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Chamberlain Steps Out.

The British Cabinet has reached the crisis towards which it has been moving since Mr. Chamberlain's Birmingham address. The Colonial Secretary has resigned in order to wage from the outside his battle for imperial preferential trade. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has stepped out, as an orthodox free trader, dissenting from the position Mr. Balfour has taken in favor of a revision of the fiscal policy of the country.

The correspondence between Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain explains the situation clearly, and shows the two men to be in substantial accord on the very principle for which Mr. Chamberlain sacrifices office. Mr. Chamberlain confesses that a tax on food, the sine qua non of preferential trade, would be unacceptable to the majority of British constituencies at the present time. He suggests that with absolute loyalty to the Government he can best promote the cause in an independent position, so that his arguments may not prejudice the administration. This arrangement would leave the Government to deal with the other branch of fiscal reform—the creation of tariffs as a means of negotiating commercial treaties—unembarrassed by the question of imperial trade relations.

Mr. Balfour, in accepting the resignation, agrees with Mr. Chamberlain, the unity of the Empire should find expression in commercial as well as political and military relations. He says:

"I believe with you that a closer fiscal union between the mother country and the colonies would benefit the trade of both, and that if such closer union could be established on fitting terms its advantage to both parties would increase with years and as the colonies grew in wealth and population. If there has ever been any difference between us in this matter it has only been with regard to the practicability of the proposal which would seem to require on the part of the colonies a limitation in the development of the all-round policy, and on the part of this country the establishment of a preference in favor of important colonial products. On the first of these requirements I say nothing; but if the second involves, as it most certainly does, a taxation, however light upon food stuffs, I am convinced with you that public opinion is not yet ripe for such an arrangement."

Mr. Chamberlain's resignation and Mr. Balfour's reply open a new chapter in British history, or rather reopen the old chapter, which was thought to be closed 50 years ago. The Prime Minister and with him the present Government, stand committed to a fiscal revolution. That is the significant, outstanding fact in the whole situation. They may call themselves free traders and wear the ivory of free trade, but the policy laid down by Mr. Balfour is a contradiction of the theory upon which the commercial system of Great Britain has rested for half a century.

It denies the teaching of the school of Adam Smith and his disciples, the teaching that Bright and Cobden and Peel and Gladstone translated into practice, that imports of themselves are a benefit; that the liberty to buy is as profitable as the liberty to sell; that all restrictions on trade are harmful; and that no nation can raise its tariff without inflicting self-injury. Mr. Balfour and those who side with him, deny that a system of free "imports" is a benefit, when other nations decline to reciprocate; worse than that, when they erect tariffs designed to be prohibitory against British goods—tariffs which are all the time growing higher. Mr. Balfour argues for a tariff, not as an instrument of protection, but as an instrument to force more favorable treatment for British goods in foreign markets. As a professing free trader he defends this policy by saying that it aims at promoting fuller and freer commercial intercourse between Great Britain and other nations, but the Cobdenites are far from accepting any scheme which impairs their fundamental doctrine that a tariff is an evil of itself, and that every tax on imports adds to the cost of production and lessens Britain's power to compete in the world's markets.

Will the bulk of the Unionist party follow Mr. Balfour's lead? Is a question of immediate interest. Mr. Ritchie, "the handy man of the Government," has refused to accept Mr. Balfour's interpretation of free trade and has abandoned the great portfolio of the treasury, a prize which had recently come to him after years of arduous public service. His predecessor, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, is an unforgiving opponent of any change in fiscal conditions. If the Duke of Devonshire, who has spoken disapprovingly of an imperial preference, should leave the cabinet its disruption would be complete for the Duke has a great hold on the confidence of his countrymen, especially among the landed classes.

At all events there will be a very powerful defection from the Conservative ranks and many eminent Unionists will be found fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Liberals.

