

**DOOM OF LORDS SOUNDED**

ENGLISH ELECTIONS DISCUSSED BY PROFESSOR JONES.

**THE LORDS REPRESENT PROPERTY**

PEOPLE NEVER KNOW WHEN AN ELECTION IS COMING.

Parties Go to the Extreme—Irish May Have Balance of Power—Want Insurance for Laborers.

Prof. Guernsey Jones of the history department spoke at convocation Thursday on the subject of "The English Elections." He spent the summer in England, where he had opportunity to study the situation from its source.

"The characteristic feature of these elections," he said, "is the animosity and temper displayed. Besides the fact that Englishmen are naturally intense, there are some special reasons which are attributed to account for the difference in English and American elections.

**Never Know When Election Comes.**

"In the first place, in England the people never know when an election is coming. They are not determined upon by the constitution, but are held at the instance of parliament, the prime minister or the king. Hence the public is kept in a state of constant political agitation. Secondly, there is a greater difference between the two parties. The liberals go to the extreme of liberality, while the conservatives are ultra conservative. There is also a social distinction between the two parties that makes membership in either one a bar to association in a social way with members of the other."

The speaker showed how the present election means the demise of the house of lords, under its present arrangement at least. The minority party is strong and stubborn, and in self defense the lords have had to concede. Among many things of interest the passing of the conservative element of the government insures to the country the passage of a home rule bill, a new poor law, and a bill creating insurance for the laboring man. The real trouble with the house of lords is that it represents property instead of population. The lords themselves see this now, and have practically given up the struggle with the united opposition of the liberals, the Irish, Scotch and the Welsh.

**A Rest Taken.**

The death of the king produced a breathing spell and time for Prime Minister Asquith to draw up a bill which would appease the discontentment of the people. It provides that the changing of the house of lords shall be postponed for the present, and that they shall have no voice in financial measures.

All this opposition has demoralized the peers, yet it is surprising how many votes they can control. The conservatives who control this branch of the government are able to hold together. They can always count upon a certain number of votes, which give strength to their forces. These votes come from the church, the opponents of home rule, the liquor interests and the plural voters. As a consequence the elections are very close, the probable result being the giving of the balance of power to the Irish.

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