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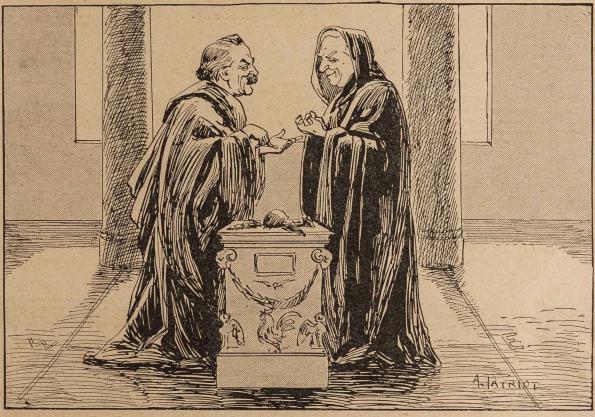
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MEETING OF THE AUGURS



"The omens are not so propitious."-Mr. Lloyd George on Woman Suffrage.

(The elder Cato is said by Cicero to have wondered how an augur could meet a brother of the crast without laughing.)

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate

THE OUTLOOK

During the last few weeks we have on several occasions pointed out to our readers the difficulties of the Government in the matter of the time-table for business in the House of Commons, and have shown that it is almost impossible for them to carry the Franchise Bill as well as the other principal Government measures this Session. This week we are in a position to indicate how Mr. Asquith proposes to ments with regard to Woman Suffrage.

The Difficulty of the Government

In order that this may be understood it is necessary to state once more quite clearly in what the difficulty as to time consists. The factors which govern the situation are firstly the necessity of passing certain financial provisions through the House of Commons before March 31 in each year, and secondly the clause in the Parliament Act which requires that all Bills, in order to have the special protection of that Act, must be sent up to the Lords a clear month before the end of the Session. Unless, therefore, the new financial provisions are to be passed during the present (1912) Session, it is evident that the new Session must begin sufficiently early in March to allow time for these provisions to be carried. This places the opening of the Session of 1913 not later than March 11, and the close of the old Session, even if no interval is allowed, not later than March 10; therefore all Bills for which the Government desire the protection of the Parliament Act must be carried through their third reading by Fébruary 10. As the remaining stages of the Home Rule Bill and the Welsh Bill would alone the time of the House nearly up to the end of January, and as ten or twelve days at least must be a position to indicate how Mr. Asquith proposes to devoted to the Franchise Bill, it is difficult to see meet this difficulty, and how he hopes to use the how they can all be passed before February 10.

situation so as to extricate himself from his engage- | Unless this can be done, some lightening of the ship must be effected.

How They Propose to Meet It

The plan which would suit the Government best would be to drop the Franchise Bill altogether and substitute the Plural Voting Bill, which would only occupy two or three days of Parliamentary time; but it is felt that to do this directly would be too naked a breach of the specific pledges of the Prime Minister. It is therefore proposed to commence the Committee Stage of the Franchise Bill at an early date after the Christmas recess, and to allow the amendment striking out the word "male" to be moved and discussed and put to the vote of the House. Arrangements are already in hand for the defeat of this amendment, and it is hoped that only a single day will be necessary for this debate and division. After an interval, during which other Parliamentary business will be proceeded with, an announcement will then be made that the Franchise Bill will be dropped owing to shortage of time, and the Plural Voting Bill will take its place

How the Amendment will be Defeated

The defeat of the amendment will be secured by convincing Mr Redmond and a number of Liberal Members that its passage would mean the break-up of the Liberal Party. The difficulties of the timeto which we have alladed above, will be expounded so as to convince Members that unless the

Let Us Face Facts

We have sketched out this plan in advance in order that Suffragists of all shades of opinion up and December 6. Suffragists in Prison We have sketched out this plan in advance in order down the country may appreciate the nature of the plot when it matures. We refuse to believe that any Jane Shortt, now in Holloway Gaol, was sentenced Good can come of trusting to the somehow, after Liberal Cabinet, and the hope that somehow, after all, the amendment may be carried. We know that the only thing which can secure the vote for women the only thing which can secure the vote for women. Liberal Cabinet, and the hope that somehow, after all, the amendment may be carried. We know that the only thing which can secure the vote for women is a sound appreciation of the untrustworthiness of all political "opportunities" which are not based on the solid promise of Government action. Even now the game is in the hands of the Liberal women; if they in united ranks decided to withdraw from the Liberal Party until the Government carried a Woman Suffrage measure their enfranchisement would only be a matter of time, and a short time at would only be a matter of time, and a short time at Woman Suffrage measure their enfranchisement would only be a matter of time, and a short time at that. But so long as party women shut their eyes to facts their enfranchisement can be indefinitely

Men and women Suffragists were present in large umbers at Mr. Redmond's meeting at the Dalston Theatre last Saturday afternoon, and their interruptions rendered his speech a succession of disjointed remarks. From the full account of the proceedings which we give elsewhere (page 164), from the pend of an eye-witness, the pointedness and adroitness of many of the interjections will be appreciated. The conduct of the 200 stewards who had been especially appointed to eject possible Suffragists was brutality itself. In defiance of the law they assaulted an injured many men and women, and brought down upon themselves the severe rebuke of many impartial spectators, who declared themselves utterly ashamed and disgusted at their conduct. We understand that actions for damages are likely to be instituted in certain cases.

