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Will Chamberlain Revolt?

The shrinkage of Mr. Balfour's majority to 24 in what was virtually a want of confidence motion indicates a new and startling turn in the political situation. It is explained by the statement that Mr. Chamberlain and many of his supporters were absent from the House without pairs. It is evident that Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain are at the parting of the ways, and that a fresh cleavage is appearing in the Unionist party.

When Chamberlain launched his preferential proposals he was profuse in his expressions of loyalty to the Government, and it was generally supposed that he had a thorough understanding with Mr. Balfour, by which they were to pursue lines of policy which would gradually converge, with the growth of a favorable public opinion. Mr. Chamberlain withdrew from the Cabinet, but several of his avowed supporters were included in the reorganized ministry, among them Austen Chamberlain, Lord Lansdowne, and the new Colonial Secretary, Mr. Lyttelton. While Mr. Balfour refused to commit himself, or the Government, to the cardinal feature of Mr. Chamberlain's preferential scheme, the taxation of food, he has indirectly fought Mr. Chamberlain's battles in seeking to undermine confidence in the present fiscal system by his not very lucid plea for "the power of negotiation," a euphemism for retaliatory tariffs.

This arrangement, if it ever existed, appears to be strained to the breaking point. It is suspected that Mr. Chamberlain bitterly resents the declaration by Mr. Balfour the other day that in the next election home rule would be the foremost issue, which would rally all sections of the Unionist party. This obvious attempt to thrust the fiscal issue into the background is interpreted as a slight on Mr. Chamberlain, whose policy has occupied the public mind. In his Gainsborough speech Mr. Chamberlain gave the impression that he favored an immediate appeal to the country, but Mr. Balfour has since announced that he will not resign until he has lost the confidence of the House. This was another sign of the rift in the late. Further proof of Mr. Balfour's precarious position is the correspondence given to the press yesterday by Mr. Thomas Gibson Bowles, the free trade Conservative candidate in King's Lynn. These members of the Government, Lord Stanley, Mr. Fellowes and Sir Thomas Acland-Hood, had promised to speak in behalf of Mr. Bowles, but suddenly canceled their engagements, Lord Stanley admitting that he had done so owing to the pressure of his colleagues. The inference is that Mr. Chamberlain and his supporters threatened to mutiny, if the Government gave its support to an anti-Chamberlain Conservative.

A fresh source of embarrassment to Mr. Balfour is the attitude of the Ulster Unionists and Orangemen. They are organizing demonstrations against the policy of Lord Dunsany and Sir Anthony MacDonnell, Under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and are wroth with the Irish Secretary, Mr. Wyndham, who encouraged MacDonnell without realizing, as he now confesses, the full significance of his action. A number of the extreme Irish Unionist members have voted against the Government, and Mr. Wyndham's resignation is called for. How long can Mr. Balfour hope to steer the ship with all these cross-currents in the Unionist party? It is in the power of Mr. Chamberlain to wreck the Government tomorrow, and there are omens that he will use this power, unless Mr. Balfour sails by the Chamberlain chart and compass.

Mr. Hyman's Position.

Mr. Maclean, M. P., who never loses an opportunity to advertise himself, had something to say in the House yesterday about the member for London. Mr. Maclean expressed his admiration for Mr. Hyman and argued that he should have the salary attached to the portfolio of public works, since he had for a considerable time been acting as head of that department. Mr. Maclean insinuated that Mr. Sutherland, the Minister of Public Works, had sent in his resignation and that the Premier held it in abeyance for strategic reasons.

The Premier flatly denied that Mr. Sutherland's resignation had been received or asked for, and declared that he would not have accepted it, if it had been tendered for reasons of health, a chivalrous sentiment which the House heartily applauded. The question of pay, the Premier added, was not troubling Mr. Hyman.

