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The nicest stock of

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THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE IN GREAT BRITAIN

(Toronto Globe.)

The returns from some eighty seats are still to be made, and the gains of the coalition and the Unionists are equal—twenty-four for each. The election will, in all probability, result in the reduction of the coalition majority by either two or four seats. Mr. Asquith will no doubt, be in a position to inform the King that 395 members of the new House of Commons are opposed to the continuance of the Lord's veto, and in favor of local self-government for Ireland, while 275 are opposed to these great constitutional changes. If the Lords persist in refusing to pass the veto bill, the King must intervene and enable the people to rule by creating enough Peers to carry the veto bill through the Lords. The talk of further conferences is fiercely resented by the chief Liberal papers, and there has been no suggestion of action in this direction in the recent speeches of the Liberal leaders. The victor does not fly the white flag.

THE INSURGENTS SPEAK OUT.

Now that the result is assured beyond all doubt, the Unionist party, held together by the hope of victory at the polls, is rapidly disintegrating. The Morning Post, the organ of the tariff reformers, which has been more or less sulky during the past two weeks, has thrown aside all reserve, speaks of the impracticability of Mr. Balfour's referendum proposal, and says the inspiration for it came from Chamberlain's enemies in the Unionist camp. It is remarkable what a difference a couple of weeks may make in the political outlook. Mr. Balfour's referendum proposal was regarded by the Unionist press two weeks ago as an epoch-making one. The Spectator on December 3, in a rhapsody on Balfour's announcement, applies to it a line from a Persian poet: "By these words a world was affected." Mr. Balfour has made a new heaven and a new earth in the region of politics, cries the Spectator. Nor were the practical politicians less enamored of the referendum idea. Of the scene when Mr. Balfour said that tariff reform would not be inaugurated till the approval of the people by direct vote had been secured, The Daily Telegraph said:

"The second the sentence was completed a terrific roar broke out. Gallery vied with arena, and stalls with boxes, in their display of enthusiasm, and the cheering rolled backwards and forwards in triumph at the masterly move which had killed the 'dear food bogey' at this election. Every man and woman in the audience had leapt to their feet, and cries arose from every corner: 'This has won the election.'"

MR. BALFOUR WILL RETIRE.

The election having been won—by the other fellows; the 'masterly move' having been followed by a contest from which the Asquith government returns to office with its majority practically unchanged, while the Unionists emerge in factions, there can be little doubt as to the future relations of Mr. Balfour and his followers. The Unionist leader is tired of his post and longs for the golf links and the joys of the scholarly recluse. The Globe's London correspondent cables that in discussing the election returns with his friends, Mr. Balfour has been saying: "Why should I keep it up?"

YOUNG BLOOD NEEDED

The truth is that political conditions in Great Britain have so changed that a leader must be alert and on the job daily, while Mr. Balfour has a great distaste for sustained effort of any sort. In the old days when the Commons had but two parties, Whig and Tory, the leadership of a party was a comparatively simple affair. One had only to conciliate one's followers and pound one's opponents when opportunity served. The two-party system is gone, never to return. In the last House, and again in the one now in process of election, there are four distinct groups, not one of which will be numerically strong enough to rule alone. The party leader of the future must be able to command the confidence not only of his own group, but to secure the co-operation of some other if he would hold office. To Mr. Balfour the coalition system of carrying on government is utterly distasteful, and he sees no hope of a Conservative majority in the near future.

THE MAJORITY NOT SMALL.

The Unionists, in talking about the insufficiency of the coalition majority, seem to forget that Great Britain has often been governed in modern times by a far smaller majority than that of the coalition behind Mr. Asquith. The first parliament after the Reform bill was overwhelmingly Liberal, 514 to 144 Conservatives, but by 1837 the Liberal majority had shrunk to 18 in a House of 658 members. The Tories came in 1841 with 76 of a majority. From 1847 till 1852 the Liberals held power by another

majority of 18. There was no majority of over a hundred for either party from 1837 till 1868, when Gladstone came in with 116. That was the last parliament in which the historic parties divided the representation.

