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LONDON, MONDAY, JAN. 17.

**THE VOTING ON SATURDAY.**

The result of the first day's polling in the British election is conclusive on one point only: the Unionists will not have a majority over all other parties combined in the next House of Commons, and will be unable to form a government. There is no certainty that the Liberals will outnumber all other parties combined, but even failing this they will be able to carry on the Government until they have at least driven the budget through, with the aid of the Laborites and Nationalists.

The constituencies in which polls were held on Saturday returned 25 Liberals, 32 Unionists, and 6 Laborites. In addition 11 Unionists, 1 Liberal and 5 Nationalists were returned unopposed in riding where opposition would have been a waste of strength. The 11 Unionists include Hon. James Lowther, who, as Speaker, was entitled to election by a custom which both parties always respect; Joseph Chamberlain, who is unassailable in Birmingham; G. W. Wolff, for the east division of Dublin, a Unionist stronghold; and the candidates of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Dublin, whom the Liberals have not opposed for many years. It will be seen that these elections by acclamation are of no value in forecasting the general result.

The Unionists have so far gained 18 seats, the Liberals 3—a net gain for the Unionists of 15. Two of these—Southwest Manchester and Burnley—were won through triangular contests. In Southwest Manchester the Liberal and Laborite polled together 1,000 more votes than the successful Unionist, and in Burnley the Liberal and Socialist together had a majority over the successful Unionist of 4,833. It was calculated that the Opposition needed to gain 29 seats on Saturday and maintain the same ratio till the close of the polling, to be certain of defeating the Government. They have fallen considerably short of this mark in the first test of strength. They captured three London boroughs from the Ministerials, but were disappointed in their hopes of almost a clean sweep in the metropolis.

The most sanguine Liberals expected no repetition of the extraordinary triumph of 1906. Such a political earthquake had not shaken a Government out of office since 1886, when 390 Unionists were returned against 196 Liberals, on the home rule issue. The Balfour Administration went to the country four years ago, weakened by the accession of an influential group of Unionist free traders, and discredited by its Chinese labor policy in the Transvaal, its irritating school law, and its utter neglect of the social problem. In any event the inevitable "swing of the pendulum" was due after ten years of office-holding by one party. Since then the divisions among the Unionists on the tariff question have been head-on on the surface at least. Mr. Balfour, himself, has surrendered to Mr. Chamberlain, Unionist free traders like Lord Cromer, Lord Robert Cecil and Lord Hugh Cecil, follow Mr. Balfour's lead on the plea that the budget is worse than tariff reform. Behind the Opposition in this election, too, are the tremendous power of the liquor trade, which has been antagonized by the budget taxes and the consequent drop in the consumption of liquor; all the great landlords, with a few notable and noble exceptions; the bulk of the clergy of the Church of England (again with exceptions), who regard Welsh disestablishment and education as the most important questions from the standpoint of churchmen; the manufacturers who expect to profit by a tariff upon imports; and generally speaking "the classes and their dependents" whom the late Lord Salisbury described as the body of the Conservative party.

It would be a miracle if this formidable combination could achieve no more than the disorganized party which Mr. Balfour led so gallantly four years ago. The Ministerials, therefore, cannot be discouraged by Saturday's voting. They suffered a net loss of 14 seats out of 75, and if they do no worse in the remaining 375 English seats they will still have 40 more seats than the Unionists in England alone. Scotland is expected to again give a Liberal majority of 50, and Wales will probably put its solid contingent of 30 members behind its Lloyd-George. In that event the Lib-

erals would have a majority of 100 over the Unionists, allowing the latter 29 in Ireland. The Laborites are counting on 50 seats and the Nationalists on 84. Assuming all these estimates to be near the mark, the Laborites and Nationalists combined will hold the balance of power. But the Ministerials may even better in England, and be independent of all the other parties by a working margin.