The people of London are gratified that their member should be considered competent to discharge the very important duties of the works department. All reports agree that Mr. Hyman has been equal to the responsibility, and has won the goodwill of the House. A ministerial salary would be no object to a man of his means, and no doubt it gives him a genuine pleasure in doing a good turn for his friend and colleague, Mr. Sutherland, whose restoration to health is fully expected. There is no need for Mr. Maclean to worry on Mr. Hyman's account, but no one supposes that Mr. Maclean is prompted by any such kindly motives or by constitutional qualms. Mr. Maclean is concerned only about Mr. Maclean, and how to keep that sprightly person in the limelight. Between his membership in the Com-

mons and his possession of a newspaper, he succeeds pretty well. Once in a while he gets hold of a good idea, but generally the idea would fare better if it cut loose from Mr. Maclean, who will not be taken seriously even by his own party. In the present case he taunts the Government with being reluctant to test public opinion in Ontario by giving a portfolio to Mr. Hyman and sending him back to his constituency. We can tell him that the Liberals of London have no misgivings, and that if Mr. Hyman is given a portfolio they will give him a seat.

Kuropatkin in full retreat!
Is Mr. Borden behind the lines of Torres Vedras?

Dr. Osler is reminded that Oyama and Kuroki are both over the chloroform age.

"Beaten to a standstill" is a common expression, but the Russians won't even stand.

There's one thing about Mr. Hyman—he can hold down the job, even if he doesn't draw the salary.

Be frank, ladies: would you rather pay income tax and have a vote, or be untaxed and unfranchised?

Gen. Stoessel has arrived in St. Petersburg, and is waiting to find out whether he's a hero or a has-been.

The latest war news indicates that Kuropatkin is getting further away from Tokyo, where he was to dictate terms of peace.

Isn't it time the Opposition began painting a halo round the head of Mr. Sifton? We know what happened to Mr. Tarte and Mr. Blair after they resigned.

The Toronto District Labor Council has written to the Czar, telling him he is a despot and ought to be ashamed of himself. Things have changed since the late Mayor Kennedy of Toronto telegraphed the Czar congratulations upon the birth of his first baby.

Speaking of the row raised over the school question, Henry Dabry, formerly Conservative organizer, says in the Montreal Argus: "I venture to say that nine out of ten men who will get frantic over the bill could not, to save their lives, repeat correctly the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, or the Ten Commandments."

In these days when there is such a confusion of ideas on the marriage problem it is refreshing to have this illuminating message from Dr. Francis Galton, of the British Sociological Society:

"An anthropological investigation had shown marriage to be one of the most modifiable of social institutions. Hence the assumption was warranted, that with the incorporation of eugenic concepts in the social ideal, there would proceed a concomitant change in the customs and conventions affecting marriage."

Lucid.
[Philadelphia Press.]
Tommy—Pa, what does "obvious reason" mean?
Pa—Usually, my son, it means reasons that the writer is too lazy or too ignorant to explain.

Fair Warning.
[Washington Post.]
It is Dr. Field who tells the story of the Scotchman who prayed earnestly: "Lord, keep me from going wrong, for you know how hard it is to do anything with Scotchman when he once makes up his mind."

Opinions of Importance.
[Washington Star.]
"Is he a man whose opinions count for much?"
"I should say he is. He works in the weather bureau."

His Sixtieth Year.
[Chicago Chronicle.]
"Bring on the chloroform, my dear."
Exclaiming the hoarse sage,
"For this must be my final year,
I'm sixty years of age."

Concession to Minority.
[Toronto Star.]
There is no getting around the fact that in conceding separate schools in Alberta and Saskatchewan, the majority of the people of Canada will be conceding something to a minority. In the same line, Ontario concedes something to a Roman Catholic minority, while in Quebec the concession is made to a Protestant minority. It is worth while to reverse the situation and consider it. If the 500,000 inhabitants of the two new provinces were as overwhelmingly Roman Catholic as they are Protestant, and if the promise were that this preponderance would grow greater year by year, would we not as Protestants be as much concerned at this moment about the religious and educational freedom of the Protestant minority as the people of Quebec can possibly be at this moment about their fellow-religionists in the west? Put yourself in his place and you will begin to understand.

