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ASQUITH RESIGNS

It is typical of the temperament of the British people that the country should be embroiled in political turmoil at the most critical stage in the history of the war. In Germany, such a state of matters could not be imagined, as, there, criticism is dealt with more than firmly.

The news of Premier Asquith's resignation comes as a surprise after the statement issued by him in the House of Commons two days ago to the effect that the King had consented to a reconstruction. The generally accepted opinion was that the King had agreed to the proposals of Lloyd George and his supporters for a small, compact war council, to take the place of the usual cabinet.

Now that the premier has resigned and Mr. Bonar Law has been called upon to take the premiership, it is not unlikely that there may be a general election, critical though the war situation still is. Mr. Bonar Law may be accepted confidently by the people as leader, but a patched up cabinet peace is never satisfactory and there is a big possibility that fresh ruptures may break out at the first opportunity. The Liberal policy of trusting the people generally works out to the best advantage, and there is little doubt that there is a strong section of the British public who would prefer to see Mr. Lloyd George at the helm. Able man though he undoubtedly is, Mr. Bonar Law lacks the fire which is the great strength of the "little Welsh attorney".

Mr. Bonar Law became leader of the Opposition pretty much in the same way as Sir Robert Borden became Premier of Canada. It was a matter of

compromise, in order to save a rupture between the Walter Long and the Austin Chamberlain factions in the Conservative party when Mr. Balfour was ousted from the leadership. Mr. Law is a clear-headed far-seeing business man, and he has given evidence of considerable ability, but there is little to show that he will succeed in binding together the warring factions of the coalition government when a leader of the stamp of Mr. Asquith has failed to do so.

In spite of the Northernite criticisms, Mr. Asquith has proven himself a leader of genius since the war threw upon him the burden of presiding over a cabinet which was divided against itself from the beginning. He is advanced in years and not so prone to smile at criticism as he once was and there is little doubt that the constant clamor for the resignations of Mr. Balfour and Viscount Grey, tried men of the old school, caused the break which led to his retreat.

There is little doubt that an election would lead to the "ginger group" winning out, with Lloyd George as Premier and Sir Edward Carson not very far away, and the probability is that this will happen. At the time of writing, Mr. Bonar Law has not announced his acceptance of the premiership and it is not unlikely that he will decline it and that the present Secretary of State for War will be asked to form a government. Mr. Lloyd George has invariably shown a wonderful ability in rising to any occasion and any task, and it would appear at this distance that he is the man for the "big job".

NO ALUM



NOTES AND COMMENTS

The starting of the Emerson saw mill, employing about three hundred men, will mean much to the city of Prince Rupert at the present time. If the construction work starts early in January the citizens of Prince Rupert will be ready to wish Mr. Emerson a "Happy New Year and Many of Them".

The German aviators will soon take to keeping pretty near the earth if there are many more British raids like that of Tuesday. The Allies undoubtedly rule the air as they do the sea.

Andrew Bonar Law, who has been offered the premiership of Britain, is a Canadian by birth, but spent most of his early years in the vicinity of the river Clyde in Scotland. Strange to say he is not a lawyer, but a business man, having been largely interested in the steel business for years. He can hold his own with any of the lawyers in debate.

The Bulgarian capital has ambitious plans for the Teutonic forces after they have taken Bucharest. In proposing to link up with the Greeks and form a line right across to Avlona on the Adriatic the Bulgarians are leaving out of account a very important factor—the Allied armies in Macedonia and Greece.

The ladies of Quebec do not yet have the vote but they seem to have a considerable amount of influence since they are to have the bars closed in that province. Canada will soon be without a bar from coast to coast.

MINERAL ACT

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Dated this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1915. Apr. 9.

MINERAL ACT

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Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 19th day of February, 1916. J. E. STARK

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