NOTES ON NEWS.

"Sorrow Amago has given particulars of her detention by the brigands. He declares that nothing can be more horrible and infamous. Yes; quite true, What happened to the signior apart from the agony of his life, and his loss of liberty, was that he was ill-fed (as one is in English prisons at least). In other words he shared the short commons of the captors, and with them he went away into darkness and isolation.

It is a curious thing, by the way, that even acknowledged brigandage is duly exploited, and gives a profit to the enterprise capitalist. For it seems the industrious working brigands are in the employ of gentle- men who live on their somewhat ill-paid labour. Sir Spyros Cypri, who seems to have been a very good-natured friendly fellow, was one of these journeyman brigands, and found it as difficult "to look upon the Grand Old Man as the incarnation of all London, justice and wisdom. The people see now that he is but a middle-class politician with a genius for eloquence of an ambiguous character, which may mean little or nothing, although there is a lot of sound about it. The Great God Gladstone has fallen. The man who worshipped him can see that he is only made of a very poor sort of clay after all.

But let us imagine Salisbury, Balfour, Matthews and Co. gone; and Gladstone, Harcourt, and T. F. O'Connor in their places. What then? Has the millennium come? Will the foul slums of all London corruption and wickedness. The people must free themselves from the tyranny of landlord and capitalist, even if they have to wring the property of the rich in their own teeth. Only then, perhaps, will the House of Commons be a modern Guy Fawkes."

If there is any one so simple as to believe in the electioneering lies by which the country will soon be flooded, he will soon be disappointed. The next Liberal Government will do what the last Liberal Government did—copy the Tories who were in office before. Neither of the great gams of political impostors are worth a single vote. The one or the other.

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