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BRITISH ELECTIONS.

The ballots cast in the recent elections in Great Britain were counted yesterday and the result showed an overwhelming victory for the Coalition government the latest returns showing upwards of 500 Coalitionists elected.

The outcome is a great personal victory for Mr. Lloyd George. It is an expression of gratitude and admiration from the masses of the British people for the wonderful little Welshman who has been the most outstanding figure of the Empire, and perhaps the world, in the struggle against Germany, and who has exercised a greater influence in the achievement of final victory than any other statesman.

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SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

One of the interesting readjustments of Europe will be the determination of the inhabitants of the portion of Prussia known as Schleswig-Holstein as to whether they will be Danes or Germans. The common impression is that this province was ravished from Denmark by the greedy Prussians, an impression that is only correct as far as the greed of the Prussians is concerned. Denmark's title to Schleswig-Holstein is far from being clear; in fact, it may be said that this territory never was a part of Denmark, and furthermore, that the people went to arms on one occasion to keep from being incorporated into Denmark.

The injustice that was done to Schleswig-Holstein by Bismarck lies not so much in its separation from Denmark as in forcing the people to become a portion of Prussia. Whatever may be the sentiments of a majority of the population today, it is a fair assumption that in Bismarck's day Schleswig-Holstein wanted to become a German state. Instead, Bismarck, by his cynical manipulations, made it a part of Prussia.

The history of Schleswig-Holstein, like that of most of the European states, is largely dynastic history, and is not of great worth today when we come to apply the theory of self-determination. The fact remains that the people of Denmark for 500 years believed that Schleswig should be a part of Denmark. Schleswig was Danish, Holstein German, but there had been agreements in the past that they should never be separated. In 1848 the king of Denmark announced his intention of incorporating Schleswig into his kingdom and brought on a revolt in the duchies, a revolt that was aided by the Liberals of Prussia. The revolt in Schleswig-Holstein cannot, however, be viewed as one directed entirely against Denmark. Revolution was the order of the day in 1848, and almost any excuse served for one. Still, there was enough opposition to indicate that the incorporation of the province with Denmark was not then popular. Since that time there has been an increase in the German population of Schleswig, until probably only the northern portion of the province can be said to be Danish, that portion north of the Eider-Kiel canal.

The Danes, who are notoriously clear-headed, are modest in their claims and are careful in their statements. From Danes one hears nothing about "stolen provinces" because there have been no provinces stolen from Denmark. All Denmark wants is a vote on the question, with the understanding that the portion which

elects to become a part of Denmark shall be permitted to do so. In all probability this will leave the Kiel canal to Prussia, but Denmark isn't anxious to have the canal if she is obliged to take a lot of trouble making Prussians along with it.

SWEPPING VICTORY FOR COALITION GOVERNMENT

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leading suffragist, was defeated, the result there being: R. B. Stoker, Coalition Unionist, 12,447; W. Butlerworth, 3,839; Mrs. Lawrence, Laborite, 2,985.
Grant Morden Elected.
In the Brentford and Chiswick District of Middlesex, Mrs. Oliver Strachey was defeated. The result there was: Lieut.-Col. Grant Morden, a Canadian and Coalition Unionist, 9,077; W. Haywood, a Laborite, 2,820; Mrs. Strachey, Independent, 1,263.

The returns show the defeat of a woman candidate, Mrs. Charlotte Despard, sister of Viscount Field-Marshal French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. She was defeated in North Battersea by Richard Morris, a Coalition Liberal. Morris received 7,221 votes and Mrs. Despard, who was a Labor candidate, 2,434 votes.
Sir Harry Brittain Elected.
Sir Harry Brittain, secretary of the English branch of the Pilgrims' Society, was returned for the Eastern Division of Middlesex. Sir Harry, a Coalition Unionist, received 11,671 votes to 4,441 for R. Dunscombe, a Laborite.
Miss Viola Markham (Mrs. Carruthers) sister of the late Sir Arthur Markham, failed in her attempt to gain the seat for the Mansfield Division of Nottingham formerly held by her brother. The result was: William Carter, Labor, 3,957; G. W. Jarrett, Coalition, 5,678; Miss Markham, Liberal, 4,000; Dr. Tarshant, Independent, 873.

Asquith's Defeat.
London, Dec. 28.—Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, the veteran leader of the Liberal Party, has gone down in defeat with a majority of his followers. The former prime minister was defeated in his East Fife constituency, which he had represented for thirty-two years, by Colonel Sir Alexander Spott, who had fought him in several previous elections as a straight Unionist candidate. Sir Alexander is a country gentleman and a resident of Fifeshire. It was known that the former Prime Minister faced a stiff fight but it had hardly been expected that he would be beaten so badly as the vote shows. In addition to losing the votes of the Coalition Liberals, however, Mr. Asquith had the disadvantage that under the recent Redistribution Act, the boundaries of East Fife had been extended to take in a considerable Unionist element. Ramsay MacDonald Beaten.
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