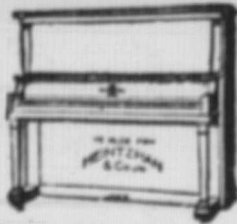


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to the cause of social and educational reform. The Conservative party have not by any means given their full confidence to Lloyd George; many of them scent possibilities of danger for their interests in his continued leadership, but they realize that if they are to have any say in the policies of reconstruction, it can only come through co-operation with their former foe. The extreme Tories alone have withdrawn their support and formed a new National

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party which is officered by a fine array of retired generals, admirals and squires with double-barrelled names; it has three members in the House, enjoys the support of the Morning Post and will run at least fifty candidates.

Lloyd George's Anomalous Position

And what of that intrepid statesman himself? Lloyd George is in a peculiar and anomalous position. It is true that he enjoys the allegiance of about 100 Liberal and a dozen Labor members, but his main support comes from the almost solid backing of the Conservative party. The problem now is—will Mr. George follow the path of Chamberlain, renounce his radicalism and go over body and soul and breeches to the enemy camp. At present he possesses no real party organization of his own—he claims to take his stand outside and above all parties. As his chief props of support are Conservative, there have been strong attempts made—but without success—to insist upon his formal acceptance of Protection alias Tariff Reform, no Home Rule and the repeal of the Welsh Disestablishment Act, as a part of his program. The last demand is absolutely impossible from his point of view, as Welsh Liberalism, which still follows his standard and constitutes his most reliable personal bodyguard, is adamant that Disestablishment must stand. On the tariff question, he first mildly with protection, concedes the possible necessity of protecting key industries and agrees to institute preferences in tea, coffee and similar duties already in force, but totally rejects the idea of new food taxes, which Mr. Chamberlain declared to be indispensable to Imperial preference. He has boldly declared himself in favor of wide social reforms and stated that reaction is a greater peril than Bolshevism. He retains his trick of vivid phraseology and struck a good note when he declared that an Al Empire could not be run with 63 people, there must be a vigorous offensive against preventable destitution and sickness. He is not in favor of any vengeful peace and will resist any attempt to bound him to such a course; in common with President Wilson and Lord Grey, he wants the League of Nations established and his earnest advocacy of it in a recent speech, drew a commendatory telegram from the White House. At one time it looked as if his lot would soon be cast for good and all in the conservative camp, but since the dramatic arrival of peace and the revolution in Germany he has taken a sharp turn toward the left and his recent speech to his Liberal supporters, when he insisted on the necessity of Liberal backing showed few signs of Toryism. There has been an attempt made to conclude a reconciliation between the Premier and Mr. Asquith, but while the latter in his speeches approves of the Premier's utterances both on peace and domestic policies, many of his following decline to forgive what they regard as Lloyd George's desertion of his former leader. The latest cable despatches seem to indicate that the realization of the strength of Labor may impel the Asquith Liberals to consider more favorably some working arrangements with Lloyd George's coalition. This would insure the latter the volume of progressive support which he desires, but

the continuance of such varied elements in one party could not be permanent.

Lloyd George's Assets

Lloyd George's greatest assets are his prestige as the leader of the government which led Britain to victory, his amazing versatility and his talent for popular oratory. He probably lacks settled convictions on most questions and allows expediency too often to guide his policies. He may be acquitted of any sinister designs or personal motives, though some of his closest associates are not above suspicion. He desires to have a strong and a decisive majority to wind up the war and begin the difficult process of reconstruction. But he will never make a good bed-fellow with Conservatives, his whole make-up and instincts are radical. Chamberlain was a rich manufacturer with bourgeois traditions and had little knowledge of the life of the plain folk—he liked society and good living and the transition to Toryism came easy to him. Lloyd George comes of a different origin—he was born of humble parents and knew in his boyhood all the vicissitudes of straitened means. He has intimate personal knowledge of the struggles and disabilities of the masses of the British people and his whole career up to 1914 was stamped with a burning desire to remedy the injustices, so numerous and glaring, in the national life. He has made his errors and paid for them; he has his bitter enemies and his passionate disciples. Great have been his services to his country in the war, but he can lay her under a still greater debt if he will courageously continue the noble work of national regeneration which the war interrupted. The chances are that he will secure a majority at the election and it will be largely a personal tribute. His place in history is already secure; it remains for himself to make it as glorious as Lincoln's.

A Willy Scot

Sandy and John were sitting in a car when a pretty girl got in and smiled at the former. He raised his hat. "Do you know her?" asked the Englishman. "Oh, yes, very well," the Scot replied. "Well, shall we go and sit over beside her, and then you can introduce me?" asked his companion. "Wait a bit," returned the canny Scot. "She hasna paid her fare yet."

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