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THE SCOTTISH SUFFRAGE DEPUTATION ARRIVING AT THE  
PRIME MINISTER'S HOUSE, 10, DOWNING STREET, LONDON, JULY 19, 1913.

## OUR POINT OF VIEW.

### The Two McKennas.

Merry Mr. Justice Darling and all the genial folk who have been entertaining themselves and each other to the great edification of the public over Mr. Wootton's brawl with Mr. Sievier, found matter for mirth in the fact that a small boy of fourteen gave the name of the Home Secretary. What seems to us more striking is that this little lad of fourteen had ridden "in many races," and that such lads carry on their almost infant shoulders the weight of huge monetary transactions that such men as the indignant Sievier, the injured Wootton, and the immaculate Lord Lonsdale transact on the strength of child performances. These youngsters are rigorously trained down and stunted in their growth, dosed and exercised and kept awake, to ride light. A sporting paper once published an article saying that if shown a plate of good food unexpectedly, they would burst out crying. One would like some statistics of their average working life. On Thursday last, at Highbury-corner, a self-righteous working man asked a Freedom League speaker, "What about stopping the King's horse that had working-men's money on it?" The answer would be, that when working-men control racing, and apply their own principles about child-labour to it, it will be time enough to put their money on such amusements. We notice that child labour and torture, when endured for the amusement of men, is as righteous as the female militancy embarked on for the benefit of the King of Ulster or the gentlemen now destroying property at Leith.

### Our Scottish Champions.

*The Daily Graphic*, and other morning papers of Anti-Suffrage tendencies, comment genially on the "courtesy" and "good nature" of the police who allowed Bailie Alston to address the crowd from the sacred steps of No. 10, Downing-street. This is what it means to be a man and a voter. It is only a few days ago that Mrs. Hyde and Miss Bunten were arrested, and imprisoned for fourteen days, for similarly addressing people from Downing-street. The grievance of these ladies was greater than that of the Scottish deputation. They had not been allowed opportunity for defending a charge known to be false. One of them had suffered false imprisonment. But there was no "courtesy" or "good nature" for them, any more than there was for Mrs. Despard and Mrs. Cobden-Saunders. Voteless women were fair game; but the man doubly-armed with muscles and a vote obtains the privileges which are popularly supposed to be possessed by the weaker sex alone.

### Entirely "Unsolicited"!

Hats off to *The Glasgow Herald*! It is so rare that the Press allows itself to pay a deserved compliment to Suffrage speakers that we hail the more reasonable spirit shown a few days ago by *The Glasgow Herald* in publishing a letter, dated "Rothesay, July 16," and signed "John Hunter," giving an "entirely unsolicited testimonial" to Miss Alison Neilans and Miss Eunice Murray. Commending the methods of the Women's Freedom League as the best for winning the vote for women, and the work now going on in Rothesay and the neighbourhood, (Dr.?) John Hunter writes:—

I have listened to Miss Neilans every day with extreme interest, and was quite disappointed to-night to hear that Miss Eunice Murray was to be the speaker, but once I had heard her convincing, eloquent and logical speech I was quite delighted, and feel persuaded if people had the opportunity of hearing her, and if Cabinet Ministers had that privilege, the vote would be won without delay. All honour to these ladies and success to them. Miss Murray made one feel it was a great thing to be born a woman and to be a Suffragist, and when she smilingly assured us her Cause was the greatest of the age, and asked us all to help her in the struggle, we felt, who heard her, that we must do our share to help this great movement forward.

Friends, you have "done us proud!" All we can suggest is that Miss Murray, a Scotswoman, should do

better than the Scottish Bailies, and, armed with this testimonial, demand an audience of the whole Cabinet and sit on the doorstep till admitted, with John Hunter to protect her from the too close attention of the police. We remember, however, that she is neither a Bailie nor a Councillor, nor a man, nor a voter as yet, and British justice to women is likely to land her in Holloway as a guest of His Majesty, rather than give her a triumphant send-off back to her Scottish home. Let John Hunter and his fellow-voters put precept into practice and see to it that Mr. Asquith does not escape Miss Murray's siren voice.