Mr. Chamberlain's personality will be thrown more than ever into strong relief. His place in the scheme of things will be unique and extraordinary. He will be the apostle of an idea, which he will endeavor to incorporate in the programme of the Conservative party through the education of public opinion. He will remain an ally of that party, but will relieve its leaders from responsibility for his own views. In due time, if his cause makes headway and gathers a sufficient strength in the country, the Conservative party may officially adopt it. Opinions may differ as to the wisdom of his policy, but everyone must admire his splendid courage and his unselfish devotion to an ideal. At the age of 66, when the majority of men have finished their life work, he undertakes the tremendous task of converting a nation to a new theory, opposed to all its traditions and accepted beliefs. The spectacle is an impressive one; it shows us British politics in the best light. Mr. Chamberlain will have the moral support of the colonies, but the mother country is the field where this great battle must be fought and decided.

An Ironical Message.

At the moment of Mr. Chamberlain's resignation it must have been a great comfort to him to receive the assurance of sympathy and support which he yesterday by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. His feelings may undergo a change if he reads the report of the convention proceedings. The dispatch was apparently intended to have only a sentimental value. The association favored the principle of an Imperial preference, but insisted that the minimum tariff must afford "adequate protection" to all Canadian producers, and opposed any increase in the existing preference to the mother country. This is very much like throwing a bouquet at Mr. Chamberlain with one hand and a brickbat with the other. Mr. Chamberlain told the Dominion in plain English that Great Britain would give nothing in exchange for a preference which merely imposed greater disabilities on foreign goods entering Canada, without lowering the duties against British imports. If Canada takes the stand demanded by the Manufacturers' Association, an Imperial preference falls to the ground, unless Mr. Chamberlain recedes from the position he took at the London conference last year. At any rate such resolutions as those passed at Toronto yesterday will make it immensely more difficult for him in the campaign he has undertaken. These resolutions will be seized upon by his opponents, and circulated broadcast, as proof that the prospective advantage to British producers in the colonial markets is a mirage. Under the circumstances the message of approval sent to Mr. Chamberlain is decidedly ironical.

Just for Fun.

[Philadelphia Press.]
"Pa," said little Willie Giggles, "is a family far one of them kind that's used for preserving?"
"Perhaps, my son," replied Mr. Giggles, "but not for preserving the peace."

A Touching Reconciliation.

[Toronto Globe.]
Mr. Tarte has written a letter to the Mail in which he says that while they had mutually abused each other in the past it was a matter of little importance. "What bearing," he says, "has that circumstance on the present situation?" What, indeed! The Mail denounced Mr. Tarte during the whole of 1900 as a disloyal man. It printed extracts from his speeches in France, and called on its readers to note these anti-British utterances coming from traits were certainly not the kind that would be applauded by a gathering of Englishmen, and they did the Liberal party a great deal of harm in Ontario, but we feel sure that Mr. Tarte did not mean all he said. He is constitutionally incapable of resisting the point of view of an audience—while he is addressing it. If it fell to his lot to be very fond of oranges and considered them a very wholesome fruit; that he had been fond of "Jules" and very likely would be again, and that William was a Christian name for which he had ever entertained much admiration. If he were addressing a blind asylum he would shut one eye at least.

The Wise Married Man.

[Ogle County Republican.]
He was big and fat and 40, and still a bachelor. He stood moping the description of his fevered brow on the shady side of the court house. A vision all in white floated up the other side of the street. "My Lord," said he, "I'd give a thousand dollars to be as cool as that girl is." And the reporter said never a word; for he knew the chances were that under all that floating cloud of apparent coolness the girl was probably laced, tied and strapped up like a kicking mule in a blacksmith shop.

The Modern Point of View.

[New York Times.]
Gertrude Atherton tells of a conversation which took place between two young ladies of her acquaintance, aged respectively 12 and 13.
Said the 13-year-old girl: "I shall not marry any but a very rich man. I couldn't for the life of me be tied down to a pauper."
Said the 12-year-old girl: "I couldn't marry unless I cared for the man. I'd rather marry a man who had \$10,000 a year if I loved him than a millionaire I couldn't love."

Platonic Love.

[Boston Post.]
The Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, of Topeka, is burdened with a huge correspondence.

The readers of his works write to him for his views upon the most diverse subjects. Mr. Sheldon is a conscientious man, and few of his interrogators find their letters unanswered. Sometimes, indeed, they get replies that take a humorous or epigrammatic form.

A young man of Buffalo, writing in behalf of a Buffalo debating club, asked Mr. Sheldon recently for his opinion of Platonic love. The clergyman's answer was:

"Platonic love is, like all other loves, very exciting."

