

BOOMERANG FOR LORD ROSEBERRY

Intemperate Outburst Recoils on His Reputation.

THE BANNERMAN MINISTRY

The Deputy Speaker—Lord Fitzmaurice's Patriotism—No Company Directors in the Government.

London, Dec. 19. — Lord Roseberry asserted, last week, that he had cleared the air by his attack on home rule. It would be truer to say that, whatever effect his unlooked for interference might have had under other circumstances, it has really had singularly little influence on the political situation.

If the new ministry had been weak, if the distribution of the offices had been apparently decided on any principle but that of the best man for each place, Lord Roseberry's intemperate outburst might have been sufficient to blacken the reputation of the new Government and injure its prospects with the country. Now the result will be a serious recoil on his own reputation. He has shown a marked lack of judgment and an inferior capacity for leadership.

The Bannerman ministry owes its chief strength to two qualities: First, to the evidence of mutual sacrifices of opinion on minor thorny questions, by what had formerly been considered opposing sections of the Liberal party; secondly, to the various really brilliant selections, not only for cabinet positions, but for minor posts. There is some humor in opposing Mr. Winston Churchill, as under colonial secretary, against Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons. The choice of deputy speaker is also discriminating. Mr. Emmott is little known in London, but he carries great weight in Lancashire, where he has taken the lead in various important movements, such as the British Cotton Growing Association. He may be considered as eminently a representative of cotton and free trade.

Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice's appointment, as under foreign secretary, will considerably strengthen the Government in the House of Lords, where he will probably go. It is a conspicuous instance of patriotism that this statesman, who has been a minister before, and has had reasonable hopes of preferment, should at 60 years of age accept a subordinate office to Sir Edward Grey. It is generally understood that Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice was offered and declined a peerage without office, but that he will accept the two together.

The Manchester Guardian says that it is worth noting that for the first time in ten years we have now a Government in power which will contain no directors of public companies. Following the rule laid down by Mr. Gladstone and Lord Roseberry, the new prime minister has let it be known that all directorships held by members of his ministry at the time of their accepting office must be relinquished. In Mr. Balfour's Government no fewer than 48 directorships were held by 33 ministers. Without desiring to make any personal reflection on the late ministers, one must say that the present return to a more stringent standard of disinterested integrity must tend to elevate public life.

The announcement made this morning, that Lord Curzon will be offered the representation of London City in Parliament revives the interesting speculation as to whether he will return to the House of Commons. No doubt the present offer may specially

WOMAN WINS RACE

Defeats Englishman in Contest Over Mile Course for \$500 Wager.

London, Dec. 19.—One of those rare sporting events in which a woman pits her jockeyship against that of man was made at Epsom this week. Mrs. Aggie, wife of a well-known veterinary surgeon, and W. Wyatt, of Epsom, made a match to ride a race over a mile course on the flat for \$500 a side.

The conditions were that the owners should be up, Mrs. Aggie riding her 6-year-old gray mare of 15 hands, and Mr. Wyatt a gray gelding of 14 hands. The latter animal won in Ireland and also at Melton Mowbray.

Mrs. Aggie went to scale at 11 stone and Mr. Wyatt at 9 stone 6 pounds. With the weight so much in his favor, odds of 2 to 1 were laid on the public, but to the surprise of most of the spectators, Mrs. Aggie won easily, sending her mare to the front soon after the start. She made nearly all the running and scored a decisive victory by eight lengths.

THOSE WINDSOR SEIZURES

Customs Officials Say Toronto Importers Seldom Undervalue.

Toronto, Dec. 19. — The news of arrests at Windsor by Dominion customs officers for under-valuation surprised the Toronto custom house officials. They had heard of no steps being taken along similar lines here and were emphatic in declaring that the Toronto importers have been making an excellent record.

"There is now and then an ordered seizure," said one of the officials, "but it is absolutely without foundation that any special investigation has recently been held here regarding under-valuation, or that there has been any justification for such an event." The official also explained that the seizures are not given to the press as it is rare that fraud is established. Seizures are reported in Ottawa, and it is only when they are made public and then it is by the Ottawa authorities.

CECIL ON PREFERENCE

Declares It Would Help Canadians and Hurt Englishmen.

London, Dec. 19.—Lord Hugh Cecil, addressing the Unionist Free Trade Club at York last night, in referring to Mr. Chamberlain's claim that the unity of the empire will be promoted by taxing corn and meat, said he could not understand why the people who were badly off in this country should put money into the pockets of Canadians who were better off, he was told. We should get concessions in respect of our manufactures, but these concessions were in the clouds and they would produce but a very slight effect and then only upon a very small part of the population.

In the report of the tariff commission on the carpet industry witnesses on the whole agreed that the Canadian preferential tariff has effected a change in conditions. One firm stated that the general effect of the Canadian preference in regard to the carpet trade has been not only to check foreign competition but to give a positive increase to British exports. Its removal would be a serious blow to British trade.

Lord Strathcona's knee is much better. It enabled him to get up, but not to go to the office today.

ROWAT'S NOBBY STORE

The Headquarters for Christmas Delights Filled With Good Things.

The peculiar atmosphere of the Christmas season already surrounds the local business houses, and the latter recognize the season of cheer by exhibiting wares particularly fitting to Christmas time.

