

THE UNIONIST CELEBRATION!

Held at Blenheim to Celebrate Victories in British Bye-Elections.

Balfour and Chamberlain Speak of Liberals as the "Rump" Party--The Alliance of Conservatives and Unionists, They Claim, Is Indissoluble.

London, Aug. 12.—The great Unionist celebration at Blenheim Saturday was favored by the most pleasant weather. Its object was to celebrate the third Unionist victory in the bye-elections. One hundred and twenty members of parliament were present with some 3,000 delegates from Conservative and Unionist circles throughout the country and others present made a total of about 7,000 persons. Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain delivered addresses, after luncheon, in the open air. Both were accorded a warm reception from the enthusiastic crowd.

During the course of his remarks, Mr. Balfour said that the erstwhile alliance between the Conservatives and Liberal Unionists was now an indissoluble union. A large section of the opposition was avowedly unpatriotic and the country was not so moonstruck as to confide in the conduct of public affairs to those who, so far as they had uttered any clear note, had uttered it against their own country. Mr. Balfour compared the opposition tactics to sniping and guerrilla warfare in South Africa, and said both would end at no distant date.

Mr. Chamberlain spoke in a similar vein. The Liberal party were now only the "rump" party. They had sunk in the pro-Boer mud and could not extricate themselves.

THE "GARDEN PARTY."

Commenting on "The Blenheim Garden Party," as Mr. Redmond has styled it, the cable correspondent of a New York daily says it was converted into a celebration of the indissoluble bonds between the Tories and the Liberal Unionists. Mr. Balfour smiled upon Mr. Chamberlain, and told how much peace and joy there was in the harmonious "Unionist" household. Mr. Chamberlain was equally aglow with fraternal feeling, and supplied the imperial background for an alliance begun in opposition to legislative autonomy in Ireland. Each whipped the thistles in the neglected Liberal garden. Mr. Balfour denouncing the opposition as avowedly unpatriotic, and Mr. Chamberlain, with partisan vehemence, describing Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman as a "wobbler," and what was left of Gladstone's party as a "rump."

With these stump speeches the Duke of Marlborough's host of 3,000 guests was well entertained. The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough invited delegates from Unionist partisans far and wide, and entertained as many as 3,000 guests at luncheon. A series of special trains was running through the morning from London. At least 200 members of parliament from the government side were asked, and most of them accepted the invitation.

SAVED BY BALFOUR.

This political picnic would have been broken up if Mr. Balfour had not closed debate in a drastic manner, for the house otherwise might have been kept tramping through the division lobbies until 4 o'clock this afternoon, for as many votes might have been forced on the report stage as in committee. This catastrophe was avoided, and the Unionist members, headed by Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain, were enabled to catch trains in good time and join the open air revival services in Blenheim Park. Spacious marquees had been erected on the grounds, where luncheon was served, and the palace was open to reception of guests. There was no lack of oratory when Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain were present, and enthusiasm was unrestrained.

HONORS FOR MARLBOROUGH.

This remarkable political demonstration on the ducal grounds has brought the host prominently before the country as a candidate for honors. The Duke of Marlborough is known to be ambitious and desirous of playing a great part in public affairs. He has taken an active interest in the work of the Primrose League, and today poses as the patron and entertainer of the Empire Unionist organization. All the great places at court have been filled, but some ornamental appointments like that of viceroy of Ireland may be opened to him. The Duchess of Marlborough has become as keen a politician as her husband, and joined him in planning the day's festivities. Photographs, apparently inspired, are appearing in the press, stating that Blenheim has been restored and improved with the duke's own money and not with the Vanderbilt fortune.

CHAMBERLAIN'S GAME.

Mr. Chamberlain knows his own game and plays it. He takes his cue from the loyalists of Cape Town, with whom Sir Alfred Milner is also in entire sympathy. They are for crushing the Boers altogether and settling the South Africa problem by subverting the Dutch to the British. But the Liberals profess to be for equal rights and for this would give the utmost freedom in the annexed territories which is compatible with the maintenance of the imperial supremacy. Unfortunately the Liberal differences of opinion, chiefly about the origin of the war, prevent them from acting together for a common purpose. Last Friday week they left him in possession of the field. They then created or fostered the impression that there is no one on their front bench who can stand up to the colonial secretary.

THAT IS NOT SO.

Mr. Asquith has done it before now, so has Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, but the leader is not supported by his followers and is obviously powerless. Sir Henry would have been quite justified in resigning after that Friday evening, but he knows very well

that is what some mischief makers would like him to do, and he sticks to his post. Only last Wednesday he addressed a great Liberal meeting at Peckham and energetically declined to recant a single word he had said about the conduct of the war. Meanwhile he received numerous notes of confidence from Liberal associations throughout the country, and it would not be surprising if the autumn witnessed a strong popular movement in his favor.

LIBERALS VOTING TOGETHER.

Where the war is not involved the Liberal party still vote together as before. They were unanimous, for instance, in resisting Mr. Balfour's proposal that whole classes of the estimates involving some of absolutely necessary and some of highly controversial expenditures should be put together, but the war dominates everything after the war. Until the opposition can agree upon its South African policy the government will continue throughout as if there were no opposition at all.