### How Men Protect Women.

We should like to call serious attention to the point made by our Irish fellow-workers in that good little organ, *The Irish Citizen*. A case of seduction of a mere child living in service, by one of two brothers who were her employers, brought before the courts on two occasions (the jury disagreeing each time), was never mentioned in the *Irish Press*. Our contemporary suggests that it is this criminal silence, and not the absence of sexual viciousness in Irish men, that leads to the wide-spread idea that there is no danger for children and girls in Ireland. This is the third grave Irish case that has come to our notice lately; and *The Irish Citizen* does well to draw public attention to the matter.

### The Evidence of the Courts.

The information given under "How Some Men Protect Women" has proved startling enough to set many people thinking—and questioning. That such unjust and unequal sentences are meted out continues to arouse the righteous indignation of women—and men. As will be seen in another column, we have now a correspondent who will watch the cases heard before a judge and jury at the Criminal Courts, and the result promises to be no less enlightening and amazing, proving how often man-made and man-administered justice is blind—to facts. These cases, it must be remembered, are those which, passed on from the summary jurisdiction of the police-courts, are committed by the magistrates to the weightier tribunal of the Criminal Courts. How far Mr. Justice Rentoul's insufferable talk of "leniency to women" is borne out by facts our readers will be able to judge. The evidence of the courts will strengthen the growing demand for the co-operation of women in the administration of the law if justice is to be done. In this connection we call attention to the fact that because Mrs. Harvey, in resisting the Insurance Tax on her gardener, made no defence, she was mulcted in special costs to the extent of £2 2s.

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### POLITICAL AND MILITANT WORK. HOUSE OF COMMONS PROTEST.

Miss Boyle, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Watson and Miss Sidley, in pursuance of a plan long entertained, endeavoured on Tuesday afternoon to effect a landing in the Speaker's garden from a motor-launch. Unable to do this, through the officious interference of some chaffeurs, who called the police, the attack was transferred to the Terrace. *The Globe* thus describes the scene, which was further adorned by the flag of the League, held aloft by Mrs. Hyde and Miss Sidley, while Mrs. Watson acted as Chair:—

An amusing scene was witnessed shortly after five o'clock this evening, when a smart launch appeared off the terrace of the House of Commons, when it was crowded with Members and their friends at tea. There were five women on board, and a man in flannels. The latter held the launch in position with a boat-hook, and from the roof of the cabin the women took it in turns to address Members on the Suffrage question. The water was choppy at the time, and they had some difficulty in keeping their balance.

Members repeatedly cheered them; the only people who didn't enter into the merriment were the police inspector and his men, who were quite impotent.

The scene lasted for nearly half an hour, the police on the Terrace meanwhile looking about anxiously for a river patrol boat. Those on the launch were also keeping a steady look-out in case danger threatened.

One lady who came from South Africa was very eloquent, and greatly interested the Members, who seemed to be more inclined to be educated on the Suffrage question than to listen to Mr. Pease unfolding his education scheme in the House.

Finally a police boat arrived, being received with ironical cheers, which the Inspector acknowledged with a salute, and the launch at once sped away in the direction of Chelsea. The whole scene was most amusing, and shows the ingenuity of the women in taking advantage of the "cat" being away. It used to be the custom specially to patrol the Terrace, but the police were caught napping.

### TAX RESISTANCE.

#### MRS. HARVEY'S PROTEST.

A great gathering assembled at Brackenhill last Monday to support Mrs. Kate Harvey in her spirited protest against the Insurance Act. A decorated brake, adorned with Women's Freedom League and Women's Tax-Resistance League banners, started from Headquarters' Office at 8.45 a.m., conveying some twenty-seven persons, among whom were Mesdames Huntsman, Cobden Saunderson, Tanner, Mustard, Catmur, Pierotti, Green, Ball, Kux, Presbury, Johnson, Sanders, Pyart, Watson, Spiller, Sutcliffe, Moser, Miss Underwood, Misses Boyle, Sanders, St. Clair, and Lawrence. Miss F. A. Underwood and Dr. Knight, who went down by train, were accompanied by other members, and at the Bromley Police-court were joined by Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. and Miss Fox Bourne, Mrs. Fisher, and other well-known members of the League.

