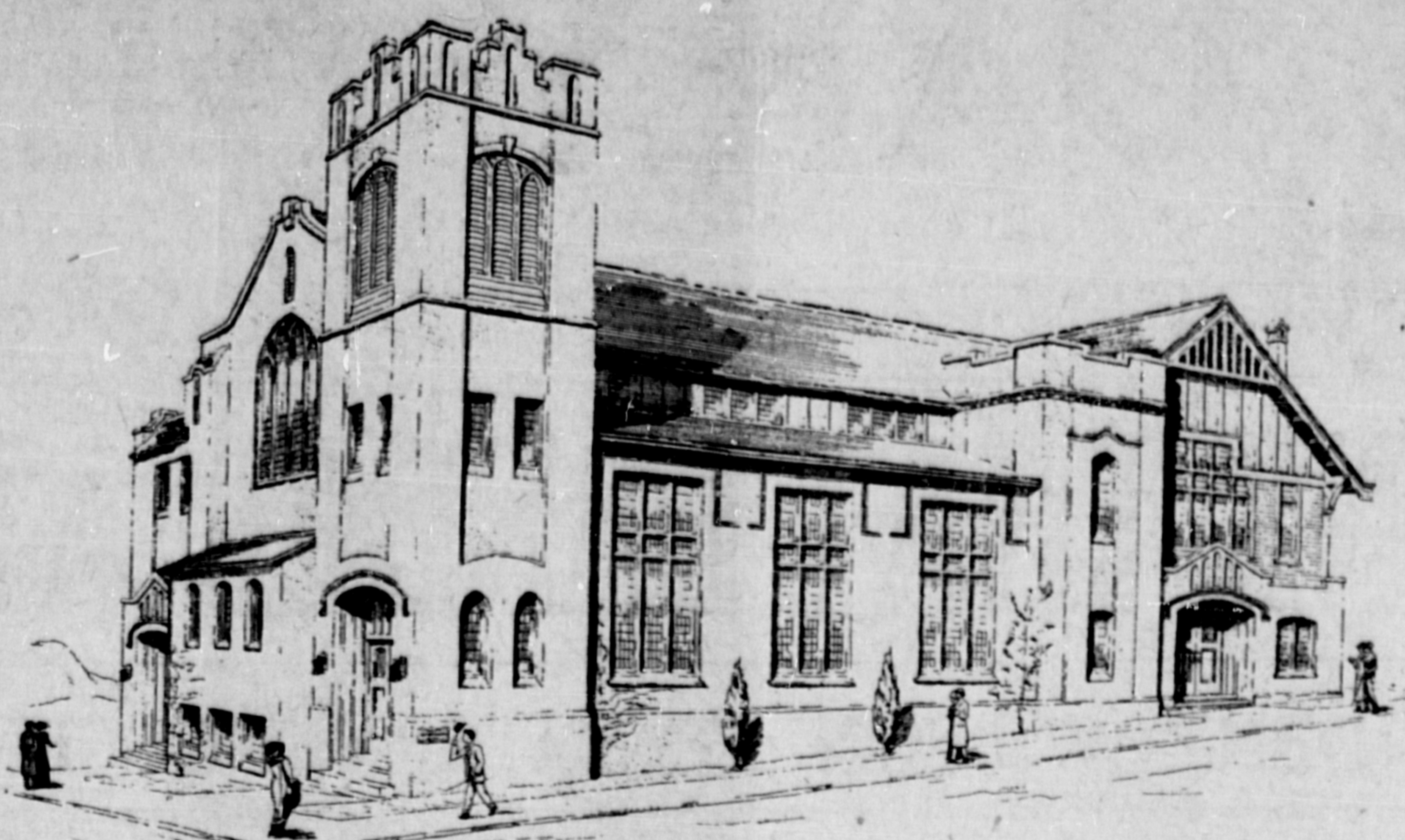
The trouble with the Bulgarians appears to have been that they judged themselves invincible. They fought in a necessary war and did wonderful things; then the hotheads among them forced an unnecessary war, and involved the nation in disaster. The war against their late allies, the Servians and Greeks, was, it may be safely opined, not approved by a united public opinion in Bulgaria. Nearly every family had lost a member in the war with the Turks, but this war was inevitable; it had been long awaited; and, although the cost was heavy, the Turk had been practically driven out of Europe. The war among the victors over the division of the spoil was not a people's war. It was a war of ambition, precipitated by politicians and militarists. An army of men asking themselves "What's the sense of this war?" is not likely to prove a formidable army.