COMING OF THE GROUP SYSTEM

The rise of the Nationalist party in Ireland provided the Irish leaders with a following independent of Liberal or Conservative party organization, beginning with 54 in 1874, and rising as high as 86 in the day of Parnell's supremacy. With the quite manifest intention of preventing the Irish group from controlling the Commons the electors, from 1886 onward piled up huge Unionist majorities in the House. Out of 670 members in 1886 there were 192 Liberals, 393 Conservatives and 85 Nationalists. From 1892 till 1895 a Liberal Nationalist coalition struggled on with 275 Liberals and 81 Nationalists against 314 Unionists. In 1895 the Unionists had 411 members in a House of 670, and in 1900 402. Mr. Balfour's position was a relatively easy one at that time, but we have got back again to coalition conditions, and the Conservative leader sees no hope of making headway with 275 Conservatives against a combination of 395 Liberals, Labor members and Nationalists.

TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY

He admits that the coalition may for the time abolish the Lords' veto and pass home rule, but declares that (Continued on page seven)

THE STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 17.—The suspension of the stock exchange firm of Judson & Judson, was announced on the floor of the exchange today. Lack of business is generally understood to be the cause of the failure. The liabilities and assets while not announced are not large.

The firm was formed in 1901, and is composed of A. M. Judson, C. Y. Judson and Percy W. Sherman.

New York, Dec. 17.—Wall Street—Prices of the leading stocks were mostly on a parity with yesterday's closing and transactions were unusually small.

(Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B. Members of Montreal Stock Exchange)

Open	
Copper	63½
Atchafson	101
Smelters	74
C. P. R.	193½
Petrol	128½
Reading	148½
Southern Pacific	114½
Union Pacific	170
Steel Com.	72½
Iron Com.	61
Nipissing	10½

BRITISH ELECTION

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NOT AT MERCY OF IRISH

London, Dec. 16.—Hon. Mr. Asquith at Retford, last night said it was time there was plain speaking about the statement that the Liberals were at the mercy of the Irishmen. The Nationalists would be only a small portion of the majority. No honorable statesman would hold office without power. The ministers were perfectly capable of taking care of their own reputations and characters. Would Mr. Balfour have them resign because they were given a majority of more than 100? (Laughter.) Lloyd George, speaking at Romford, characterized colonial preference as a bad business, worse than imperialism. When Chamberlain started the tariff reform campaign in 1903 the exports of the preceding year were £283,000,000, this year Britain would export £428,000,000.

J. M. ROBINSON & SONS

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viously, the earnings also are large, and these add weight to the rumor that the dividend will be increased when the next quarter comes round.

DETROIT, UNITED

Some excitement has been produced by the action of this stock, it being evident that support was forthcoming when the break occurred. There is, however, not much probability of a dividend being declared since the issue of 4½ per cent bonds which have been on the market for some months, has proved a failure, and it was stated at the time the issue was made that a dividend was contingent on the success of that issue.

New vellings show interwoven circles as large as half a dollar, and close rows of lattice-work with a thick spot at each intersection.

MAINE HUNTING COSTS THIRTEEN LIVES

Six of Victims Under Seventeen Years Old.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 15.—There have been 27 hunting accidents this year, 13 of which were fatal. The fatalities were:

Jan. 10—Bessie Robertson, of Swanville, aged 3, accidentally shot by a boy after returning from a hunting trip.

April 10—Elmer Stimpson, of Deer Isle, aged 16, killed by accidental discharge of gun while hunting sea birds, the trigger catching on the rail of the boat.

July 19—John A. Darkis, of Fort Fairfield, aged 11, killed by the accidental discharge of a gun.

Oct. 5—Alfred Lens, of Haynesville, aged 20, shot by companion while partridge hunting.

Oct. 8—Clarence Leach, of South Union, aged 16, accidental discharge of gun.

