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LIBERAL PARTY IN POWER LONG TIME

Premier Asquith Approaches Record of Salisbury in Office.

London, Jan. 6.—The liberal party, which recently celebrated the eighth anniversary of its return to power, now has the honor of leading the affairs of the British Empire for a longer consecutive period than any party for nearly a hundred years. Premier Asquith has now been in office for over five and a half years, and in April next, if his government survives he will approach the record of Lord Salisbury, whose second term of office lasted just seven years.

In his recent tour in Lancashire Mr. Asquith referred to his long term and the stormy times that his government has weathered. Certainly it has been an almost continuous fight. Finding early in his career that the House of Lords would not pass any of the legislation that his followers had set their hearts on, Mr. Asquith with courage which even his political opponents credit as strong, undertook to clip the wings of the Upper Chamber by restricting its power of veto. That accomplished, he set about passing the Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment bills, which

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The Liberals, therefore, have as much work ahead of them as they have accomplished in their eight years of office.

When the party came into power in 1905 Mr. Balfour, then Prime Minister, found that by-election after by-election was going against him and he decided to resign. He chose this of Commons, he believed that it would be either impossible for the Liberals to form a cabinet, on account of the split which had occurred over the South African War, or if one was formed it would be such as would weaken instead of strengthen the Liberal Party. He had been badly informed. Six months before this a meeting of Liberal leaders had been held at which all differences were sunk and the composition of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's cabinet practically decided upon. When Mr. Balfour's resignation was announced, therefore, the Liberal leader was able to inform the King that he could accept the task of forming a ministry, which he did forthwith, and the party in the following January won an unprecedented victory at the polls.

PANAMA A TRIUMPH FOR SANITARIANS

Colonel William C. Gorgas was in direct charge of the sanitary work on the Isthmus of Panama during the entire construction of the waterway. It was due to his indomitable industry and vigilance that the zone was transformed from a pestilential death-trap into a place where white men might work without endangering their lives any more than they would at home.

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The Man in a Hurry.

The busy man chased a street car for three squares because there would not be another car along for one minute. A trolley wire was down, and the conductor told the busy man it would take three minutes to fix it so the car could start. The busy man hailed a passing taxi and paid \$1.75 rather than wait three minutes. Then he dashed into a cafe to get a drink before he went up to his office. One hour and forty minutes later he was still arguing politics with an absolute stranger, who had remarked to the barkeep that Sniggs would surely defeat Miggs for mayor.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

TOLERATE ONLY GOOD.

There is a point where toleration sinks into sheer baseness and pothery. The toleration of the worst leads us to look on what is barely better as good enough and to worship what is only moderately good. Woe to that man and that nation to whom mediocrity has become an ideal!

GREATEST ROWING YEAR IN HISTORY

Campaigns Planned For Crews of Eastern Colleges—Training Begins.

New York, Jan. 6.—With the passing of the holiday season the short period of rest allowed the college oarsmen is completed. From now until late in June the struggles for seats in the racing shell and the daily training grind will continue without intermission. Coaches are overhauling rowing machines, rigging barges and generally preparing for 1914, which, it is predicted, will be the greatest college rowing year in the history of sport. Eight universities or colleges in the east, one in the middle west and three on the Pacific coast have already planned their rowing campaigns, which include a large number of dual, triangular and inter-collegiate title regattas than ever before recorded in this country. Abroad Oxford and Cambridge are near the halfway mark in their training for their annual race, and their progress is being closely watched by two of the eastern universities in view of a possible international inter-varsity regatta before mid-summer.

The eastern college rowing situation considered as a whole, is one of the most promising in recent seasons. Aside from Columbia and Syracuse, there are large and veteran squads available at every institution which advocates rowing. In almost every case more than fifty per cent. of the oarsmen who won their varsity letters in 1913 regattas are trying for places in the eights again and are supplemented by excellent material from last year's freshmen combinations. The recent ruling of the intercollegiate stewards providing for a race for second eights in place of the fours on the Hudson, will also provide extra places for the aspiring sweepers. Under this ruling it will be necessary for those colleges which desire to compete in all three events on the Hudson to develop and seat twenty-four oarsmen in the shells for the varsity, second and freshmen races.

The open window has proved a help in the fall practice and several of the coaches report that their charges were able to establish new records for late autumn rowing during 1913. Coach Courtney had six eights in the water on December 6 and has planned to send his crews out at every favorable opportunity during the entire winter. At Syracuse, Coach Ten Eyck, who has just signed a five-year contract, is also planning for an early season start. If the board of stewards of the I. C. A. will permit the students of the forestry department to row for the Orange, Ten Eyck's worries will be eliminated. A stiffer proposition faces Jim Rice at Columbia, for the New York university squad appears to grow smaller each year, and Rice finds it difficult to secure even a fair number of students physically suited for the hard four-mile race on the Hudson.

The situation at Pennsylvania and Yale is much alike, in that both colleges are working with new coaches. At New Haven a trio, composed of Richard Armstrong, captain of the '95 crew; Guy Nicholls of England and C. E. Giannini, recent New York Athletic club coach, will direct the work of the Eli crewmen. At Philadelphia Vivian Nicholls, a brother of Guy, has replaced Ellis Ward, and the work of these famous English oarsmen who expect to develop a stroke combining the best points of both the English and American systems, will be watched with interest. At Harvard, Princeton and the United States Naval academy there is no change in the established order of coaching and reports from all three institutions are optimistic.

Further west the University of Wisconsin is preparing for another return to the Hudson with a crew which will prove fully as vigorous as that of 1913. The Badgers are fortunate in possessing a squad of heavy, powerful candidates, with the varsity material drawn from the freshmen and varsity eights of last season. The great sprint in the final mile of the intercollegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie last June has done much to restore the confidence of the western colleges regarding their ability to row as fast and far as their eastern brethren. As a result, Washington, California and Stanford, in addition to Wisconsin, are all looking forward to the possibility of rowing on the Hudson next spring. On the Pacific coast all three university squads are in active training and heavy, powerful eights are forecasted. The winner of the Pacific Coast regatta will come east to Poughkeepsie, as has been the case during the past two years, and there is the bare possibility that all three may ask for invitations, so strong is the desire to show the east what the far coast crews can do with shell and sweep.

Ominously Strange.

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