Mrs. Harvey, charged on ten counts with neglecting to insure William David Asquith under the provisions of the National Insurance Act, pleaded guilty and said she did not mean to pay. Asquith was put in the box to prove that his employer had refused to stamp his card; and the solicitor for the Insurance Commissioners pressed for "special costs" on the strange ground that there was no defence and that therefore the "public" should not be at the cost of such a prosecution. Allusion was also made to Mrs. Harvey's well-known "objection" to paying taxes of any kind.

Mrs. Harvey then spoke. She said: "I am not resisting the Act as an Act. If it had come straight down

from heaven I should resist it just the same. I am doing what every business man throughout the country does as a matter of course—I refuse to pay for goods which I cannot choose."

Continuing, Mrs. Harvey insisted on her right to choose the men who went to Westminster to make the laws. "I am here because of my right to choose clean-living men to make those laws, to save women from prostitution, to make life more safe and our streets more safe for women and girls—aye, for our children even. I stand here because I refuse to break the law—the law has declared that there can be no taxation without the right of representation."

After consultation the magistrates imposed the vindictive sentence of £1 for each offence, £10; arrears of insurance due to Asquith, 5s. 10d.; court fees, £4 10s.; and "special" costs (which we presume to be the solicitor's own fees), £2 2s.; total, £16 17s. 10d.

Before leaving the dock Mrs. Harvey reiterated her intention not to pay. "I would rather die first," she exclaimed in a burst of fierce indignation as she addressed the Bench. "I stand for justice, and this is injustice, an injustice which will hang round your own necks like a millstone and drown you in your own incapacity and folly." Loud cries of "Shame!" from the Suffragists in court greeted the sentence, and Mrs. Harvey's concluding remarks were applauded.

The entire party was entertained to lunch and tea at Brackenhill, and in the afternoon a poster parade, with alternate W.F.L. and W.T.R. posters, was organised by Mrs. Huntsman. The placards were inscribed, "We Refuse to Break the Law," "Taxation of the Unrepresented is not Government, it is Tyranny," "We Refuse to Pay for Goods We Cannot Choose."

In the market-place a mass meeting was held at 7.30 p.m., with Miss Anna Munro in the chair. A large, expectant crowd gathered long before the hour, and it is a significant fact that the extreme hostility so characteristic of other meetings at Bromley was conspicuously absent. A sea of upturned, attentive faces listened without interruption to Miss Munro, who went over the grounds on which women demand the Vote; and Mrs. Kington Parkes, who as representing the Women's Tax-Resistance League, pointed out that women resisted the Act as women, as voteless women, and as tax-paying women; and to Miss Nina Boyle, who summed up the position and set forth the policy of the Women's Freedom League.

### That Waggon!

On Thursday, July 17, Dr. Knight's famous hay waggon was sold again at Woodbridge—this time to recover the amount of her dog licence and of the costs connected with the case. Mrs. Tippet, Mrs. Lane, and Miss Sidley represented the Women's Freedom League. Before the sale Miss Sidley addressed the market, explaining the circumstances of the sale and the reasons for tax resistance. Afterwards Mrs. Tippet gave a most excellent and telling speech which was listened to with the greatest attention. While waiting by the waterside for their train our members listened with much interest to an animated discussion on the merits and demerits of tax resistance, and the speeches of the

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afternoon and of the preceding evening when the Suffrage Pilgrims were at Woodbridge. The waggon has done duty so often that it has now become historic in the Suffrage Cause; future generations will, no doubt, rank it with John Hampden's ship.

Dr. Knight is also resisting the Insurance Act, and has received several calls from harassed officials. She has arranged to meet them at some future date to discuss the whole question.

#### Land Tax Resisted.

Miss Boyle has forwarded to the District Valuer of Worcester the following communication in relation to the Inland Revenue "Forms" sent to her in valuation of property in that neighbourhood:—

Sir,—I am exceedingly obliged to you for the interesting collection of Forms 7, 17, 35 and 36 which you have been good enough to send me from time to time. I trust you will continue and send me many more.