**CANADA'S RAILWAY GROWTH.**

The New York Herald is much impressed by the railway growth of the Dominion, which, it declares, has now a larger per capita mileage than any other country in the world. At the time of Confederation Canada had but 2,773 miles; today there are about 25,000 miles. Canada now has double the railway mileage of Italy, Australia or Mexico, three times as much as Spain, three-quarters as much as France, two-thirds as much as Germany, more than half as much as Russia, almost as much as Austria and about the same as Great Britain.

In Canada's railways there was invested prior to last year \$12,239,255, or about \$56,995 per mile, whereas in the United States the capitalization is \$67,396 per mile, and in Great Britain \$27,437. Of course the federal and provincial governments and municipalities have liberally aided railway construction, \$181,298,412 in money and 40,000,000 acres of land having been given for that purpose.

The latest published official returns show that in 1908 more than 34,000,000 passengers and upwards of 63,000,000 tons of freight were carried on the railways of Canada, entailing an outlay for operating expenses of over \$107,000,000. Last year it is expected to show a 20 per cent increase on these figures.

Commenting on this unmistakable evidence of Canada's progress the Herald points out that there is certain to be an enormous demand for railway workers in the Dominion, but it declares we cannot get them from the United States, as the demand there is now in excess of the supply.

Great as has been Canada's railway growth, the year upon which we have just entered promises to be the greatest this country has ever experienced.

**First blood for Lloyd George!**

It looks as though the backwoods peers will have to return to the woods.

Prof. Jobb will know his political fate today. And then we shall know whether the Toronto "butters-in" have saved the Empire.

Will some of these Canadian naval experts explain why, if the proposed Canadian cruisers are useless, Great Britain continues to build the same kind?

The proposal to give the price of a Dreadnought or two to the British Government, and at the same time build a Canadian navy, is a palpable attempt to straddle the fence.

The great cotton center of England rejects Mr. Chamberlain's tariff specific. The cotton industry is healthy. When a man's system is in good shape he has no use for patent medicines.

A tariff war between the United States and Germany is threatened. Canadians hope it will happen. It would teach both countries some much-needed wisdom in trade matters.

The London Sunday Times throws up the sponge, lamenting that "even the trump card of a strong navy and the appeal to the patriotism of the people lost their potency." In other words, that gambler's throw—the German war scare—failed to win the game. The British people have given Northcliffe a black eye.

The independent jingo candidate in Ottawa, City Treasurer Ellis, is still issuing a daily bulletin on the naval question. "I am opposed," he says, "to the proposition that the Canadian navy will not go to war unless the Canadian Government chooses to send it. What else Mr. Ellis may be, he is a mighty poor Canadian."

**HIS INSPIRATION GONE.**

Gladys—Oh, mamma! Here's a note from that long-haired pianist. He says it will be impossible for him to play at our reception tonight.

Mamma—What's the trouble?

Gladys—Someone stole his wig.

**JUST THE JOB FOR HER.**

Employer—What we want is a night watchman that watches—somebody who can sleep with one eye open and both ears, and who is not afraid to tackle anything. Say?

Applicant—I see, boss; I'll send me wife around.

**WHAT SHE DID WITH IT.**

"What do you think, love?" cried Mrs. Younglove, while Mr. Younglove was taking off his rubbers. "I baked a pound cake today."

"Oh, did you, darling? What have you done with it?"

"It's still in the oven. I couldn't lift it out alone."

**GOVERNMENT BY ONE PARTY.**

At the bottom of this attack rests the assumption that the Government of the country belongs by divine right to one party, and that the temporary success of its opponents in an inconvenient incident which must not be allowed to have any results awkward for the natural governing party. The Daily Telegraph poured scorn on a purely imaginary suggestion that "the House of Lords should be a replica of the House of Commons, Radical when the lower chamber was Radical, Unionist when the lower chamber was Unionist." This, it was added, "is the golden sham Mr. Asquith would have." It would be possible to defend the second chamber which gave in this way an accurate reflection of the changes of opinion in the country as a whole. While, however, the Telegraph can see unexplained absurdity in such a second chamber, it can zealously defend a position in which the second chamber is always and overwhelmingly Unionist when the Unionists are in power, and remains over-