Reasons for Laughter.
[Birmingham Post.]
When the young mistress of the house entered the kitchen she carried herself with great dignity. She had come to call the cook to account.
"Mary," she said, "I must insist that you keep better hours, and that you have less company in the kitchen at night. Last night I was kept awake because of the uproarious laughter of one of your women friends."

"Yes, mum, I know," Mary replied, cheerfully, "but she couldn't help it. I was telling her how you tried to make cake yesterday afternoon."

French Shoulder Talk.
[Philadelphia Inquirer.]
When it comes to the display of her back and arms the Frenchwoman excels. She shrugs with them. She says yes and no, she expresses surprise, joy, disdain and sorrow, all by the

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Dinkelspiel's Philosophy.
[George V. Hobart.]
If at first you don't succeed, efferly under failure in der world vill begin to talk about you.

Mostly always you vill find dot Flatery was only sugar-coated Envy.

Nudding in der world stays insulated so long as a neglected opportunity.

Lives of great men all remind us dot dare is nudding didding mitoud getting rich fairst.

Der visest philosopher dot efer lived dit not believe half der things he told himself.

Of two evils choose der vun least likely to be talked about.

After a man gets dare mit a big bunch of money very few people take der trouble to walk back and see vander money came from.

It keeps many a goot man down to keep up appearances.

T-Morrow.
[S. E. Kiser.]
Today was tomorrow yesterday; Tomorrow will pass away; But when, tomorrow, tomorrow, Another tomorrow will wait to dawn, And the glow of tomorrow, tomorrow shall spread Over the new tomorrow that lies ahead.

A Swift Country.
[Toronto Star.]
This is a swift country. A man can become an old inhabitant in a short time in a new district. The New Leader Herald tells of the death of one of the earliest settlers, and when you read down to the dates, it is learned that he settled up there in the unbroken wilderness as far back as 1895.

A Retainer Declined.
[Yonkers Statesman.]
"What is a retainer, pop?"
"A retainer, my son, is the money people pay us lawyers before we do any work."

Age Is Opportunity.
[Longfellow.]
Cato learned Greek at eighty; Sophocles wrote his grand Oedipus, at Simonides bore off the prize of verse from his contemporaries when eighty years had passed.

When each had numbered more than four score years; And Theophrastus, at four score and ten, Had but begun his Characters of Men. Chaucer, at Woodstock, with his nightingales.

At sixty wrote the Canterbury Tales; Goethe and Weimer, toiling to the last, Completed Faust when eighty years had past.

Something remains for us to do or dare; Even the oldest tree some fruit may bear. For age is opportunity, no less Than youth itself, though in another dress.

Old Men for Wisdom.
[St. Louis Republic.]
Dr. Osler remembers Byron and forgets Thomson; remembers Schubert and forgets Wagner; remembers Alexander and forgets Wellington. Probably a man doesn't butt in as often at 45 as at 25, but he goes further.

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MURDER IN THE WILDS
Trial of Trapper Charles King in Progress at Edmonton.

Edmonton, N. W. T., March 3.—The trial of Charles King, charged with the murder of E. Hayward at Lesser Slave Lake in September last, was begun in the supreme court Wednesday before Judge Harvey. The prisoner was arraigned on Saturday and pleaded not guilty. After the selection of a jury and preliminary arrangements for the trial the taking of evidence was begun. The evidence of the missing man was practically the same as at the preliminary hearing, except that under questioning he told the story of his remarkable escape reported some time since.

The evidence was for the purpose of showing that Hayward, the murdered man, and King and a companion had left Edmonton together last August for the Peace River to trap and prospect. Witnesses gave evidence of their journey north to the Athabasca, Indians identifying the accused as one of the men. Sgt. Anderson, of the mounted police, told of searching the deserted camp site at Lesser Slave Lake. He found ashes a foot below the level of the ground, and several bones, also a lump of badly burned flesh, supposed to be the liver. He also found the brains and blood under some straw near the fire.

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