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**SIXTEENTH YEAR**

**TOTAL ROUT OF THE LIBERALS**

Nothing Like It for Three Generations.

**THE SWING ROUND IS GENERAL**

Local Conditions Not a Factor in the Elections.

**The Liberator Gains Not Confined to Any Section, Class or Industrial Interest—The Liberator Will Have a Prevalent Majority in the Next Parliament—The Tory Democratic Reform has been Accepted by the Electors as a Practical Substitute for the Newcastle Program.**

majority of about 100, with a probable majority of 140 in the next Parliament. The current is running steadily in one direction and strongly increasing in power. It is probable that their majority will exceed 120 when the elections are closed. This majority will release Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour from dependence upon Mr. Chamberlain, whose political aims and ambitions would have been better served by a less sweeping victory. While the Liberals have been harassed three years with a small majority, the Unionists may be embarrassed by having one so big as to be unmanageable.

If any Unionist leader can claim a large share of the credit for the victory, it is Mr. Chamberlain. He is the promoter of the passage of Mr. Balfour's first Home Rule bill, organized the Unionist present campaign, and is the author of the Tory democratic reform which has been accepted by the electors as a practical substitute for the Newcastle program. As a tactician and organizer, he has no superior in English politics, and the Liberal rout is due in large measure to his practical talent in that line of work, as Mr. Middleton, the chief Conservative agent, will not dispute.

Mr. Chamberlain has always been a restless and unmanageable Ministerial colleague. Even now he has taken too much of a shower after all, has been on many Liberal lips this week. Lord Salisbury, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chamberlain and all their relatives have been in the ark with the full Unionist movement, and have been very comfortable, especially Mr. Chamberlain; but the troubled waters outside have been rising steadily over the despairing Liberals. No political party in England was ever overwhelmed with a more disastrous defeat; there has been nothing like it for three generations. All the great towns have turned against the Liberals, and the counties have followed the boroughs. All the local issues on which the party leaders depended have been repudiated. Derby has gone against the local vote. Welsh disestablishment has been approved by Unionist gains in Cardiff, Pembroke and Swansea. The London program has produced a remarkable turnover of Liberal votes to the Unionists. The democratic budget made no friends anywhere. Newcastle rejects Home Rule in the person of its chief advocate, Mr. Morley. Lancashire, with its industrial hives, is not more emphatic than the agricultural shires in declaring against the Newcastle program. The Unionist gains are not confined to any section, class or industrial interest. The swing around of the constituencies is general and independent of local conditions. It has involved in some instances the turning of over 200 votes.

Futile Attempts at Explanation. The result is so stupendous that all partisan attempts to explain it away are futile. Some apologists began by charging the working classes with treachery, the Irish faction with stupidity, and local constituencies with ingratitude; but in the face of the general demoralization of Liberal voters, this is mere beating of the air. Other commentators assert that the party has been punished because it committed the fatal blunder of choosing a peer to head the assault upon the House of Lords; but the sight of the prostrate form of Sir William Vernon Harcourt outside the breast-plate of Derby does not give color to that assumption.

Another explanation tends to show that the electors have not repudiated Liberal principles, but only condemned Liberal tactics; but that is too fine a distinction. Modern democracy does not split hairs in choosing between parties. Principles and tactics go together when the sheep are divided from the goats in a national election. The demoralization of Derby, and their issue was of paramount importance, and certainly was a factor of the result in Lancashire and other industrial centres, although it was less influential in the agricultural shires; but it is plain that the general elections have not been carried on the currency question.

The Real Reason. The safe generalization that can be formed is that, with Mr. Gladstone in retirement, Mr. Parnell dead, the Irish party rent with feuds, and the Liberal leaders unable to carry out the Newcastle program, the electors have taken an aggressive fight against the Lords, the people have considered it necessary to have a change, and to give Mr. Chamberlain a chance to show what he can do with his Tory democracy. To this may be added the fact that the Unionists had a superior organization and all the money they needed for a successful campaign. The Liberal leaders, organizers, candidates and money. The mortality among the Liberal leaders has been remarkable. Seven official or semi-official members of the last Government have been already defeated. There is a marked contrast between Sir William Harcourt's manner of accepting a situation and the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Morley's retirement from Newcastle before the Unionists had finished laughing over his misfortune. Sir William Harcourt was at "Frederic fighting" for the Wotton seat with a usual aggressiveness. Mr. John Morley, in his hour of defeat, thanked his followers for their devotion and zeal, praised his opponents for treating him with fairness and courtesy, and accepted his own fate like a philosopher. Mr. Arnold Morley, Mr. Shaw-Lefevre, Sir John Lubbock, and Sir E. Reed have all lost their places on the front Opposition bench. An evening journal recently suggested that Sir Augustus Harris may be willing to supply "supers" from the opera to fill the seats. Mr. Asquith, Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, and Mr. Herbert Gladstone were also re-elected, despite the intervention of Mr. Balfour.