whelmingly Unionist when the country is sick and tired of all that Unionism has done and demands a change. Yet that is a system under which the Commons must inevitably be reduced to "a kind of superior debating society," having little power in the field of legislation, and being subject to a control, as strong as it must be ignorant, in the region of national finance. We agree that rather than have a House of Commons of this kind it would be well to have a more democratic sham altogether, and to adopt frankly and openly the German system. The shadow of representative institutions would not be worth retaining for a month when the substance had gone. When, however, the issue is thus put before the electors, we have sufficient faith in the existence of the spirit of other days to believe that their answer will be such as to secure us for all time from the usurpations of a hereditary chamber. Unionists may affect to believe that nobody in the country cares for the constitutional question. We can only reply that we think that the course of events in the next few weeks will rudely scatter any such theories. Until we are convinced by the fact we shall continue firm in the opinion that in electing the House of Commons the voters will not record their opinions in a way that would lead directly to the degradation of the elected assembly and to the permanent supremacy of an unelected and hereditary body.

**UNDOUBTEDLY.**

[Life.]  
Mrs. Frost—Who was it that said "Pence, perfect peace"?

Frost—Someone whose telephone was out of order.

**THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE.**

[Globe Mercury.]

It is sometimes hard to tell the difference between a case of appendicitis and a case of professional curiosity.

**THE BISHOP AND HIS HATS.**

[Toronto Star.]

Bishop Polding thinks it's wicked for a woman to spend \$20 on a hat, especially, no doubt, as such lovely ones can be purchased now for \$18.

**GLADSTONE AND TOBACCO.**

[Westminster Gazette.]

One of the few accomplishments which Gladstone never acquired was the art of smoking. His few attempts in this direction are reported to have been dismal failures. Only once was he known to try a cigarette, the occasion being one evening when King Edward (then Prince of Wales) was his guest at Downing street. After dinner the prince desired to smoke, and Gladstone, with the courtesy sought to place his guest at ease by at least lighting a cigarette. In later years the Grand Old Man, sitting around the fireside, would exclaim, "No wonder," was the reply, "I've been over half an hour with Sir William Harcourt." "What?" Does Harcourt smoke? exclaimed Gladstone. "No," replied Harcourt, "but I must tell him to be careful always to change his clothes before he comes to me."

**ADAM A "FENCE."**

[Punch.]

"The first thief was committed by Eve," said Mrs. Gurney Benham, in responding to the toast of "The Ladies at the dinner at the White House Club," "but who was the first receiver of stolen property?" Men were receivers ever.

**LOOK OUT.**

[Toronto Star.]

Beware the quills of the Porcupine.

**THE DESTRUCTIVE LORDS.**

[Manchester Guardian.]

"If Lord Curzon says that a hereditary legislature is incompetent to touch finance, he is incompetent to touch anything." Exports, the constitutionalists, allow the hereditary chamber a sphere outside finance, and Lord Curzon's sense of his fitness to deal with the things the constitution forbids him, as well as with the things the constitution allows him, would not let him rest till he broke the constitution to get at them. Of the House of Commons, the product and expression of the more common voter's humble attempt to manage his own affairs, Lord Curzon is frankly contemptuous. It is "not fit to be left alone," Pitt, Burke, Wellington, Salisbury at least thought that the constitution, acting through his chosen deputies in the Commons, was "fit to be left alone" in control of finance.

**GENTILITY.**

[Chicago Tribune.]

"Mamma, Mrs. Bedford must come to a very old and aristocratic family, doesn't she?"

"I don't know anything about her family. Why do you ask?"

"She always says kinsmen instead of relatives."

**A LONG JOB.**

[Yonkers Statesman.]

"Where have you been for so long?" asked the head man of the menagerie.

"Been watching one of the animals clear his throat, sir," replied the attendant.