THE BOERS.

The Boers have an awkward habit of upsetting both military calculations and current phrasing. Mr. Chamberlain has described the third stage of their operations as "brigandage and outrage," and General Kitchener has proclaimed the day when the Boers must cease from lawlessness under penalty of exile and restraint of property, and leader writers and military critics have protested against unanimity toward murderers and pillagers, who are not entitled to belligerent rights. Suddenly comes an official account of the capture of a blockhouse in the center of the Orange River Colony, after a battle as bold as the assault upon Steyn's Horse in Swaziland. These three affairs, while trivial as operations of war, indicate that the Boers are still fighting with desperate valor. Clearly the time has not yet come for refusing the Boers belligerent rights, especially when the fighting is described as severe at Brandfort, Lord Roberts' first halting place in his march from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. Equally significant is the renewal of Boer activity on the railway lines in Cape Colony. Even more ominous is the evidence of two fresh outrages, showing that the Boer desperadoes cannot be controlled and that the final stage of the war will be characterized by acts of wanton barbarity.

LORD MILNER'S DEPARTURE.

Lord Milner, after keeping a private engagement in the country, embarked quietly at Southampton without other public demonstration than the cheering from the wharf. He has not enjoyed the process of being lionized here and in country houses antrhy houses by says that he will be well pleased to settle down to work. General Lyttleton, who has sailed with him, is a capable officer, with marked talent for administrative detail. He was the best commander under General Buller in the Ladysmith campaign and has been named by military men as Lord Kitchener's successor, either before or after the close of the present guerrilla operations. Lord Milner's return to South Africa will probably be followed by more practical measures than Lord Kitchener's proclamation, which the Unionist journals are making a brave effort to commend as statesmanlike. The resumption of mining operations at Johannesburg on a large scale, and the widening of the areas where the usual occupations of peace can be conducted will be facilitated as rapidly as possible. This will be a practical method of meeting the Boer argument from Holland that the war is in progress, with no signs of abatement, and that the British army of 250,000 men is held up virtually as General Buller's army corps was after Colenso and Magersfontein.

THE MANCHESTER CANAL.

Manchester is finding the ship canal, which the corporation was compelled to finance and complete, an unceasing source of expense and anxiety. The managers have reported that even small vessels cannot leave the canal for several hours after low water, and consequently the entrance to the canal must be deepened two feet and the entire waterway dredged until the largest vessels can pass through it. This costly work will involve excavation of more than two feet all along the line.

OSBORNE HOUSE.

King Edward is angry about ridiculous statements which have been published about his anxiety to sell Osborne House. He has no intention of doing anything of the sort. Some papers even went so far as to say that Lord Rothschild had bought it, but there is no truth in any of these rumors.

FOUR DAYS IN A WELL.

A man named Simon was working in a well at Illers, near Chartres, when the walls of the well collapsed, burying him. Sufficient space, however, was left him to breathe, and he was able to give proof to those above that he was not dead. A company of engineers proceeded to undertake the excavation. They worked four long days and nights without intermission, and finally the unfortunate man was released in a stage of great weakness. He had been entombed 117 hours and was now standing upright with one arm raised and with his back against the pit. Simon was under the impression that he had been only 24 hours in the pit.

WARSHIPS BREAK DOWN.

A considerable sensation has been

caused in political circles by the complete breakdown of France's latest cruiser, the Jeanne d'Arc, which cost 23,000,000 francs, and of the Chateau-Renault, which cost 16,000,000. Each vessel took nearly six years to build, two years more than the contract time. At the steam trials of the Jeanne d'Arc only 24 boilers out of her 36 could be lighted. The heat in the engine room rose to 149 degrees Fahrenheit. What the heat in the stoke room was nobody knows, as the stokers were forced to flee for their lives. The vessel re-entered Toulon, going at three knots an hour. She will require completely new boilers. The Chateau-Renault's engines heated and melted and will be required to be replaced. The estimated expenditure on both vessels is put at several million francs.

STORY OF THE BIG GOLD STEAL

Confession of John Winters Who Did the Job Alone.

After Confessing He Showed Where the Gold Had Been Hidden—Said to Have Been Promised Immunity From Prosecution.

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Jack Winters, who was arrested as a suspect connected with the Selby Smelting Works robbery of \$250,000 has confessed and, so far, \$141,500 worth of bullion has been recovered from the bay where it had been sunk.

For three days the detectives have tried all sorts of persuasion to make Winters' manner indicated that he out effect. Finally Winters asked to see Supt. Ropp, of the Selby works, who, he said, was the only friend he had. In his conversation with Ropp, Winters' manner indicated that he knew where the gold had been hidden. Ropp told Winters that they had a signed charge against him and that he would be sent to prison for 30 years. He said:

"You will be an old man when you get out and it will do you no good to hide the gold. We know it is hidden in the water near the works and we will search every inch. You may be sure the gold will be found before you get out of prison."