Mr. Rider Haggard had a melancholy experience in Norfolk, where he was defeated after being mobbed by a congenially employed in the wilds of Zululand than in an election scramble of a peaceful agricultural county of England.

140 Majority in the Next Parliament. Exclusive of to-day's pollings, the Unionist gains are 62, equivalent to a

**HOUSE NOT YET PROLOGUED**

Many Attended to See the End That Wasn't Reached.

**A LIVELY PASSAGE IN THE SENATE**

The Premier and Senator Scott Have It Out.

**The Letter Intimates That the Government Intends to Share the Spoils With the Promoters of the Hudson Bay Railway—The Premier Retorts That It is Only Men Who Would Enter into a Bargain of That Kind Themselves Who Would Accuse Others.**

Ottawa, Ont., July 21.—There was a very slim attendance in the House on Saturday. Even the front benches on both sides were well depleted. Both morning and afternoon sittings were devoted to the discussion of the Hudson Bay Railway bill, which was brought up in the morning in the form of a resolution. It was vigorously debated and ruthlessly altered, notwithstanding the absence of the automatic eloquence of Sir Richard Cartwright, who headed the retreating squadrons westward the night before.

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**WHO WILL SUGGEST ANGERS?**

Montreal Politicians Discussing the Situation—Thought the Vastly Will Not Be Filled in the Near Future.

**MYSTERY ABOUT THIS WOMAN**

Who is Mrs. Kennedy's Strange Lady Boarder?

**THOUGHT THAT SHE HAD SUICIDED**

But She Turns Up at Niagara a Ravaging Maniac.

**Her Peculiar Actions at a Georgetown Lodging House Led the Other Inmates to Think She Had Made Away With Her Money—She Took a Boat to Niagara, Where She Was Found by Her Friends in New York**

Two weeks ago a lady, who gave her name as Miss Jessie Hirschmann of New York, applied for board with Mrs. Kennedy at 224 George street. She said she only desired to stay a week. She was rather a ladylike person of upwards of 30 years, tall and dark with a wild look in her eye.

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**143 PASSENGERS DROWNED**

Steamers Collide in Italy and Nearly All on Board Perish—Alesse on Their Bunks at the Time.

**THE PITEZEL CHILDREN INTERRED**

Traces of Minnie Williams Found in a Chicago House.

**Two Men Attempt to Explore the Tank and Are Fatally Injured by an Exploding Shell—Pitezel Attends the Funeral of Her Girl, Then Returns to Chicago—Detective Geyer Accompanies Her as Far as Detroit—Mrs. Howard, Holmes' Third Wife, and Her Husband's Solicitor Expected Here This Week.**

La Spezia, Italy, July 21.—A terrible accident, resulting in the loss of 143 lives, occurred near the mouth of the Gulf of Spezia to-day. At half-past 1 o'clock this morning the steamers Orziga and Maria P. ran into each other, and the latter vessel was so badly damaged that she sank in a very short time. The Maria P. had on board, in addition to her crew, 138 passengers bound from Naples to the River Plate, by far the larger part of whom were emigrants.

The night was pitch dark when the collision occurred, and the scene on board the sinking steamer almost defied description. Most of the passengers were asleep in their bunks at the time, and were awakened by the crashing of the steamer's plates, deck beams and planks.

From the reports of the disaster received here, it is impossible to determine whether any attempt was made by the Maria P. to clear away and launch her small boats, but, judging from the accounts given by the excited passengers, it is surmised that the steamer went down too quickly to allow of this being done, though one boat was thrown away. The blackness of the night added to the terror of those on board, and it is understood that some of the passengers, crazed with fear, jumped overboard.

The Orziga on her previous voyage coasted the electric railway, and the steamer, and this fact adds strength to the belief that she was responsible for this morning's disaster. Admiral Morin, Minister of Marine, has ordered an inquiry to be made into the affair to place the responsibility.

Chicago, Ill., July 21.—While the chain of evidence is not to convict H. H. Holmes, the insurance swindler, of the murder of the Williams sisters, not yet complete, it is being forged link by link, with every prospect of making a complete case. The original story sent all over that some jewelry and a number of bones, pronounced by physicians to be those of a woman, had been found, is not verified, and the police are putting very little credit in it.

**AN AWFUL PLUNGE**

A Buffalo Woman Falls Into the Niagara River—She Goes Down Head First.

**LOOKING FOR COUSINS**

John Ross Tramping Hundreds of Miles to Find a Relative.

**SEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS**

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