A Few Side Remarks.

[Kincaid Review.]
According to some authorities Canada has a clay belt around her waist. We are getting so familiar with it that soon we shall be calling it Jim Bay.

"The West can't wait," says Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In that respect the West is like many waiters. A steamer named Grammar ran ashore on an island in Lake St. Clair. She tried to parse it, but failed. Lord Salisbury stipulated that his funeral expenses should not exceed \$100, and they were \$70. As a funeral it was probably worth only \$70, but as an example it ought to be worth seventy millions.

Sir Thomas Lipton has the consolation of knowing that if it had been a naval engagement the result would have been the same—the American vessel would have run away from the British.

The Lessons of the War.

[London Chronicle.]
Ye enemies of England,
Please wait a year or two,
For England is not ready yet
To try a bout with you.
She has the ships, she has the men,
And she can raise the cash.
But the rifles need resoling.
So wait, and don't be rash.

You would not be discourteous,
And take her unawares?
Be moderate, be kind,
And wait while she prepares!
To get her ammunition
Your toll will be in vain,
And while the sands are running out,
Be gracious, gentle foe!

Great Britain needs no bulwarks,
No towers along the steep,
She merely asks to be allowed
In quietude to sleep,
And who would take advantage
Of slack of watchful works
When she may muddle through again,
As she has done before.

When she at last is ready,
Then need of war will cease,
And that great dream will be begun—
The thousand years of peace,
So, enemies of England,
Your toll will be in vain,
Although meanwhile she never plans
The course of her campaign.

This Country of Ours.

[Ottawa Journal.]
In all Canada there is not an acre of desert.

In this land a furrow is scratched along the earth and the wheat is sowed and springs up, as untended as the grass by the roadside. In the United States thousands of square miles of wheat land are only possible because of vast irrigation works built and maintained at enormous expense.

Canada has no such tax as that. And a new transcontinental line will both remove the reproach that Canada at one point is but the width of a railway track, and will at the same time open out thousands upon thousands of miles that will furnish timber to house her people and grain to feed them.

COLLIERIES SHUT DOWN

Over-Production of Steam Coal Flakes 2,000 Miners Idle.

Philadelphia, Sept. 18.—Seven anthracite collieries, operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in the Wyoming, Ramokin and Schuylkill districts, will be closed today and Saturday. About 2,000 men and boys will be idle as a result.

The restriction in production is made necessary by the fact that the steam sizes of coal have been piling up lately, and while there are full orders for the prepared sizes, it is thought better to close the mines for the two days.

A BIG SUM MISSING

Englishman in Toronto Charged With Huge Embezzlement.

Toronto, Sept. 18.—Charged with the colossal theft of \$30,000, a man who has been engaged in the office of the stock broker firm of R. C. Brown & Co., 38 Toronto street, and in which he was negotiating with a view to becoming a partner, investing \$10,000, was yesterday morning arrested by Inspector McCaskill, head of the Quebec provincial police, and Detective Slemin, of the city staff.

The prisoner is known in Toronto as Albert P. S. Prescott, but Inspector McCaskill says he is certain that he is Anthony Stanley Rowe, late of 22 Hyde Park Square, London, England, for whose arrest a warrant was issued by the Guildhall police magistrate on Jan. 5 last, charging him with embezzling \$30,000 from the Great Pictorial Consolidated Corporation, Limited, a mining concern, of which he was secretary.

ANOTHER FOR MIKE WARD

Won Against Willie Fitzgerald On a Foul Last Night.

Port Huron, Mich., Sept. 17.—Mike Ward, the clever Canadian boxer, won another decision before the Port Huron A. C. this evening in his match with Willie Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn. This decision, however, is not accompanied with full satisfaction, as the winner, as it was obtained on a foul in the tenth round. Ward's friends are disappointed that the bout did not go the limit, claiming he had the best of the battle, and as declared by Referee McBride, of Buffalo, would have, barring a knockout, obtained the decision any way had he not taken cognizance of the Brooklyn lad's actions. He had warned several times during the contest to pay more attention to the clean break rules which governed.

An English Airship.

