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ON THE DEFENSIVE.

Those who might have felt inclined to blame Mr. Chamberlain for his Edinburgh references to the German army, no longer criticize him since he has been made the subject of vile attacks in the German Parliament. The spirit of the British nation has rebelled against the coarseness of the Germans in their assaults on the colonial secretary, who however is not craving sympathy, but is quite able to take care of himself.

In an impassioned speech at Birmingham, Mr. Chamberlain replied to his critics in a manner that has called forth the applause of his countrymen, and especially of those who live beyond the seas. He started out with a protest against the course of the pro-Boers in England, "those who in their partisan zeal fouled their own nests, encouraged the enemies of Great Britain, and furnished material to foreign critics for the malignant libel which was uttered against their country."

It was said, added Mr. Chamberlain, that these attacks were due to "the indiscreet oratory of the Colonial Secretary." "What I have said," continued Mr. Chamberlain, "I have said. I withdraw nothing; I qualify nothing; I defend nothing. As I read history, no British Minister has ever served his country faithfully and at the same time been popular abroad. I, therefore, make allowance for foreign criticism. I will not follow the example that has been set me. I do not want to give lessons to a Foreign Minister, and I will not accept any at his hands. I am responsible only to my sovereign and my countrymen."

Warming up to his subject Mr. Chamberlain declared that he did not depreciate the importance of the good-will of foreign nations, but there is something more important. "It is the affection and confidence of our kinsfolk across the sea. Even our great losses in the war that has been forced upon us have brought in their train one blessing of infinite and lasting importance. That war has enabled the British Empire to find itself, and has shown to all whom it may concern that if ever again we have, as in the past, to fight for our very existence against the world in arms, we shall be supported by the sons of Britain in every quarter of the globe."

Mr Chamberlain is the first colonial minister who has attached full importance to the colonies. He is no "Little Englander," but a broad minded, patriotic statesman, who sees far beyond the narrow confines of the British Isles, who believes that in her dependencies the mother country has allies more important than anything that can spring from European alliances. Mr Chamberlain realizes that in loyalty to the throne, in zeal for the Empire's cause the men of the colonies take no second place even to those within the sacred precincts of the court, and he scarcely ever makes a public deliverance that does not recognize the worth of the colonies, and their undying devotion to the mother land.

Further extolling colonial patriotism Mr. Chamberlain said:

"Only a day or two ago I read in an influential Canadian paper an editorial which declared that the pro-Boers in England were injuring the empire abroad and destroying the unity which is our national safeguard. This is only a sample of the loyalty expressed in every colony of the empire. This is a new factor in politics. You must hereafter consult the colonies upon every vital question of Imperial politics."

On the general foreign policy of the government, Mr Chamberlain said that

when the present Ministry came into office it was at a time when the country was at peace with the world, but the Cabinet had to meet at least six burning questions of international importance. These legacies which Lord Salisbury had to take up included the Venezuela boundary question, the Samoan difficulty and the French position on the Nile, all of which the Government successfully grappled and disposed of.

"Our American kinsfolk," continued Mr Chamberlain, "have agreed to a treaty to enable the construction of an inter-oceanic canal, which, I believe, will be of great advantage to the commerce of the world, as it will be of great advantage to the United States."

"I might have included the struggle between the Boers and Great Britain for supremacy in South Africa, but I say these are solid achievements in the cause of peace, and if we have been unable to remove continental prejudice, which has always existed, but was never more coarsely expressed, we have at least been enabled to settle many substantial differences which might have caused international conflict."

Mr. Chamberlain in his Birmingham speech, delivered before his constituents, set the heart of every loyalist beating in concert with his own, and some of those who went to scoff remained to praise the ability, the pluck, the zeal, and devotion of the brilliant colonial secretary.

TROUBLE IN THE WIGWAM.

Our Conservative friends when in power get along among themselves with comparative good feeling, always of course excepting the nest of traitors episode. They were united in the common desire to loot the treasury, to secure everything that was offering in the way of public offices. They shouted vigorously for their leaders, extolled the N. P. and generally persuaded themselves into the belief that anything on this green earth that was not Tory was scarcely worth kicking out of the way. Liberals to their mind were a pack of pretenders, a lot of disloyal men who had no interest in the country, and no claim on authority. Only Tories had the instinct of government.

However a few years in opposition has revealed the disunion and malice towards each other, of the Tory leaders and followers. In almost every province they have quarrelled and given to the enemy every reason to think that the grand old party was simply held together by the greed for gain.

Some Tories profess to believe that all their troubles commenced with the death of Sir John A. Macdonald. As long as "the old man" lived he maintained some sort of discipline in the party, but now all is chaos. Mr. W. F. McLean, Tory M. P., in the Toronto World, laments the splits in the party, the anarchy that reigns within its borders. Hear his mournful dirge:

"Here in Canada the Conservative party, ever since the Old Man died, has been like the Liberals in England. No one to cheer for. Its principles better and sounder than ever. The rank and file never so good, but no one to cheer for, only a clique of incompetents, working by underhand methods, doing their little utmost to prevent anyone coming forward that the Conservatives could cheer for. Fence him out, head him off, if he should appear to be coming. For God's sake, don't let the party start cheering!"

"And yet, why shouldn't the Tories start cheering? It's cheering that will put life into them, heart into them. Who are these men who have decided not to let the Tories get together in convention and cheer, and who are agreed to club any man who dares to present himself in a way that will start the party cheering?"

Nobody to cheer for? Do you hear that, Mr. Borden? No confidence in the Tory leader? No enthusiasm, no energy, no pride in party organization? What's the matter with the old party once so proud, so scornful of Liberals, so persuaded that none but Tories had the instinct of government.

The Conservative majority in the senate is now only five. Another session and the Liberals will be in command in the red chamber.

There is a report at Ottawa that Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. William Mulock will accompany Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the King's coronation, and that they will be escorted by 500 Mounted Canadian troops.

The local opposition have not yet put up a candidate against Dr Raddock the government nominee in St John county. The election occurs on the 24th inst.

Senator Prowse who died Tuesday at Charlottetown was 66 years old, and previous to his appointment to the senate in 1889 was prominent in the local politics of the Island.

The death of Senator Prowse, of P. E. Island, makes a third vacancy in the Senate. The others are in Nova Scotia and Ontario. Mr. Prowse was a Conservative.

There will be returns from the federal bye-elections this evening, five in Ontario, four in Quebec and one in P. E. Island.

The P. E. Island supreme court has given judgment upholding the validity of the prohibition law of that province.

The Carleton smallpox outbreak cost the county \$4,000. There were about fifty cases but no deaths.

The people of Fredericton are discussing sewerage, and the council is expected to provide for a plebiscite.

Now that the great trial is over, what will the unemployed find to interest them.

One For His Noddy.

The magistrate had some suspicion that the young couple that presented themselves were not of marriageable age. "How old are you?" he inquired. "I'm 15," said the bride. "Fifteen, too," said the groom. "And a pair, four," shouted the magistrate, thus proving that he himself was not long past the crib age.—Newark Ad.

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