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THE FUSION OF THE CONSERVATIVES AND LIBERAL UNIONISTS.

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n British politics. Its use dates back to the the Reform Bill of 1832, when it began to super-Lest our Liberal friends of today should be tempted to anseemly mirth at these revelations, we hasten to addinat their own political ancestors, the Whigs, were equalopposition and disloyalty to the King. Possibly to place toes are grown but the disease is also directly injuri-these Whigs in good company the name was also applied to the health of the consumer of affected potatoes.

Royalist forces which endeavored to maintain the cause of Charles II. The Whigs, the ancestors of the Liberals, it may be noted, have no such proud boast as this early defence by the Tories or Conservatives of the legitimate head of the Empire. As the political counterpart of "Whig" the term "Tory" dates from the Restoration to the flime of the Reform Bill. It never suffered such a complete eclipse as has befallen the "Whigs," and is still in use on occasion both in England and Canada, usually by away, or the disease, if present, will establish itself permanently in the ground. Royalist forces which endeavored to maintain the cause poses, The old definition of a Conservative is equally applic-

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company will run across the bridge which will greatly

The Liberal Unionist party in England is of comparatively recent date. It is safe to say that few, if any, political organizations in any country came into existence under more exciting circumstances. The revoit of the Liberals against Home Rule was one of the most significant events in British politics of the last century. The history of those stormy days is worth recalling. It was on the night of December 17, 1885, not long before the London newspapers went to press, that the first authentic news of Mr. Gladstone's intentions was given out. An inspired statement reached the editorial offices after midnight and it was announced to the country in the morning that Mr. Gladstone, then Leader of the Opposition, had determined to adopt Home Rule. Political circles were instantly in a whirl of excitement. Rumors or disaffection in the Liberal ranks were not long without confirmation, and were quickly followed by the secession of the Liberal Unionists. The Marquis of Hartington, Mr. Gladstone's first lieutenant, became the leader of the party and with Mr. Goschen, the greatest Liberal financier of the day, and Sir Henry James, headed the revoit. In the meantime, in January, 1886, Mr. Gladstone was returned to power in a general election. On April 8 he introduced his first Home Rule Bill, "to make better provision for the future government of Ireland." So keen was the interest that the galleries of the House of Commons were crowded to the doors, many members occupied their seats from a. m. The bill passed the first reading. The issue was still in doubt. On the day set for the second reading came the crists. After a private meeting in one of the committee rooms of the House the Birmingham Group, into the division lobby that night against the bill. The fate of the bill was sealed before Mr. Gladstone made his closing speech. The figures on the second reading were 313 for, 343 against. Mr. Gladstone made his closing speech. The figures on the second reading were 313 for, 343 against. Mr. Gladstone made his closing speech. The figures on the second reading were 313 for, 343 against. Mr. Gladstone made his closing speech. The figures on the second reading were 313 for, 343 against. Mr. Gladstone made his closing speech. The figures on the second reading were 313 for, 343 against. Mr. Gladstone made his closing speech. The figures on the second reading were 313 for, 343 against. Mr. Gladstone made his closing speech. The figures on the second reading were 313 for, 343 against. Mr. Gladstone made his closing speech. The figures on the second reading were 313 for, 343 against. Mr. Gladstone made his closing speech. The figures on the second reading were 313 for, 343 against. Mr. Gladstone made his closing speech. The figures on the second reading were 313 for, 343 against. Mr. Gladstone made his closing speech. The figures on th of disaffection in the Liberal ranks were not long without condition of the working girl in Canada, which are ap confirmation, and were quickly followed by the secession

by the House of Lords, as there is every reason to suppose it will be, the fight will be transferred during the two years respite to the English and Scottish constituencies. An active campaign against Home Rule by the united forces under the auspices of the National Unionist Association will have distinct advantages. With Tariff Reform and a policy of Imperial Preference as additional planks in the party's platform the Unionists will make a strong bid for victory in the next general election.

#### A TYPICAL CASE.

The delay in carrying out the sentence of death imposed upon Rev. Clarence V. Richeson, who murdered a girl who trusted him in order that he could marry another possessed of greater wealth, is referred to by the Montreal Gazette in drawing attention to the slowness of justice in criminal cases in the United States. Only when a convicted man is poor is the law quickly carried out. Money seems to be able to delay punishment for years and sometimes avoid it altogether. Thaw's friends are still fighting for his release and the newspapers are afraid the efforts may be successful.

Perhaps the most flagrant example of delay, how-

LIBERAL UNIONISTS.

At a conference of the Conservatives and Liberal Unionists held in London last week it was finally resolved to amalgamate the two parties under the title of the National Unionist Association. Old and familiar names die hard. The disuse of the time-honored title Conservadity hard. The disuse of the time-honored title Conservadity hard. The disuse of the time-honored title Conservadity hard. The disuse a feeling of regret throughout the Empire. The cable announcing the decision was brief but apparently definite as follows:

"Curiously, the second reading of the Home Rule" builted States, being arrested at the port of New York on the arrival of the steamer. He confessed and the newspapers are afraid the efforts may be successful. Perhaps the most flagrant example of delay, however, is the Porter Charlton affair, which in some respects resembled the Crippen case. Charlton murdered his wife, nut had the body in a trunk and threw it into Lake wife, and hid the remains. Yet the quack doctor was bursted until captured on the high seas. His trial and execution quickly followed. Porter Charlton, after he come full the remains of the terrible crime he is charged with, fled to the United States, being arrested at the port of New York on the arrival of the steamer. He confessed and then began to fight extradition, as he is of an influential family resolved upon the fusion-title of 'National today finally resolved upon the fusion-title of 'National at the port of National Unionists. The former of as Unionists or National Unionists. The former of these titles has been in use for many years to designate the titles has been in use for many years to designate the titles and the efforts may be successful.

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The many examples of delay constantly presenting themselves his charge cannot with truth be gainsaid.

#### POTATO DISEASES.

Owing to the shortage in the potato crop this year, owing to the shortage in the potato crop this year, term "Tory" which, previous to that date, had term "Tory" as an electron of the shortage in the potato crop this year, for another expedit dentity expects we dealers, and growers of potatoes in some cases, have found it necessary to import large supplies for table and the potato crop this year, for another expedit dentity expects we adventures of sufficient to the political parties of the shortage in the potato crop this year, for another expedit dentity expects we adventures of sufficient to the political parties of the shortage in the potato crop this year, for another expedit dentity expects we adventures of sufficient to the political parties of dealers, and growers of potatoes in some cases, have dealers, and growers for potatoes in some cases, have dealers, and growers of potatoe has quite an interesting history. Originally seed purposes from Great Britain, Ireland and other derivative of derision and contempt, and European countries. A warning note of possible danger Mauser of heavy calibre for Kadial Mauser of heavy calibre for heavy calibre for Kadial Mauser of heavy calibre for Kadial Mauser of heavy calibre for he being put to political uses was the designation to Irish Roman Catholic outlaws and robbers. which may arise from these importations is given in a bulletin issued by the Dominion Experimental Farm, Ot-

Potato canker is a disease at present unknown in of the Restoration, on the re-establishment of the no political capital to be made out of the situation.

The term "Tory" first acquired a political signingrance about the year 1650. It occurs in the writings of Principal Baillie of Glasgow University in a letter, dated 1654, to a correspondent in Holland and was applied to the Royallst forces which endeavored to maintain the cause 1998s.

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