

Lloyd George--Bonar Law Political Battle

A COMIC TRAGEDY

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LONDON, March 9.—The curtain has been raised on a great political battle—a comic tragedy.

Unionists are getting mightily wrath over a nefarious government intending to disrupt the United Kingdom; churchmen are stumping the country agasp at the proposed Welsh disestablishment; Ulster is massing its muscles preparatory to fighting and dying in ditches.

Frankly, I am not much perturbed. The church in Wales is not going to be disestablished—not just yet—and any change in the political relations of Britain and Ireland will be delayed till the Conservatives are again in office.

The prospective horrors are all founded on the assumption that the government will last for another three sessions. The hobbyist in "another place" can keep the kingdom and the church intact for two more years, and if something untoward does not happen in the meantime Mr. Redmond will, I admit, then be able to dance gleefully on the Union Jack in Dublin and Mr. Lloyd-George can "chivvy" bishops over the hills of the principality.

Will the Government Last? But nobody expects the government to exist another three sessions. Not even the members of the ministry. They are whistling to keep up their courage. Liberals, Radicals, Nationalists, Socialists are not betting they will carry their projects.

Yet this is going to be a great session. The government will put up a frenzied fight. If they can get thru this session it is their intention to go slow for the next few years—to let anger soften; for politically the public has a short memory—before the next general election.

This is their hazard session. Their hopes, however, are few. The break will come this year. Abashed, Mr. Asquith is jettisoning the background. The daring horseman will again be Mr. Lloyd-George. He has both eyes and one fist on the premiership.

Mr. Lloyd-George is sick. Unionists must not sneer at him—he is much too clever to be sneered at. Sometimes when I watch him—his hand on his heart and his tongue in his cheek—and note the quick glint in his eye, sardonic rather than mischievous, I think what a picturesque figure he would have made in the French Revolution.

Mr. Lloyd-George is ever hanging his heart out of his shop window, so that the public may see it is swollen with sympathy for the poor. He is the only chancellor of the exchequer who has brought consols within reach of the poorest in the land.

At the Albert Hall Mr. Bonar Law drove a knife between the cracks of Mr. Lloyd-George's armor and pricked the Pride of Wales to fury. This is why he rushed to the city on a cold Saturday afternoon to tell us all that Bonar Law is no gentleman.

We shall be having these two men facing each other this session in the house with nothing but "this piece of furniture" as Mr. Disraeli called the table, dividing them. The fray will be dramatic.

No More Lions. In the old days the leaders of parties were called "the lions of debate." We have no more lions. We have a collection of leopards.

Lloyd-George and Bonar Law may be taken as the representatives of the strictly modern two styles debaters. Mr. Churchill by comparison belongs to the older school.

The Welshman has one quality which the Scotsman lacks—which, at any rate, he has not yet revealed. He is sentimental—and his voice gets so soft and tearful that he upsets the equilibrium of his listeners.

"Let those who will appeal to men's brains so long as I can appeal to their hearts," is the cry of Mr. Lloyd-George.

Fervid antagonists of the Welshman might like to correct me and say that he appeals to the passions. But he always does it thru the heart. He never attacks the rich because they are rich; that is the crude procedure of the Socialists. He draws rending pictures of the lives of the poor; he plays on the chords of sympathy; it is easy then to be contemptuous about the idle rich.

As a speaker Mr. Lloyd-George is slovenly. Every other sentence begins with "Now then" and frequently he says "Now then" twice in a single sentence. His English is loose. I have not listened to him in parliament for nearly twenty years without learning how shallow he is mentally—shallow but glittering.

Most of his arguments he prigs from somebody else or they are given to him by officials and secretaries. I remember the time when he was just coming into notoriety. He would sit long hours in the house quietly writing down all the good points of other men's speeches. Then at ten o'clock when the house rilled he would get up and fire the whole lot off without a word of acknowledgment.

He is the best man in parliament to so frame an observation which, while it cannot be challenged with fact, leaves an absolutely erroneous impression. Cute! But no fanatic.

Quick and cute and no fanatic—there is really no man less of a fanatic than Mr. Lloyd-George—he knows the weak points in his own case. He can get over thin ice like an artist. He will joke while crawling under an obstacle. He has Celtic imagery and a personal trait for exaggeration. And while he is passionate in a word, he is always calm in mind. What he says is not the outburst of uncontrolled thought. It is the result of careful calculation. So the other men are quite well aware he is tricky. His opponents readily confess that he is so skilful that when they think they have caught him he easily slides away. Indeed, he is as slippery as an eel.

This kind of ability, behind a quiet, pleasing personality and a voice that is soft, cooling, rhythmic, makes him an ideal "spokesman." He never argues; he just states.

I cannot imagine Mr. Bonar Law striking the hearts of his hearers. Behind those strong, somewhat sad and fearful eyes, it is likely enough, as in the case of most Scotsmen, there is a well of deep feeling. Whatever moves there is to be learned in playing upon the sentiments of man. Mr. Bonar Law has yet to learn them. He is not likely to sway a mob thru the agency of heated declamation.

But there is spring in him. Just as Mr. Lloyd-George springs at the heart, so Mr. Bonar Law springs at the brain. He is not a polished speaker. His former style was that of a chairman at a company meeting explaining the report of the directors. Since his leadership was acclaimed he has put more verve into his manner. His quietness has disappeared. The fighter is revealed.

