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## MR. BALFOUR'S CALL TO THE NATION.

### FEELING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Balfour's great speech at Birmingham last Wednesday night has naturally created a profound sensation throughout Great Britain, and it is now generally considered that the fate of the Budget is sealed. By the Unionist papers it is felt that Mr. Balfour has given the right lead just when it was wanted, and his battle-cry of "Tariff Reform or Socialism?" will be ardently taken up by enemies of Socialism throughout the country. The Radical Press can find little to say in disparagement of the speech, and fall back upon vague suggestions that Mr. Balfour might have entered more into detail in regard to Tariff Reform.

The following extracts from the London papers indicate the general feeling on both sides:—

#### UNIONIST.

Three years ago the Cobdenites were asking, "Why abandon a system which served our fathers so well?" Today they have cynically abandoned not only the old system, but the principles which had animated their political forebears: Cobden est mort, vive Dick Turpin! That was the text of Mr. Balfour's powerful assault upon the Government; that and the scornful exposure of the fictitious trade mark stamped by the Radicals upon the Finance Bill: "This is the Poor Man's Budget."... That preposterous and immoral doctrine Mr. Balfour most effectually demolished.—*Telegraph*.

This speech undoubtedly has the effect of committing the Unionist Party to the policy of Tariff Reform in a more decisive way than ever before.—*Morning Post*.

After this remarkable and decisive speech from Mr. Balfour it seems at least probable that the Radicals and Socialists—if there is any longer a need to distinguish the two groups—will cease to pretend that the Unionist party is divided and undecided. Henceforth it is clear not only that Tariff Reform will be the leading question at the General Election, but also that the struggle will come soon.—*Standard*.

As Mr. Balfour closed a great and memorable utterance with the question, "Will you go downhill with Socialism or upwards with Tariff Reform?" there was not one of his hearers but knew that upon him had descended the mantle of Mr. Chamberlain—that here was the consummate leader, tried by adversity and rising above it to new heights of courage and victory.—*Daily Mail*.

Mr. Balfour did not content himself merely with destructive criticism last night. He made it clear that the great work of national regeneration must begin with Tariff Reform.... Mr. Asquith asked for the alternative to the policy of the Budget. Mr. Balfour has supplied it. Let the people choose!—*Express*.

Mr. Balfour took up without hesitation Mr. Asquith's challenge thrown down a few days previously in the same hall. The Prime Minister had insisted again and again that the only alternative to the present Budget is Tariff Reform. Mr. Balfour accepts the statement and welcomes the issue.—*Daily Graphic*.

#### RADICAL.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, in introducing his leader, announced that he was going "to strike the keynote of the coming campaign." We wonder if he was satisfied at the end. The keynote was muffled and fluff.—*Chronicle*.

During the last thirty years there has hardly been a Liberal proposal of any importance which has not been denounced as Socialistic. But on this occasion there is some special importance in the familiar denunciation, for the assumed terror of Socialism has helped Mr. Balfour to throw off his old belief in Free Trade.—*Daily News*.

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The importance of what Mr. Balfour did say—slight as it is—becomes still slighter when compared with the real significance of what he did not say.—*Morning Leader*.

#### EVENING PAPERS.

For the rousing clearness and strength of Mr. Balfour's address to the country it is impossible to go too far in gratitude or satisfaction. He has defined both the ground upon which Unionists ought to give battle and the weapons with which they should meet the enemy; and every worker in the cause will be heartened by the message which comes from Birmingham with such frank and forcible emphasis upon the issue.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

Mr. Chamberlain's fighting letter, in which the old spirit is seen still dominant, contains one sentence of momentous appeal. "I hope the House of Lords will see their way to force a General Election, and I do not doubt in this case what the answer will be." To that Mr. Balfour added a clear, a well-defined, statement of the great cause for which Tariff Reformers will buckle on their armour. With such a cause with such a leader, the result of the battle may be awaited with confidence.—*Evening Standard*.

Much was expected of the leader of the Opposition, and never has statesman risen more splendidly to the occasion. The Unionist alternative to the Budget was set forth with convincing logic and unanswerable force, and how fantastic the delusion that Mr. Balfour wishes to shirk an appeal to the country on Tariff Reform was never made more clear.—*Evening News*.

No human being can say, after reading the speech, whether he (Mr. Balfour) desires the House of Lords to accept or reject the Budget, what his Budget would be if he had the opportunity of making one, what he is going to do about food-taxes and Preference, how on the principles he appears to lay down he is going either to avoid "Socialism" or to make good the deficit.—*Westminster Gazette*.

The Food Taxers have again failed in their attempt to put salt on Mr. Balfour's tail. They were quite sure before the Bingley Hall speech that they had got him this time. But they have not got him. He wrapped himself once more in what the old Irish poets call a Druidical mist, and slipped out of the well-sanded grasp of his bewildered pursuers.—*Star*.

## THE HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATIONS.

The British squadron, under the command of Admiral of the Fleet Sir E. Seymour, which will represent the British Navy at the Hudson-Fulton celebrations, arrived off Sandy Hook on Thursday, after being delayed two days by fog, and sailed up the bay next morning.

The German cruisers Dresden, Hertha, Bremen, and Viktoria Luise arrived at New York on Friday and anchored in the Hudson after having on their way up exchanged salutes with Fort Hamilton and the American and foreign warships lying at anchor.

On the occasion of the celebrations which commence tomorrow, the *Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* publishes a very sympathetic article which it is well worth to transcribe to our readers. "The powerful development," it says, "of the United States is a living testimony to the two events the jubilee of which is about to be celebrated. Nowhere in foreign lands will these festivities meet with warmer sympathy than in Germany. This is not due in the first place to political considerations—although on this occasion also we remember the blessings of friendly relations between Germany and the Union which have existed for more than a century—but rather to ideal considerations which awaken our lively interest in the New York celebrations. While admiring the extraordinary results produced by an overwhelming power of will in America, we well remember to what extent the sons of our own people have contributed towards the development of their adopted fatherland to grandeur and power, by their hard work and faithfulness."

## NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The London newspapers are actively discussing the prospects of the general elections which is now considered imminent. Both parties take it for certain that the House of Lords will deal with the Finance Bill in such a manner as to render a dissolution of Parliament inevitable. In that case November, or at latest January, is spoken of as the probable time for the nominations and polling. In both the Liberal and Conservative camps preparations for the electoral campaign are being made with keen energy. The watchword of the latter is "Tariff reform or Socialism," of the former "The peers against the people."

Mr. Orville Wright, according to a New York telegram, claims that M. Blériot's aeroplane violates the Wright brothers' patent; and they are resolved to bring actions in the United States against importers of Blériot machines.

A luncheon was given on Friday by the Government at Hampton Court in honour of the London International Press Conference. Some 500 journalists were present. Mr. Harcourt, the First Commissioner of Works, proposed the health of the King, remarking that peace was often better preserved by Kings than by Cabinets and in that respect King Edward was *primus inter pares*. The toast of "The World's Press" was by Lord Wolverton. "If," said his Lordship, "unfriendly feelings had arisen or should arise in any part of the earth, the Press can do much to lessen animosity even if it be founded on just causes, and to promote friendliness. I hope that these meetings will knit international ties more firmly together."

The Agence Havas reports from Melilla that the Spanish troops at Atalayon opened fire on Nador on Friday morning. The enemy had lost heart, and men were beginning to hope that the war would soon end. Many of the tribesmen who had submitted attended the Melilla market on Friday.

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