

THE PASSING OF A. J. BALFOUR

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him. The Lloyd George budget has not spoiled his real affection for the "little Welsh attorney." And as for Chamberlain's tariff policy, the best he can think in its favor is that it might not do much harm.

In the Unionist party is no second Balfour. There are men more virile, more robust, more full, none to winsome, none so more pushful, but none so skillful with the "best families," who after all give substance and dignity to English Toryism. This was painfully evident almost any day in the House of Commons. If he was not there you might see some frantic gesturings and thrust or blood. Not that even club wavings, but no fence or he ever drew more blood than enough to prove his own quite unequalled skill as a dialectic swordsman.

He was seen to fine advantage on one notable occasion in June last during the coronation festivities. A dinner was given to the overseas Prime Ministers by the Constitutional Club. Several of the Unionist journals had been working overtime trying to harness the conference of the Premiers to their own jingo-imperial coach. None of the Premiers, not even Sir Joseph Ward, would take to the collar. I do not believe Mr. Balfour had any sympathy with the scheme himself. He was chairman when the overseas leaders were guests of the great political club whose motto, carved in stone over the doorway, is "For King and Constitution." In all that great gathering two men stood alone and apart from all the others. They were both leaders. Both were touched with the unmistakable marks of distinction. Each represented what was finest in the blood and breeding of his race. The one was of the old English aristocracy, the other of the old French. In penetration of mind, in deftness of touch, in attitude, and thought, and style none of the men from the homeland or from overseas was in the class with Balfour and Laurier. And yet the differences between these two men are as marked as their similarities. The one is a philosophic doubter bothered

with party politics; the other a cheerful optimist, with a personal interest in human affairs. The one expresses his most dogmatic opinions with a graceful air of the genial cynic that robs them of convincing and compelling power; the other, with something of the Gladstone temperament, kindles commonplace facts with the imaginative emotion that inspires belief. The one was not a masterful leader, even in power; where the other sits, even in defeat, will always be "the head of the table."

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(Canadian Press Despatch.) Paris, Dec. 9.—Paul Lafargue, the well-known Socialist, and his wife have committed suicide. Lafargue left a letter saying that he felt the approach of the infirmities of old age, which threatened paralysis, and determined to die while still in possession of all his faculties. His wife refused to survive, preferring to share his fate. Lafargue said in a letter to his daughter, who had chosen the subcutaneous injection of prussic acid as the best means to die.

Mme. Lafargue was the daughter of the German Socialist, Karl Marx. M. Lafargue left the following letter to his fellow Socialists: "I die with supreme joy and with a certainty that the cause to which I devoted my life will triumph in the near future. Long live communism, long live international Socialism."

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