London, Sept. 18.—Stanley Spencer, the aeronaut, left Crystal Palace last night in his airship, made a half circuit over St. Paul's Church, and went northwards to Trent Park, where he descended. He had desired to return to Crystal Palace, but was obliged to land eight miles from there.

A Hardy Canadian.

London, Sept. 18.—J. Hird, of Uxbridge, Canada, aged 32 years, on Tuesday climbed the summit of Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Britain, 4,405 feet, in four and a half hours.

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LABOR UNIONS TO
ANSWER CHARGE

Gurney Co. Has Injunction Issued to Prevent Boycotting of Workmen.

Toronto, Sept. 18.—The Gurney Foundry Company applied for and obtained yesterday an injunction restraining molders and other union men from continuing to boycott the goods of the company. In the affidavit attached to the application the company state that so keen has the boycott been in St. Catharines that the local agent of the company, Mr. A. B. Noble, had to resign his position. It is also charged that in addition to the boycotting, the defendants threatened and intimidated all agents or representatives of the company. It is further charged that the defendants intimidated and threatened workmen, contractors and architects who were at work on buildings where the Gurney Company goods were used. The affidavit asserts that boycotting letters from Toronto and St. Catharines have been sent to all parts of Canada, thus hampering and injuring the company's trade. Customers who dealt with the Gurney Company were also threatened and intimidated. Among customers intimidated are: Wood Bros., J. D. Tait and Westland. In the case of J. D. Tait, after an old boiler had been ordered by the labor organizations, would not permit the Gurney Company to put in a new boiler, with the result that an American-made boiler was put in and the plaintiffs lost the work.

Mr. C. H. Hoople, plumber and tin-smith of St. Catharines, also filed an affidavit stating that the union had ordered him to cease using Gurney Company material, had threatened to boycott him if he refused and had in various other ways harassed him in his business. The defendants are: John A. McGlashan and P. O'Connor, the president and secretary of the Plumbers and Steamfitters' Union; William F. Harvey and W. E. Hall, who hold office in the Machinists' Union; Robert Shannon and Charles Welby of the Metal Polishers, Buffers and Platers' Union; E. A. Day and William Chapman of the building section of the Trades and Labor Council; Thos. Wiley and James Carthy of the Carpenters' Union; John W. Walsh, James A. Wiley and J. D. Wright of the District Trades and Labor Council of St. Catharines; and the Gurney Company, which have their headquarters. The case will be called again on Thursday next.

PASSING OF A PIONEER

Death of Paul Murray, of Zorra, at the Age of 92 Years.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review: Another Zorra pioneer has gone to his rest. At the ripe age of 92, Paul Murray, so well known to the people of the Zorras, has died in British Columbia. In the year 1829 he settled on lot 19, con. 10, East Zorra, and here he lived till 1874, when he moved with his family to Langley Prairie, B. C. He was in some respects a remarkable man. In his "Zorra Boys at Home and Abroad" Rev. Dr. MacKay says of him: "His career emphatically teaches what patient industry and intelligence can effect in overcoming obstacles that discourage and turn away the indolent and faint-hearted. With his own hand he cleared his bush farm, built his own house and barn, and planted what turned out to be a large and first-class orchard. He erected frame barns for not a few of his neighbors. He was also an expert in the use of the gun—the Nimrod of the district. Deer, wild pigeons and hawks were the principal game. He is now in his 90th year, and still the proud possessor of the old Kentucky rifle with which he brought down a stag in the early days, and which, as he delights to tell, he

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SIXTY LIVES ENDANGERED

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CANADIAN ARTISTS

English Critic Says They Possess Originality.

London, Sept. 18.—An article in the Morning Post on Canadian art, by E. B. Osborne, who visited the Toronto exhibition and spent some time in the art gallery, says: "It was easy to see that the Canadian artists, a majority of whom have studied in Paris, are even now an artistic force which the cosmopolitan critic might take into consideration, perhaps not today, but certainly tomorrow. Paris, the most authoritative of art mistresses, has not crushed out the originality which is their national birthright."

Its Cold in Illinois.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—At 7 o'clock this morning a heavy frost prevailed here and in Northern Illinois. The local temperature was 41 degrees. Considerable damage is believed to have been done to corn.

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