As for the provisional valuation being correct, I should think that in the last degree unlikely. But as I have not the slightest intention of paying anything whatever to the Government so long as women remain unfranchised, that is a question we need not go into for the present.—Faithfully yours,

C. NINA BOYLE.

### NOT ALL-POWERFUL. JUDGMENT AGAINST SCOTTISH INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS.

An important decision on the question of the power of the Scottish National Insurance Commissioners to prosecute in criminal courts was given by a full Bench of judges in the Justiciary Appeal Court, Edinburgh, on July 17. In view of the Women's Freedom League's policy of resisting the Insurance Act, this decision is of special interest. The question was one of appeal. Two farmers, convicted under the National Insurance Act of 1911 of not having paid contributions on behalf of their employes, appealed. The court sustained the appeals and quashed the convictions, allowing the appellants full expenses in court.

The decision is more than a loss of "face" to Commissioners, who are by it found to be no longer uncontrolled masters of the administration of the Act in Scotland. It points to a failure on the part of those responsible for framing the Act in its application to Scotland to give effect to or formulate a definite policy in regard to an obvious and important part of the mechanism for carrying out the provisions of the statute. The framers of this law must have anticipated that offences would arise. If it had been the deliberately considered policy of the Government that the prosecution of offenders should be entrusted to the body of Insurance Commissioners which the Act created for Scotland, it ought to have been so declared.

The principles of criminal prosecution in Scotland are not obscure. They recognise four titles to prosecute. There is: (1) The universal title of the Lord Advocate and his subordinates in the public interest; (2) the title of a private prosecution having enough interest either as being injured by a crime or as having a right to participate in the penalty; (3) a statute may expressly confer right on a private individual; (4) such a right, in exceptional instances, may be split by implication out of a statute, the provisions of which

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make such implication necessary. But this last title is of narrow application and is to be carefully guarded from abuse. The Commissioners chose to assume that they had the title to prosecute at their own hand, and they did so until their title was challenged in the cases referred to.

The cases were heard by a full Bench of the court; all the voting judges held, without difficulty, that the Commissioners failed to establish their claim. If they are a Department of State—which they contended they were not, although the corresponding body in England recently maintained the opposite,—the Lord Advocate is their mouthpiece. They have neither personal interest, nor express authority, nor have they succeeded in finding an authority by sufficiently clear implication.

It is extraordinary that so-called experienced statesmen can draft and pass into law such slovenly Bills; that, when tested, the very courts cannot uphold them. It is an encroachment on the time of Parliament to pass these inefficient, ill-considered Bills. When we remember that Woman Suffrage Bills have been shelved for "want of time to deal with them," we would remind our legislators that there would be time to spare for everything if from the beginning they learned to draft their Bills properly. Of course it takes time to patch up the defects of these badly-worded Bills which are rushed through Parliament without due thought or consideration.

The substantial effect of the decision of the High Court of Justiciary, we are told, is that in future the prosecutions will have to be conducted by the Procurator Fiscal. We are also informed "that the same kind of evidence as has been adduced in previous prosecutions will suffice to obtain convictions against resisters or those who are negligent in carrying out the provisions of the Act, and no laxity or evasion of the Act will be allowed." Complaints at the instance of the Scottish Insurance Commissioners will now be taken up by the public prosecutors in the different Sheriffs' Courts: they will be assisted by the Insurance Commissioners. Where in previous cases there is a question of payment of arrears, the persons convicted are to pay up any outstanding arrears. This will probably involve a court action which, it is pointed out, will entail additional and more expensive procedure, the expense of which is to be borne by the employers or those who fail to pay the arrears.

Pending this decision of the High Court of Justiciary the Scottish Commissioners have been delaying action in a number of cases, and we are informed that, as it is now clear what the procedure is to be, the cases will be immediately pressed forward. This is interesting news to those who for "conscience sake" refuse to pay their insurance. It will be instructive to see what happens, but, like Mr. Asquith, we can only "wait and see."