The Bulgarians did the bulk of the heavy fighting against the Turks. They won the decisive victories. They did not, perhaps, give sufficient credit to the Greek ships which upset the transportation plans of the Turks. They did the bulk of the heavy fighting, yet their fighting would, no doubt, have been vain but for the fact that Turkey was forced to carry on three other campaigns at the same time.

All Europe joined in puffing up the vanity of the Bulgarians. Those despatches will be recalled in which the leading newspapers of Europe and the leading military strategists heaped praise on them as a military people, and extolled their commander-in-chief as another Napoleon, as the military genius of the century. They were encouraged in their tendency to belittle the parts played by their allies in the operations against the Turks, to regard themselves as the real victors and to adopt a policy arrogant and aggressive.

The critics who did little to check the folly of Bulgaria are now severe enough in condemning it. A most uncivilized war has been waged. It appears that the worst atrocities practiced by the Turks have been paralleled by these Christian races. It is charged that deeds of the crudest barbarism were perpetrated by the despairing Bulgars as they found they were by no means invincible. A revolting story of slaughter during the past month remains to be told throughout the realms of civilization.

Perhaps now the world may see soldiers retire to the background and statesmen emerge in the Balkans. But it is scarcely to be expected that the soldiers will retire from a field so favorable to their business unless a world pressure is brought to bear on the situation.



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THE BAPTIST CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED TOMORROW.

ASQUITH'S PLANS TO REFORM  
THE BRITISH HOUSE OF PEERS

TO WIPE OUT THE INHERITED PREROGATIVE AND TO SUBSTITUTE AN ELECTED SENATE OF HUNDRED AND FIFTY MEMBERS.

London, July 22.—Premier Asquith's announcement in the commons that the government will place before parliament next session their proposals for reform of the house of lords has been welcomed by both parties. The Liberals are heartily sick of the waste of time in parliamentary proceedings under the Parliamentary Act with the reformed lords. The Unionists are confident that the government cannot formulate any scheme which will satisfy all sections of the Liberals, and confidently anticipate defeating the government when the lords reform bill is introduced. The cabinet have guarded the secrecy of their proposed measures with great care.

Two plans are known, however, to have many supporters in the cabinet. The first is for a senate directly elected by the people, Great Britain and Ireland being divided into seventy-five constituencies, each returning two members, the electorate being the same as for the house of commons. Among members of the cabinet who at one stage supported this were Sir Edward Grey, Lord Haldane and Hon. Winston Churchill. Another plan which it is understood was described in a private meeting at the Eighty Club, a famous Liberal fighting organization, by Mr. Samuel, the postmaster general, is for a chamber much smaller than the present, partly elected, partly nominated, and restricted as the house of lords now is regarding legislation sent up by the house of commons.