Oct. 22—Albert Ryder, of Scarborough, aged 15, leaned on muzzle of a gun.

Oct. 23—Charles Carey, of Waterville, aged 17, did not know his gun was loaded.

Oct. 31—Millage Lyons, of Webster plantation, aged 12, shot by sister who aimed gun at him in fun.

Nov. 8—Henry Alexander, of Portland, aged 60, mistaken for a deer.

Nov. 9—Edward McKay, of Bangor, aged 40, got in the way of a friend's rifle.

Nov. 11—Daniel Crossman, of Foxcroft, aged 40, mistaken for a deer.

Nov. 23—Irving Brainard, of Lawrence, Mass., aged 35, accidental discharge of a gun while seated in an automobile.

Nov. 23—Robert Wallace, of Whitfield, aged 23, broke through the ice while in pursuit of a deer on a pond. Other accidents were:

Aug. 20—Ralph Bates, of Windsor, aged 15, shot through the right leg with a gun in the hands of a companion.

Sept. 14—Arthur Houle, of Berlin, N. B., aged 25, bullet wound in back from accidental discharge of his gun.

Sept. 14—Dan Foote, of East Bowdoinham, aged 17, shot in the right foot through accidental discharge of his gun.

Oct. 9—James Ayres, of Presque Isle, aged 15, shot in the thigh by the accidental discharge of his rifle.

Oct. 11—Norman Young, of Madison, aged 13, shot by accidental discharge of his gun while climbing a fence.

Oct. 16—Ira N. Leathers, of East Exeter, shot through the hips by the accidental discharge of a friend's rifle.

Oct. 19—Walter Wessan, of Auburn, aged 14, shot in the right side by the accidental discharge of his friend's gun.

Oct. 25—Ora Abbott, of South Lagrange, shot in right arm by accidental discharge of his gun.

Nov. 8—Silas Strout, of Wilton, aged 45, shot in the right shoulder by a bullet which passed through a deer.

Nov. 9—Jonas Foster, of Calais, index finger of right hand blown off by his rifle while he was vaulting a fence.

Nov. 10—Walter Dyer, of Solon, aged 40, mistaken for a deer.

Nov. 10—John Tuscan, of Solon, shot through the arm, being mistaken for a deer.

Nov. 18—Leslie Hunt, of Biddeford, left arm blown off by shotgun which he was dragging.

Nov. 23—Percy Lyons, of North Augustus, aged 15, wrist mangled by the explosion of his gun.

NEW F. B. C. CALENDAR

The new calendar of the Fredericton Business College has been issued from the job printing department of The Mail and will be distributed at once by the college management. The calendar contains important information about the Business College one of Fredericton's foremost educational institutions and is profusely illustrated with engravings of The Inches Block in which the college is now located and of the interiors of the various class rooms.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure
The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar
No Alum, No Lime Phosphate

XMAS PRESENTS

Many are at this time deciding what to buy for Christmas presents. Following is a list of Goods suitable for Christmas Giving, which are appropriate and much appreciated.

FOR MOTHER

A Nice Fur, Dress, Length, Waist Length, Net Waists, Umbrella, Kid Gloves, Handkerchief, Muffler and lots of other things.

FOR FATHER

A Nice Umbrella, Necktie, Silk or Satin Muffler, Kid Gloves, Braces, Fancy Hose, All Linen Handkerchief, Etc., Etc.

FOR SISTER

Angora Gloves, Kid Gloves, Nansen Muffler, Coat Sweater, a Set of Furs, a Pretty Belt, a Fancy Collar, Fancy Hat Pin, etc.

FOR BROTHER

A Nice Pair of President Suspenders, Necktie, Lined Mocha Gloves, Muffler, Sweater, Underwear, Hose, Umbrella, etc.

TENNANT & HOLDER.

GOOD PIPES

THE SHIELD BRAND at - 35c
THE OXFORD at - 50c
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