E. G. M.

### THE MARCH OF THE PILGRIMS.

(A RONDEAU.)

Forth to Freedom's Land! The goal is nigh,  
Nigher yet, though perils round us lie.

Strong the Truth is; 'tis her foes are weak.  
Starry bright her brow, though wan her cheek;  
High her heart is as the heavens are high.

Therefore march we at her clarion cry,  
Self and ease and pleasure putting by;  
March through flowery ways, or bare and bleak,  
Forth to Freedom's Land.

Sisters who in bondage droop and die,  
Forth! to find free air and open sky.  
Hear the prison-doors about you creak  
Opening: hear the Hope we come to speak!

Leave th' lands of your captivity—  
Forth to Freedom's Land!

S. GERTRUDE FORD.

In our next issue we shall begin an interesting and amusing sketch, *Mr. Peppercorn's Awakening*, by Miss Helen MacLachlan, M.A., of Edinburgh, which was received with enthusiasm when given recently at a festival of our Edinburgh Branch.

## INSULTED!

### SUFFRAGIST SCOTSMEN IN LONDON.

The deputation of Suffragist Scotsmen—Baillies and Town Councillors from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Berwick, &c.—who came to interview the Prime Minister on Woman Suffrage and demand the repeal of the "Cat and Mouse" Act, have had varied experiences at the hands of politicians, and a fine welcome from Suffragists and the great crowd which gathered to hear them on Sunday evening in Hyde Park. *The Manchester Guardian* gives the following interesting account of the visit to Downing-street:—

Whatever else they may have achieved, the Women's Suffrage deputation of Scottish town councillors to Mr. Asquith has succeeded in impressing London by its persistence. When at eleven o'clock this morning the dozen baillies and town councillors from Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Berwick marched up Downing-street they were cheered by the crowd, which included many casual sightseers, besides a strong gathering of Suffragists. All were men who will not easily take a "No," even from a Prime Minister. In reply to requests that he should receive a deputation, Mr. Asquith had written three times declining to do so. The councillors took their stand on what they hold to be their constitutional right to present a petition to the Prime Minister (apparently as the representative of the King), and to this plea Mr. Asquith had returned the answer that any petition which it was desired to present under the Bill of Rights should be addressed to the Secretary for Scotland. The councillors, however, took train for London, there to "present themselves on constitutional lines" at the Prime Minister's residence.

The visit was, of course, fruitless, but it passed off peacefully. When they entered the lobby of No. 10 they were told that Mr. Asquith could not see them. Rumour said that he had been seen to depart in a motor-car a short time before. They were received instead by Mr. Gulland, the Scottish Whip, and by one of the Premier's private secretaries, and were asked to leave their views in writing. This they refused to do, insisting on their right to see the Prime Minister regarding their demand for an immediate Government measure dealing with Women's Suffrage and the repeal of the "Cat-and-Mouse" Act. They are said to have threatened the Scottish Whip with the loss of Liberal seats in Scotland as the result of the Prime Minister's attitude, and they ended the short interview by leaving their cards.

#### An Indignation Meeting.

The deputation soon emerged into the street, and, when the waiting journalists had gathered round, Baillie Alston, of Glasgow, made a speech explaining what had happened, and announced the intention of the councillors to proceed to the House of Commons to see their representatives, "and to urge upon them the absolute necessity of dealing with the new feeling that is arising." The Government, he said, was losing not hundreds but thousands of supporters in Scotland. "I sincerely hope," he added, "that the Government will be wakened in time." Another member, the Rev. F. Carlisle Burton, spoke, but by this time the police authorities were getting anxious about this extraordinary attempt to hold an indignation meeting on the Prime Minister's doorstep, and shortly afterwards the deputation went away, loudly cheered as they passed through the gathering of sympathisers in Whitehall, which had been prevented by the police from following them up to No. 10.

The councillors were the guests of Lady Cowdray at lunch, and they afterwards fulfilled their intention of lobbying their members. The speeches which they would have made to the Prime Minister in more favourable circumstances were being sold in the street in the form of a penny pamphlet.