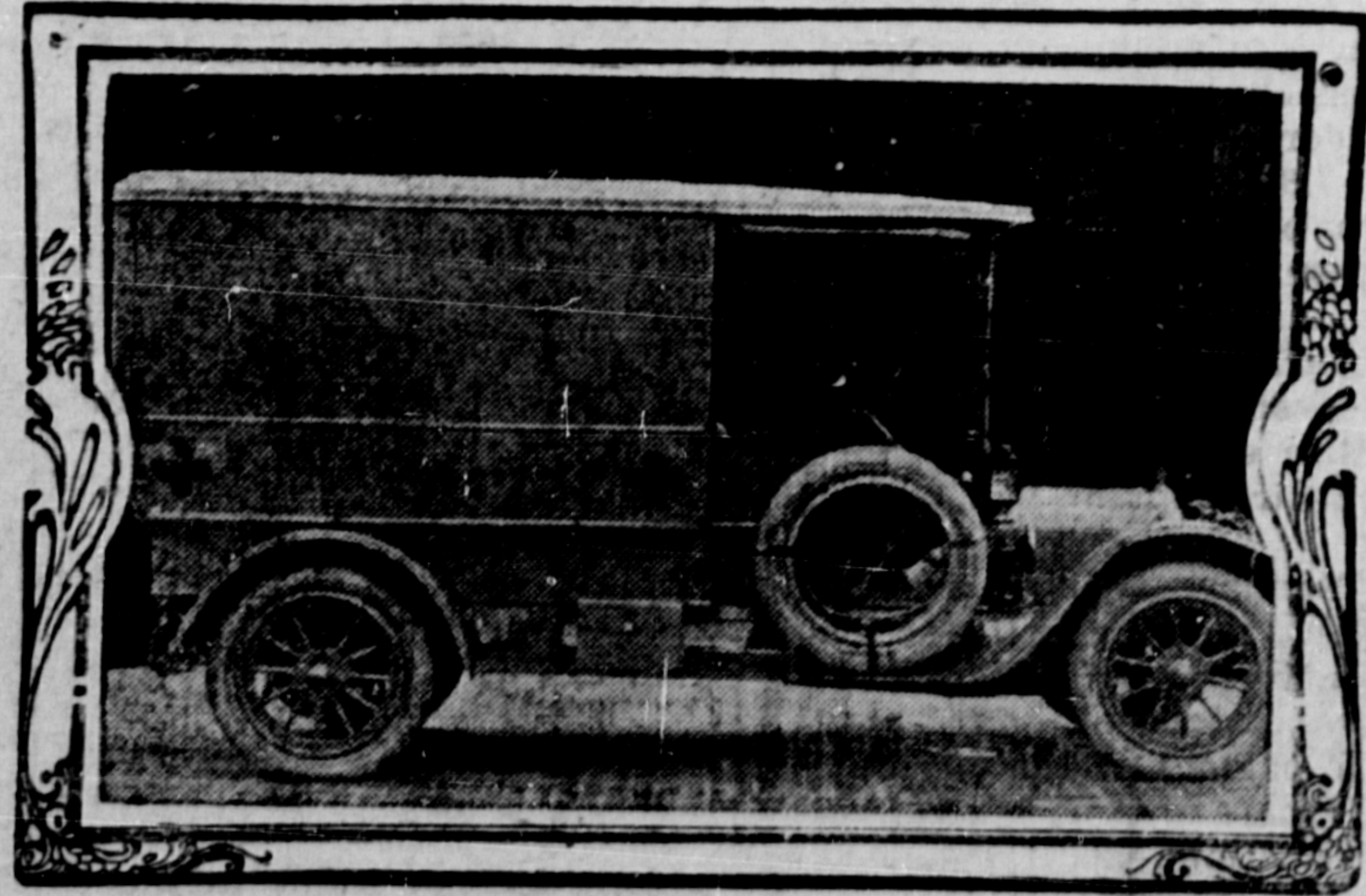
Probably the government will not formulate proposals as a parliamentary bill next session, but will embody them in a resolution which will be passed by the commons. Admittedly, the measure cannot pass into law until it has been submitted to the country in general at election time.

The majority of the lords in rejecting the home rule bill leaves the country unimpressed. Public opinion is summed up in Morley's phrase, "the greater your majority, the greater your disgrace." The Daily Chronicle describes the result as "Lord Tomnoddy's veto."

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