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\$1.25.	75c.	\$1.10.	\$1.75.
50 pairs Men's Box Calf Bals, J. D. King make, Goodyear welt, regular \$3.50; clearing sale price	75 pairs Men's Kid Bals, up-to-date toe, regular price \$2.25; clearing sale price	25 pairs Men's Kid and Buff Boots, regular price \$1.50, clearing sale price	30 pairs Men's Vici Kid Gaiters, up-to-date toe, regular price \$2.25; clearing sale price
\$2.50.	\$1.75.	\$1.00.	\$1.50.

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August Sale of Wool Blankets Now Going On.

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no evidence against him. All that has been drawn from him was secured by the detectives under promise that it would not be used against him. Under such circumstances it would be extremely difficult to secure a conviction.

EXPENSIVE FAD OF MOROCCO'S RULER

Sultan Pays an Exorbitant Price for Cameras With Which to Photograph His Wives.

News that the Sultan of Morocco has bought two cameras, one a quarter-plate and one half-plate, costing \$10,500 and \$4,500 respectively, is regarded by camera experts in Chicago as suggesting that the Sultan of Morocco is a good deal more fond of spending money than is the Sultan of Turkey. It is doubted if he has any prettier harem than has the Turkish Sultan, and if he has it is argued by Chicago experts in camera goods that he could get just as good a picture of his favorites with a hundred-dollar machine.

According to the story of the sultan's purchases in London all the metal work of the quarter-plate camera is of silver, with finest of mountings.

Dr. William H. Knapp, of Chicago, representing the manufacturers who made the lenses for the sultan's cameras, says in effect that the sultan paid through the nose for what he got, so far as pictures are concerned. "For such cameras we couldn't make a lens that would cost more than \$100," said Dr. Knapp. "The best framework for a lens is brass, and one set of gold would be less adaptable for photography. We make the best quarter-plate lens for \$77, with \$15 more added for a shutter. The sultan hasn't got anything better, though it may be set in solid gold."

In a lens of ordinary size the deviation of one-thousandths of an inch in its thickness will make it useless for photography, causing it to distort images. Testing these lenses, grinding and polishing and fitting them and correcting them to hairbreadths is the work of human hand and eye, but so accurately are these experts trained that in a box of a dozen lenses of the same style it is the boast of the manufacturers that no man needs search to find a best one.

In this work of making a non-achromatic lens, which shall rectify and give the most accurate outlines upon a plate, two kinds of glass are used, one modifying the other in their dispositions to focus light rays. A third glass is put outside and closely welded behind it is the composition glass, which comes from Vienna. One supplements the other until the focal point is definite and unchangeable for all the rays of the spectrum.

ELEVEN YEARS' MARTYRDOM

Health and Happiness Restored at Last by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

St. Patrick, Lotbiniere, Que., Aug. 12.—(Special)—The experience of Philippe Boissonneault, of this place, should teach all such sufferers that in Dodd's Kidney Pills they have a sure and permanent relief.

"For eleven years," he writes, "I have suffered with headache, dwindling down to a mere shadow. I have taken all sorts of remedies, nothing doing me any good."

Dodd's Kidney Pills would cure any fault in the kidneys and the rest of the body would then be healthy. I decided to send for six boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, though without confidence.

"But today I am completely cured. I feel better than I have for eleven years, and I thank Dodd's Kidney Pills for it."

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The Fall Fairs.

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Industrial Fair, Toronto... Aug. 26-Sept. 1
Kingston, Kingston... Sept. 9-13
Guelp Central, Guelp... Sept. 11-19
West Middlesex, Stratford... Sept. 17-19
Northern, Alisa Craig... Sept. 19-20
North Brant, Paris... Sept. 26-27
North and West Oxford, Ingersoll... Sept. 27-28
Great Northwestern, Goderich... Oct. 1-2
N. R. of Oxford, Woodstock... Oct. 1-2
North Dorchester... Oct. 2
Brooks and Alvin... Oct. 2-3
North Grey, Owen Sound... Oct. 2-4
South Oxford, Orville... Oct. 2-4
West Nissouri, Thorndale... Oct. 4-5
Peninsular, Chatham... Oct. 8-10
Caledonia, Caledonia... Oct. 8-10
Norfolk, Simcoe... Oct. 15-17

ANOTHER NEGRO BURNED.
Savannah, Ga., Aug. 10.—The negro assailant of Mrs. J. J. Clark was captured at Liberty City yesterday by R. L. Young, a section master of the Seaboard Air Line. Last night he was taken to Ways Station and positively identified by Mrs. Clark.

While being removed from Ways Station to Bryan county jail the prisoner was taken from his captors by a mob and, it is believed, has been burned at the stake.

Positive news of the lynching is lacking. The advice comes from the man who captured the assailant of Mrs. Clark, who says that he was ordered to leave the vicinity by the men who took the negro from his custody.

A short time afterward he saw a fire the flames of which rose above the surrounding trees. He telegraphed that he has no doubt the negro has been burned at the stake.

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