"But does it take half an hour for an animal to clear his throat?"

"Yes, sir; it was a giraffe, sir."

**CONVINCED.**

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

"Do you think a college education helps a man in business?"

"Sure, I've had two college boys here working for me during the past year, and I was afraid to discharge either one of 'em for fear they'd find fault with my grammar when I done it."

**TRIPECTS.**

[M. A. P.]

Misses—Bridget, this floor doesn't look very clean. Have you swept it today?

Bridget—No, marm, I didn't sweep it today nor yesterday, but I swept it three times the day before.

**CANDOR AND POLITENESS.**

[Chicago Tribune.]

"Here is my seat, madam, but candor compels me to say that I think you are as well able to stand as I am."

"Politeness compels me to say 'Thank you, sir.'"

**A FRIENDLY MAN.**

[Life.]

Gateman (at the musical comedy)—Don't you want to come back?

Castleton—No.

"Well, take this pass check, anyway. You can hand it to some chap on the outside."

"My dear, sir, I haven't an enemy in the world."

**WHAT HE HAD ESCAPED.**

[Buffalo News.]

The only man we ever envied can eat buckwheat cakes every morning and not get the hives.

**THE RIGHT MAN.**

[Life.]

"I want a man who knows all about aeroplanes, and is sober."

"I'm just the man you are looking for, sir. Haven't taken a drop in three years."

**THE TIRELESS INVESTIGATOR.**

[Chicago Daily News.]

Mrs. Rubberton—After all, one-half the world doesn't know how the other half lives.

Rubberton—Never mind, my dear. That's no fault of yours.

**Kingsmill's Housefurnishings Sale****ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE?**

The great success of the first week of this sale has stirred us to do still greater selling. Last year this sale made a new record. This January that record must be beaten.

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21 patterns best English Brussels, borders and stairs to match. Regular \$1.25 yard. January Sale Price ..... \$1.09  
900 yards English Tapestry Carpets. A good carpet, suitable for any room. Regular 65c yard. January Sale Price ..... 48c  
Real Dutch Hemp Carpets, 32 inches wide, reversible. One lot, seven different designs. To clear, January Sale Price, yard ..... 18c  
Chenille Curtains, only two pairs left, Regular \$10 pair. January Sale Price ..... \$4.00  
Real Nottingham Lace Curtains greatly reduced—\$5.00 Curtains, January Sale Price ..... \$3.50  
\$4.00 Curtains, January Sale Price ..... \$2.75  
60c Furniture Covering. January Sale Price, yard ..... 40c

This week a Sale of Odd Pairs of Nottingham Lace, Swiss, Brussels Net, Irish Point and Arabian Net Curtains. Regular \$1.00 to \$25.00. January Sale 25 Per Cent Off.

**KINGSMILL'S**

SEND POOR BOYS TO FISHER'S GLEN

Admirable Plan to Help Worthy Lads Next Summer.

At the meeting of the representatives of the different churches at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon plans were discussed for sending a number of the poor boys of London to the summer camp at Fisher's Glen on Lake Erie.

The representatives had heard of the ideal location of the camp, the places of historical interest around it, the boat trips to Long Island, which is the burying ground of the great lakes, and also the greatest fishing ground and game preserve of the many social evenings, sports, hikes and most important of all the results of the morning and evening Bible study.

Out of 100 boys from the different towns over 40 were converted, and turned over to their church of preference. Next Mr. F. A. Smith's plan was discussed. Mr. Smith was cook at the camp last summer, and after seeing the work done at the camp he has offered to put on a practical course of instruction for the boys of the Y. M. C. A. in the Auditorium Feb. 9, 10 and 11.

Owing to the fact that Mr. Smith is giving his time and talent free, and that the large manufacturing concerns are giving him the material to demonstrate, as well as putting in an up-to-date kitchen for him, the expense is estimated at about \$5,000.