#### The Leaders' Speech.

Baillie Alston, the leader, would have said in the course of his speech:—

This question has now reached a stage when we can no longer stand aside and allow matters to take their course. The view we urge is this: The local authorities are finding it more difficult to carry on local government and maintain efficient administration of the law in face of the present agitation and lawless acts that are taking place all over the country. We are not here to excuse, blame, or defend those acts, but many of us hold that the Government, in their individual and collective capacity, by resisting this just demand are more responsible for these outrages that have taken place all over the country than the persons who actually committed such acts. We therefore urge upon the Government to put an end to the present unsatisfactory state of affairs by granting a reform at least thirty years overdue, and which at least two-thirds of the people are anxious to see on the Statute-book.

It was stated that about two-thirds of the deputation were Liberals, the others being Labour or Unionist. Both the Glasgow and the Edinburgh Town Councils have passed resolutions in favour of women's enfranchisement. The original memorial to the Prime Minister was signed by about fifty baillies and councillors, but the deputation was in no sense official. The arrangements were made by the Men's League for Women's Suffrage and the Actresses' Franchise League.

#### An Insult.

Councillor Crawford gave the following account of the Downing-street visit to the Press Association:—

We went straight to No. 10, and were invited in. I asked, "Is Mr. Asquith in?" and was met with the reply, "Oh, come in. Who are you?" We handed the official our cards, whereupon we were ushered into a room. After some little waiting, Mr. John Gulland, the Scottish Liberal Whip, came in, and said, "I'm awfully sorry Mr. Asquith is out, but if you give me your representations I will give them to Mr. Asquith."

We told him pretty plainly that we considered this an insult and a violation of the principles of democracy, and that if Mr. Asquith would not receive us we would not trouble him with our speeches, but would get as a courtesy from the Press what he refused to extend as his duty. Mr. Gulland said, "Very well; we are busily engaged discussing the Mental Deficiency Bill." I retorted that that was probably why Mr. Asquith had cleared out, as an interested party.

After this bit of Scottish humour Mr. Crawford added: "We then withdrew with unruffled dignity."

#### Plain Speaking.

At the evening reception on Friday, arranged by the Men's League and the Actresses' League, the Scotsmen had a splendid reception, and their fighting speeches betokened a warm time for the Prime Minister in Scotland. One of the deputation told an amusing story of a man carrying an ancient grandfather's clock uphill because the removers could not be trusted to handle the heirloom. A road-mender remarked to the heavily laden devotee, "Man wad'na ye be better wi' a watch!" The Prime Minister, said the Scotsman, would do well to drop the heavy load of hoary prejudice and use an up-to-date watch showing that the time had come for Women's Enfranchisement.

A resolution calling for Mr. Asquith's resignation was passed unanimously.

The scene in Hyde Park on Sunday was remarkable; huge crowds gathered at the various platforms to hear the Scotsmen and other speakers. Councillor Crawford's plain speaking as to the Prime Minister's insult to Scotland and his pigheadedness with regard to Woman Suffrage evoked loud applause. Hyde Park crowds felt a keen breeze from the North, and the valiant Northmen had "the time of their lives," championing the Women's Cause.

#### Interview with the Secretary for Scotland.

On Monday, July 21, the members of the Scottish Suffragist deputation vainly attempted to see Mr. Asquith and Mr. McKenna, but were eventually received at the House of Commons in the evening by the Secretary for Scotland, Mr. McKinnon Wood, whom they asked for a repeal of the "Cat and Mouse" Act, and for an assurance that nothing of the kind should be done in Scotland. Councillor Crawford said that Mr. Asquith was steering the Liberal Party on to the rocks of destruction. In his part of the world the electors at the next election would vote either Unionist or Socialist rather than support the present proceedings of the Liberal Government.

Mr. McKinnon Wood said he had always voted for Woman Suffrage and would continue to do so. He could not give any pledge regarding the operation of the "Cat and Mouse" Act in Scotland, nor could he treat militant Suffragists as political prisoners.

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LONDON AND SUBURBS.

Fri., July 25.—THORNTON HEATH CLOCK, 7.30 p.m. Sun., July 27.—HYDE PARK, noon. Miss Nina Boyle. Chair: Miss Killingworth.