Among the stores first in cleanliness, first in quality and first in the hearts of Londoners, that of T. A. Rowat & Co. stands pre-eminent. The general appearance of the interior of this celebrated grocery is most characteristic of Christmas. In artistic profusion Christmas wares are exhibited and all have a fresh, appetizing appearance which almost compels those who view the edibles to become purchasers.

Rowat & Co.'s store has been noted in London as a standard of cleanliness and first-class goods. In many different lines Rowat has the sole right of sale in this city, and these classes are the ones that have a provincial or an international reputation for quality.

Among these are Harry Webb's plum puddings, the guarantee of excellence in Christmas puddings, and Columbia soups, catsups and relishes, which latter, while not essentially Christmas articles, are in great demand and are known throughout America for their quality.

Rowat & Co. introduced the fun-making Christmas cracker into London. This firm was the first to import these Christmas articles, which have now become almost a necessity. Over 40 varieties are exhibited, and the most fastidious can rely upon perfect satisfaction in purchasing them. They are all imported from London, England, and include the finest of art cosques, Japanese toy crackers, military and game crackers.

Malaga grapes and table raisins are appropriately Christmas edibles, and Rowat & Co.'s sale of these two lines has been unprecedented this season. The crystallized fruits have been made a specialty, and are indeed a luxury. Bishop, of California, is known the world over as the great fruit preserver. The spiced figs, preserved strawberries, figs, pineapples and oranges are among Rowat & Co.'s finest lines, and not less in the store are the fancy Christmas stockings, which are necessarily for the juvenile. Toys, candies, games and various articles fill these stockings, and a delightful surprise awaits the youngster to whom any one of these will go. These range in price from 10 cents to 75 cents, and are, by reason of their contents, remarkably cheap. These are all imported from London, England.

Always noted for their Christmas preparations, T. A. Rowat & Co. have this year surpassed all previous efforts, and the store as it now stands is a fitting evidence of earnest endeavor and success on the part of the firm.

FOR A GAY CHRISTMAS

Automobile Masked Parties To Be a Novelty in England.

London, Dec. 19. — It appears as if Christmas week this year will be a time of unusual gaiety in the country houses, and even the approach of the general election is not being allowed to interfere with the arrangements for the holidays.

Automobile masked parties will be a great novelty in private entertaining, and much fun is promised at the country house parties, where they will take the place of the more elaborate ball masques.

The guests will disguise their identity by wearing automobile coats over their ordinary evening dress and a formidable pair of goggles will cover the upper portion of the face. At midnight the masks will be removed.

Most startling is the spade party, presumably an inspiration of Lord Rosebery or one of the athletic girls of the period. The guests arrive with spades at the house party and rally

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LONDON LOSES BY FOG

Thick Pall Over City Estimated to Cost \$1,750,000 a Day.

London, Dec. 19. — "The City of Dreadful Night" — that is what London resembled more than anything else last week. The fog, otherwise the smog, to use the word invented by a number of the Smoke Abatement Society, meaning smoke-fog, the worst and most persistent fog of the season as yet, made its sudden appearance on the night of Sunday, after a beautiful, bright, sunny day, and then disappeared.

It is estimated that the fog, which is paralyzing business, is costing London \$1,750,000 a day.

On Tuesday King Smog achieved a great success from his point of view, mixing up the traffic in an inconceivable tangle, cabs, buses and vans having to be led along at a creeping pace, if they did not stop altogether, indeed. There was a brief period on Monday night, and again on Wednesday, when in the south of London, at any rate, traffic was brought to a complete standstill by one of these smogs. The supreme efforts to see the lights across the streets, to see even a bright incandescent lamp seven or eight yards away, was an impossibility.

To keep time on the railways was, of course, out of the question. Business men have arrived late in the city every morning except one, Wednesday, when King Smog left off for a while in the early part of the day, to return with renewed vigor later when half-hour journeys by all the to the suburbs occupied two and two and a half hours.

How the fog has affected trade may be imagined, for women especially were not going to venture out if they possibly could avoid it, and disconsolate shopkeepers could be seen standing in the doorways of an empty shop gazing with disgust at the thick pall which prevented the customers from seeing the goods in the windows.

But there was another danger to womankind, and men, too, for the matter of that, as gangs of toughs were soon gathering at the street corners, waiting their opportunities for pocket-picking, bag-and-purse snatching, although the police force had been strengthened by men put on to work overtime.

Such robberies some with considerable violence, have been numerous. It has affected theaters and the restaurants terribly, too, for the people prefer to remain at home in the evenings, rather than go out to dinner or seek entertainment.

When such a persistent fog never holds up all the day through tradesmen lose their customers, theaters their audiences, and trains, tram cars and omnibuses are run at a greatly increased cost, with less return, while thousands of workmen are turned out of work.

Churchill on Loyalty.

London, Dec. 20.—Winston Churchill, under secretary to the colonies, speaking last night at Deptford, declined to believe that brave colonials who had helped in South Africa would demand as the price of their loyalty certain

paltry preferences on corn, meat and wool, which could only be obtained at the expense of the poorest people. It was slander on their loyalty. If

the Tory party was returned it would be with Chamberlain at its head, pledged to tax every article of food, but maize and bacon.

How Good Food may turn to Poison

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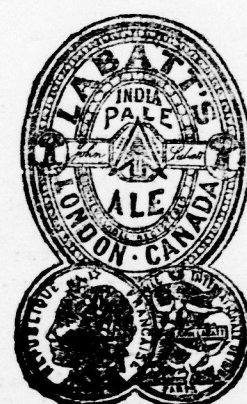
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