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THE BRITISH CRISIS

The general election in Great Britain and Ireland begins January 14th and will end about January 28th, all the constituencies not having to vote on the same day, as they do in the United States.

The standing of parties in the House of Commons when the present House was elected and when it was dissolved, was about as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Party, Jan. 1906, Dec. 1909. Rows: Liberals (400, 366), Unionists (153, 165), Socialist-Labor (29, 56), Irish (83, 83).

The issues on which this election is being run appear to be substantially as follows:

The Liberal party advocate the abolition of the veto power of the House of Lords, so as to concentrate authority in the elected branch of parliament; the continuance of the free trade policy; taxation of land values with a view to ultimate nationalization of land; grants to the poor and unemployed; Home Rule for Ireland; and little or no tariff preference for the Colonies.

The Unionist policy is to reform the House of Lords, but to retain power to refer all measures to the people; to raise revenue by new and increased customs duties, the Colonies to receive a preference; to purchase small holdings for British tenants as has been done for Irish tenants; only tariff aid to agricultural and urban industry; and no provincial parliament for Ireland, but only extension of county self-government.

The Irish party, while it is opposed to the Government's proposed taxes on the liquor traffic, and also to its Educational policy, are supporting the Liberals because of the Home Rule plank.

The "Labor party," an alliance of Socialists and Trades Unionists, demands the abolition of the second chamber and the recognition of the

principle that every person who cannot obtain remunerative employment should be amply provided for by the State. It also demands equal political rights for men and women.

The "Independent Labor Party," a constituent part of the Labor party, stands for all that the latter stands for and more, advocating the early and complete nationalization of all the means of production, distribution and exchange.

The principles of the Social Democratic Party, which is not included in the Labor Party, are the same as those of the I. L. P.

The Government have formally sought the alliance of the Labor, as well as that of the Irish Party. Though no compact is known to exist between the Liberals and Laborites, it is significant that the former have not only refused to contest any of the 29 seats won by the Laborites in 1906, but have abandoned to the latter some half dozen constituencies formerly Liberal, while the Labor Party has withdrawn its candidates from some dozen constituencies in which a three cornered fight would probably result in a Unionist triumph.

In some seventy ridings, however, the Laborites are running candidates in opposition to the Government, while Unionist candidates are also in the field.

The results of this pending election may mark an epoch in the world's history.

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The letter has an added interest by reason of the fact that on the day of the official opening of the Grand Trunk Railway's new offices at 17-19 Cockspar Street, S. W., Mr. Challenger was the first person to book a passage with the Company for Canada. On Dominion Day (July 1st) the trip was planned and provision made for the journey, and, in the first week in October, back in England again, the well-known geographer has been pleased to write to the Grand Trunk offices expressing his entire satisfaction with the easy way in which the journey was accomplished.

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