Mr. Bonar Law's chief debating qualities are his lucidity and his logic. He prepares his speeches slowly, laboriously and with great care. As a rule, his speeches are committed to memory before they are delivered. But when he speaks he does without notes. In a little book in his pocket are all the authorities for statements he makes, to be instantly produced if a challenge is hurled.

Unlike Mr. Lloyd-George, he always argues. He never says anything without explaining why he says it. You feel you are listening to a business man expounding a business proposition. His logic is easy to follow, as easy as understanding the total of 2 and 2.

Mr. Lloyd-George fears the cold, mercifulness of Mr. Bonar Law's argumentative knife. Both men are masters of particular kinds of oratorical fight. Their combats this session will be exciting.

Funeral Rites Over Battleship Maine

Ship Is Sunk in Gulf of Mexico, While Bodies Are Brought to Washington for Interment.

HAVANA, March 16.—The solemn funeral rites connected with the sinking of the U. S. battleship Maine, and with the carrying to their last resting place of the bodies of many of her sailors, are going on here to-day.

The old battleship is being sunk in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, while the smoke of the saluting guns of war vessels serving for a funeral shroud, while, with all the pageantry and pomp of national mourning the bodies of the sailors are being brought back to Washington.

Followed in procession by the president of the Cuban Republic and by all the other high dignitaries of Cuba, and amid a vast concourse of all classes of Cubans and American citizens, the dead of the Maine were borne on their shoulders, Cuban sailors and artillerymen, thru the streets of Havana. Cuban infantry lined the sidewalks on which the great multitude reverently uncovered as the bodies passed from the mortuary chamber in the palace to the side of the harbor. There they were formally placed in the custody of officers of the United States navy in the service of which they had given their lives.

Popularizing Astronomy in Germany. European interest in astronomy is shown by the rapid increase in public observatories. The latest of these, on the roof of the German Museum at Munich, has a refracting telescope of about five inches, with several smaller ones that may be used on the moon and planets at night and for viewing the Alpine landscape by day. An astronomical museum is a novel addition. This represents ancient and modern instruments, with historical models showing various conceptions of the planetary system, etc.

Famous Paintings Sent to New York

Royalty Among Exhibitors at Exhibition in Aid of Dickens' Centenary Fund.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Eighty of England's most famous paintings will reach New York next week on the Campana to take their place in the coming exhibition of old masters, to be given here in aid of the Dickens' centenary fund, beginning April 2.

Never before has such a valuable collection of paintings crossed the Atlantic. The pictures are insured on a valuation of over \$2,000,000. The collection was gathered thru a committee of prominent Englishmen, chairmanned by Lord Chief Justice Alverstone. The Duke of Teck, the Duke of Marlborough and Lord Denbigh are among those who are sending pictures. Perhaps the most notable canvases among these is the Romney portrait of Larry Hamilton.

A special feature of the exhibition will be three period rooms, representing the Georgian, William and Mary and Chippendale periods; and an oak room from the Turin exhibition. These also are aboard the Campana.

"How fat and well your little boy looks." "Ah, you should never judge from appearances. He's got a gum-boil on one side of his face and he has been stung by a wasp on the other."—Felix Mele.

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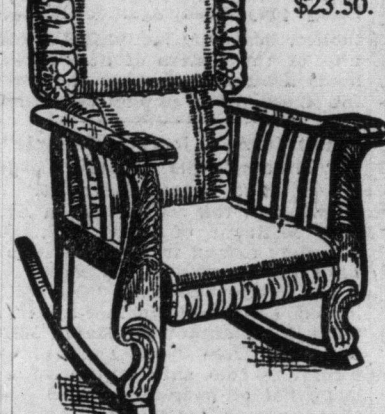
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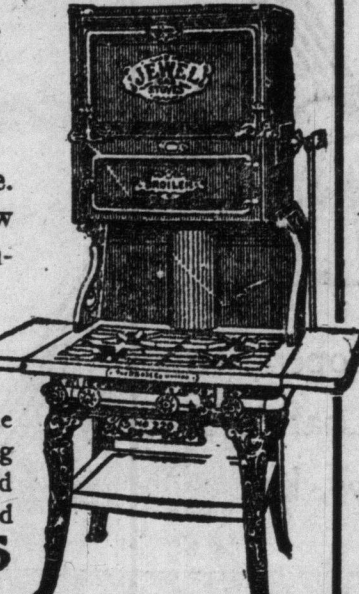
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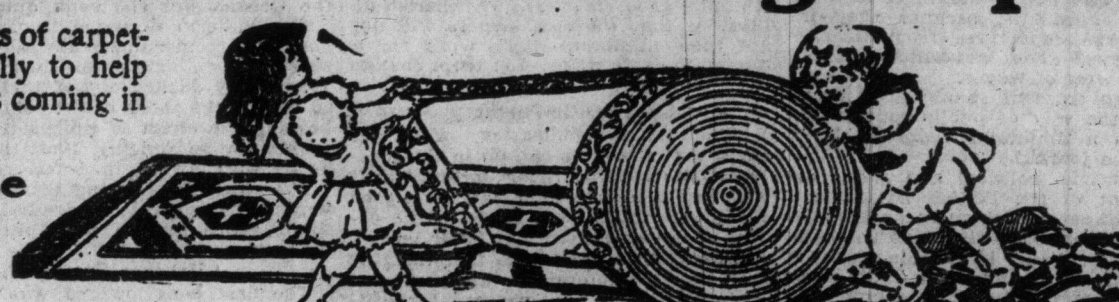
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