Tues., July 29.—CORNER BLACKBURN-ROAD, West End-lane (close by W. Hampstead Station, Met.), 8.15. Mr. Bostock. Sat., Aug. 2.—THORNTON HEATH, Garden Social, at 7, Osborne-road, by kind permission of Mrs. Pyart. Tea, 4-5 p.m. Admission 6d.

Sun., Aug. 3.—REGENT'S PARK, noon. Miss Boyle and Miss Underwood. Tues., Aug. 5.—CORNER BLACKBURN-ROAD, West End-lane (close by W. Hampstead Station), 8.15. Miss Boyle.

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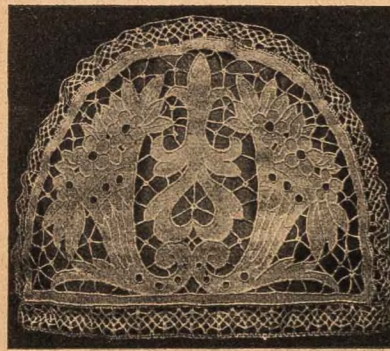
Fri., July 25.—Middlesbrough Campaign. NORTH ORMESBY, Market-place, 7 p.m., Open-air Meeting. Speaker: Miss Janet Hayes of Manchester.

Mon., July 28.—PORTSMOUTH. Public Meeting, near Clarence Pier, 8 p.m. Thurs., July 31.—IPSWICH, 22, Queen-street, Branch Meeting, 8 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. McCrery.

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The prize has been awarded to Mrs. M. G. Burnett, 7, Rose-neath-terrace, Edinburgh, whose reply is as follows:— "The chivalry which consists of regarding women as either a toy or a tool would disappear, but the admiration willingly bestowed on a comrade would take its place and would be elevating to both."

'WOMEN DO NOT THINK IMPERIALLY.'

The prize has been awarded to Miss E. E. Appleton, 49, Hertford-road, Bootle, Liverpool, who has been a prize-winner several times. She writes:— "If 'to think imperially' means justice for every unit of the Empire, of whatever class, sex, race or creed, then women to-day are—ineffectively because Votelessly—thinking imperially!"

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THE MEN WHO GOVERN US. (NON-MILITANT, LAW-ABIDING.)

Is that So? Judge Boyd, at Limerick Assizes, said it was farce to be trying cases before the County Limerick common jurors, who apparently were not willing to discharge their duties. Their verdicts were a disgrace to justice, and in not one single case before him had they found according to the evidence.

Not Really! Mr. Justice Maloney was presented with white gloves at Queen's County Assizes. He said the police returns showed there was no boycotting, no intimidating, no cattle driving, and nothing to disturb the maintenance of peace and order of the district.

How Surprising! 'The Twelfth' was marked by a riot in Belfast in the early hours of the morning. The police repeatedly charged the rival crowds, and several constables and rioters were injured.

'On Friday night rival crowds gathered in and near York-street, where one party was 'protecting an Orange arch' and singing party tunes around a bonfire. Soon after midnight stone-throwing started and about a dozen revolver shots were fired.

The police who were sent to the spot drew their batons almost immediately on arrival and charged the crowd repeatedly, being received with volleys of stones. By three o'clock the police had subdued the rowdiness. Several arrests were made.

Is 'Trade' Property? After paralysing the shipping trade of the port throughout the day, the strike of dockers at Hull was partially settled last night.

IN THE PARKS.

Brockwell-park. A very successful meeting was held in Brockwell-park on Sunday morning, July 20, the speakers being Mrs. Cobden Sanderson and Mr. F. E. Matzen. Mr. Matzen dealt ably with the usual masculine arguments against Women's Suffrage, and showed how they could all be applied to votes for men.

Regent's-park.

The Mid-London Branch of the Women's Freedom League held the usual meeting in Regent's Park on Sunday, July 20, under the capable chairmanship of Miss Kathleen Holmes. Mrs. Tanner spoke for over an hour dealing mainly with the effect of the vote on women's economic position, and the policy of the W.F.L.



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