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THE OVERTURN IN BRITAIN.

The election in Great Britain and Ireland, just closed, mark an epoch in the history of these countries, and furnish an example of what the common people can do even under an aristocratic government. They also convey a lesson that the titled and privileged classes will do well to take to heart.

Chamberlain, the marauder, the abettor of thugs like Rhodes and Jamieson not content with throttling the life out of two republics in the interests of the mine owners and incidentally his own pockets, sprung upon the British public the doctrine of protection, and endeavored with all his power and the resources at his back to inveigle the colonies into contributing to the support of the British army and navy and by "Imperial Conferences" which had for their object the adjustment of trade relations that would kill colonial manufactures in the interests of "home" capitalists, thereby rehabilitating the decaying trade of Britain and making the colonies the hewers of wood and drawers of water for these foreign factory lords.

By these means he would kill two birds with one stone—enrich the capitalists by cheap labor at home and a big market abroad, and the dealers by the enhanced price of commodities, while the English laborer would get work, but at starvation wages.

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as plainly in his political campaign as well as he did in his war of aggression that he didn't care a continental for the interests of the British or colonial peoples, only to use them to further his own interests and that of his clique.

Of course he did not just use the same tactics in self-governing colonies as he did with the South African Republics, for he knew although there were thousands in Canada and Australia without a conscience, who did not care what became of other countries so long as their own interests were not threatened that they would quickly resent any abridgement of their own interests. He tried cajolery and worked upon the parvenu lords, who would naturally be the easiest tools, but the people would have none of it and he retired from the fight defeated and disgusted, and now of all the tall talk of Imperial Federation and the drawing closer of the imaginary bonds that are supposed to bind us to the "mother country" nothing remains but the shadow of a Colonial Conference in 1907, which may never take place, and if the egg does hatch the chicken we venture to predict will be still-born.

Meanwhile Canada is arranging her nucleus of an army and preparing for the establishment of a navy on NATIONAL lines. She has got control of the important fortresses of Halifax, Quebec and Esquimaux, and is mistress of her own destinies, which she will arrange to suit herself in her own good time, without any interference from abroad.

The answer given by the British

electorate on the social and fiscal questions and that by Ireland on the Home Rule question is decided, unequivocal and overwhelming and ought to satisfy even Chamberlain.

We see in it a rift in the clouds, a reversal of the old policy of oppression and aggression—an awakening of the conscience of the British public, and a move in the direction of national righteousness, which means self-government for all the colonies, Home Rule for Ireland and the bettering of the condition of the British laborer.

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