The money from the tickets will go almost entirely to send the boys to the camp. The churches selling 75 cents are given the privilege of sending a boy from their Sunday school. After hearing this proposition every delegate seemed to think the demonstration to be put on very valuable, that the plan was an exceedingly good one, and deserved the support of every church in the city.

At the close of the meeting a very representative took a large number of tickets on condition that they should return them they did not sell or get more if they wanted them.

NO MORNING PAPER FOR DENVER PEOPLE

Publishers and Pressmen Could Not Come to an Agreement.

Denver, Col., Jan. 17.—Probably the first day in its history, Denver began its day without its morning papers.

The cause was the local organization of the International Pressmen's Union, which had reached a climax. Although a conference was continued until long after midnight, no basis for agreement could be reached, and the publishers of the two morning papers decided not to make any attempt to publish today.

The demands of the local union originally were for a seven-hour instead of an eight-hour day, and an increase of \$1 a day, the changes to date from March 1 last.

These conditions were agreed to, but before a final adjustment could be made the pressmen demanded that they be granted time and a half for the extra hours they had worked under the new scale from last March. This the publishers refused, and the lockout followed.

EARL GREY COMPETITION

Musical and Dramatic Contest To Be Held in Toronto This Year.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Toronto, Jan. 17.—The Earl Grey musical and dramatic competition, which was held in Ottawa in 1897 and 1898, and in Montreal last year, will take place this year in Toronto, the Royal Alexandra Theatre having been secured for the week of April 1. Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Countess Grey and party from Ottawa will be present during the entire week. The number of competitors have been considerably extended.

In addition to the trophy event, for which large amateur musical bodies are eligible, such as choral societies, orchestras, church choirs and opera companies, young singers and instrumentalists. Three medals, gold for first, silver for second and bronze for third, will be given for amateurs under 25 years of age in the following contests:

1. Best male voice.  
2. Best female voice.  
3. Best pianist.  
4. Best violinist.

These individual contests have been carried on with much success in the north of England, and will doubtless interest musical teachers as well as students of English Canada and Newfoundland.

Prizes of \$50 and \$20 each are offered for the best musical composition by a British subject resident in Canada or Newfoundland. Similarly, two prizes of \$50 and \$20 each are given for the best original two-act play.

The chairman of the Toronto committee is Hon. J. M. Gibson, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and the honorary secretary is Major J. Fraser Macdonald, Government House, Toronto.

**Nervous Prostration For Three Years**

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BARRETT EASTMAN DEAD

Well-Known Chicago Newspaperman Suicides Through Ill Health.

[Associated Press.]  
Chicago, Jan. 17.—By means of photographs the body of a man found dead in the Breslow Hotel at Blosk, Mass., Tuesday was identified here today by Col. E. A. Eastman, city stationer, as that of his son, Barrett Eastman, a well-known special and dramatic writer of this city.

My son had been ailing for about two years, said Col. Eastman, "and there is no doubt in my mind that he killed himself on this account."

He left Chicago either last Sunday or Monday," continued Col. Eastman. "Last Saturday he bought railroad tickets and made reservations to Los Angeles for himself and his wife. He was to have started for California on Monday."

Barrett Eastman left his hotel here without telling his wife where he was going and failed to return.

THE GUNNESS MURDER.  
Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 17.—A negro woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, today was taken into custody by the sheriff as a witness to the murder of Mrs. Belle Gunness and her children by Ray Gunness, as revealed in Lamphere's confession to the Rev. E. A. Schell, now president of Iowa Presbyterian University.

**Tuesday's Specials in This Great SWEEP-OUT SALE**

Throughout this large stock of up-to-date clothing for men, women and children prevail rare bargains that will appeal to economical buyers.

We have dispensed with the profit on all garments, and in many cases a slice of the cost has gone with the profit.

First come gets the special, while all will get bargains.

LADIES' TAILORED SUITS, of all-wool cloths, in black and colors; long coats well lined, new skirts, perfectly tailored. Values up to \$15, for Tuesday, only ..... \$4.98

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