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## BALFOUR'S RETIREMENT

The retirement of Mr. Balfour from the leadership marks a very important change in the Conservative party in the United Kingdom. Mr. Balfour has not been vigorous enough to please the hothouse of the party, and some of them have openly clamored for his resignation.

Nevertheless it will be no easy task to find a successor who will please the two factions into which the Conservative party is divided. Mr. Balfour commanded respect and confidence, though unable in recent years to gain the support of a majority of the people. He possesses the qualities of a statesman disposed to caution rather than recklessness, and there are some very reckless young gentlemen in the Conservative party at the present time. Presumably they will now seek to dominate the party and shape its policy.

The Liberals will not be disturbed by the change in the opposition camp. They have entertained kindly feelings toward Mr. Balfour, who is personally on the most friendly terms with Mr. Asquith and other Liberal leaders. They have nothing to fear from the tariff reformers whose cause will not command the support of the people. The champions of special privilege make considerable noise, but the Liberal government has triumphed over them when appeals to the people were made, and there seems very little back up the assertion that tariff reform is gaining favor in the country. The last by-election gave no such indication.

Mr. Asquith has sprung another surprise with his manhood suffrage announcement. That policy will be bitterly opposed by the Conservatives, but there does not seem to be any good ground for the statement that it will meet with hostile criticism from the Liberal ranks. Mr. Asquith is an astute statesman, and has doubtless looked carefully over the ground before deciding to take this further step in advanced legislation.

The general situation in British politics is intensely interesting. Very important measures are before parliament and eagerly discussed in the country. Legislation which not many years ago would have been deemed very radical is now almost commonplace.

Mr. Balfour will doubtless find some enjoyment in watching the tactics of his party under a new leader. He has never cared for leadership, nor has he been disturbed by the severity of his life. Retirement will be to him a genuine relief.

## CONTINUATION SCHOOLS

Reference was made in the Times yesterday to the "continuation schools" of Cincinnati, where boys of 14 to 18 are permitted by their employers to go for a day each week, to refresh up their mental faculties and increase their efficiency. The employers approve of the plan, for reasons which were admirably set forth by Mr. C. McCarthy, former secretary of the Industrial Education Commission of Wisconsin, at a convention in Cincinnati last week.

"I believe in the continuation school because it is an added force upon democracy. If we provide for the education of children in the high school so elaborately as we do, then I say that the children, of the age of 14, 16 or 18, should be provided for in the same way. The children who are working should be provided for, whatever else is done for those who are not. The emphasis has been laid wrongly in our educational system. We should put the emphasis upon those who must go to work. We must make their work lighter and their ability greater, for they have to live by their ability. The trade school will not do this. It will do it perhaps for a few of them, but we ought to be doing something where nothing has been done for all. We ought to be adding more touch into the lives of all our working boys and girls and to do that we cannot do it by the trade school with its heavy investment, or by the evening school with all of its history of tired teachers teaching tired pupils. We must do it out of the time of the manufacturer, and why should we not? The manufacturer today has to invest in fine machinery if he is to compete with his rival. He has to put capital into this machinery. But what capital will return greater results than that making more efficient each human element? The manufacturer will have to invest in the individual and the individual intelligence will be a better factor in production."

Speaking generally on the subject of the efficiency of workers of all classes, Mr. McCarthy made these further observations, which are worthy of thoughtful attention:

"Society at large, the state, will have to invest in our workers in order that each worker will be a more efficient factor in the state and a better citizen, and in order that he may learn through efficiency to take a higher place in any true democracy. We cannot allow our agricultural classes to become peasants as has been done over and over again in the history of the world, to the destruction and loss of nations. We cannot allow our artisan class to sink into city mobs as was done in ancient Rome. The corner stone of democracy is the same. The efficiency of the individual man and woman—the happiness of the individual man and woman—that happiness cannot come except through just laws. Just laws cannot come except from an intelligent working class of people who know their rights, who know what the ballot is, and who, by their training and the discipline and nobility of labor, are fitted to become citizens and manufacturers of that law."

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The old coachman drove on with the front part of it, and left the marchioness and Miss Tollenache planted in the middle of the road. The old man was quite dead, so he was oblivious of the fact that he had left his fares behind until he had gone some distance and was pulled up by a passer-by.

**DON'T TROUBLE**

There's a saying, old and rusty  
But as good as any new;  
'Tis "Never trouble trouble"  
'Till trouble troubles you."

Don't you borrow sorrow;  
You'll surely have your share  
He who dreams of sorrow  
Will find that sorrow there.

If care you've got to carry,  
Wait till 'tis at the door,  
For he who runs to meet it  
Takes up the load before.

If minding will not mend it,  
Then better not to mind;  
The best thing is to end it;  
Just leave it all behind.

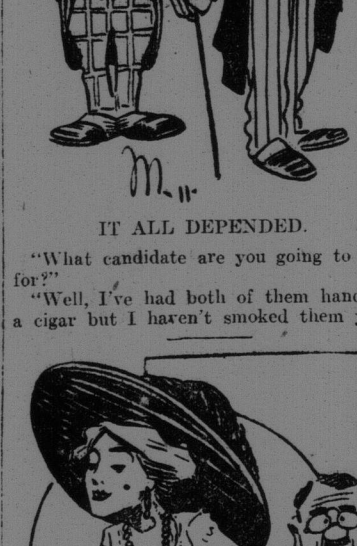
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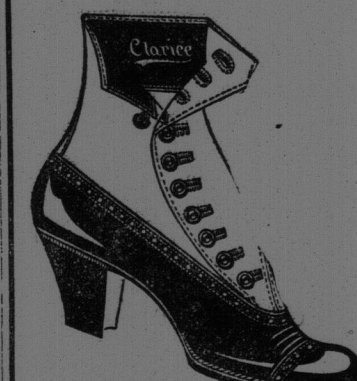
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