The 'Westminster' Approves Howling Down a Speaker In view of the usual Liberal hypocrisy with regard to the wykckedness of interrupting the meetings of prominent speakers, we draw attention to the following now the wickedness of interrupting the meetings of prominent speakers, we draw attention to the following now the support of the succession of the case of Monday last:

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Sir Edward Carson had a remarkably interesting experience at Torquay on Saturday evening. He went there to address a Unionist demonstration in a hall, and was announced to speak from the balcony of the local Unionist Club. The indoor meeting went off as advertised, and Sir Edward Carson made just the speech he might have been expected to make without interruption. But when he emerged into the open the band played another tune. There he was met by a guard of honour, wearing helmets and carrying wooden rifles, with an eighteen-foot wooden gun drawn by "bluejackets," and banners inscribed "King Carson's Braves" and "Ulster Unionettes." These wicked Liberals marched to the Unionist Club, and prevented the advertised speeches from the balcony. "Let the man be heard," pleaded a Unionist to a well-known local Irishman. "Not me," was the inimitable reply, "we are not going to allow anybody to preach sedition in Torquay streets." It would be difficult to imagine any demonstration more admirably conceived, for there was no disorder, and the spectators greeted the incident with roars of laughter.

In future, when a Liberal Cabinet Minister is prevented from speaking by Suffragists we shall be able to quote the Westminster Gazette and say, "It would difficult to imagine any demonstration more admirably conceived!

Released Suffragist Prisoners

The five Suffragists sent to prison in connection with Mr. Lloyd George's visit to Aberdeen, last week, have been released. It will be remembered that Miss Joyce Locke, Miss Fanny Parker, and Miss Marion Pollock were sentenced on December 3 to five days' imprisonment, for breach of the peace, though they asserted that they themselves were assaulted by the Shore Porters who came to eject them from the hall in which they were found concealed before Mr. George's meeting began. They were released at the expiration of their sentence, in a very emaciated condition, having gone through the hunger strike. Miss Mary Humphreys, who was sentenced at the same time to 40s. fine, or in default ten days, for breaking the glass panel of a motor-car in which she believed Mr. Lloyd George to be driving, was released last Saturday, her fine having been paid anonymously. Miss Emily Davison was released last Monday, her fine having been paid anonymously. The five Suffragists sent to prison in connection

detach moderate Suffragists on the ground that if the amendment be carried complete Adult Suffrage after hunger-striking in prison was subjected to the secure special celerity of delivery the word "Fleet" shameful process of forcible feeding, thus being may be inserted, and in this case the full address reduced to an alarming state of health which com- would be "Votfowom Fleet London." But the pelled the Home Secretary to release her on Friday, abbreviated form is sufficient for all ordinary pur-

There are three Suffragists now in prison. Miss od can come of trusting to the bona-fides of the on October 14 to three months' imprisonment in the

Bill be dropped the Liberal programme will become | She was sentenced on December 5 to 40s. or ten days, | "Votfowom London," which should be used in all impossible—and the Bill cannot be dropped without a breach of a pledge unless the women's amendment impossible—and the Bill cannot be dropped without a breach of a pledge unless the women's amendment instaken him for Mr. Lloyd George. a preach of a piedge unless the women's amendment be first defeated. Then Mr. Asquith's threatened resignation is already being worked privately for all it is worth. Finally, an attempt will be made to poses. The telephone number of the paper is

Mrs. Leigh's Case-The Jury Disagree

As we go to press we learn that the jury have dis-We have pleasure in informing our readers and advertisers that the telegraphic address of Votes for Women newspaper has now been registered as the same time as those for which she has already suffered. As the case is still sub judice, we refrain from further comments.

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asked and no reference made to that part of the speech dealing with some of the tragic effects of women's political subjection.

Why is it, she said (in substance), that the men in this audience regard with so much seriousness a broken pane of glass, and with so much apparent indifference the broken lives of women and children? Is it because the quality of imagination is so undeveloped in the majority of us that we can only appreciate what we actually see with our own eyes?

You have seen broken glass, therefore you can conjure up the picture of it to your mental vision, you can measure up the damage and realise the waste and loss. I as a woman doctor have seen the stricken mother weeping over the wasted body of her dead baby; I have witnessed the shame and despair of girl victims of organised vice. Because I have seen these broken lives, they are as real to me as broken windows which you have seen are real to you. We have to make you see. We have to make you think and understand. It is broken glass that you care about. It has caught your attention; it has brought me here to-night and has set you thinking.

The Vital Connection thinking.

The Vital Connection

In the name of all the Members I cordially appeal to all readers of the Paper to enrol themselves in the Fellowship, and to enter into active co-operation with us. There are countless ways of helping. The first and most elementary is within reach of all. It is to subscribe to the Paper and to read it carefully every week. But that very simple and easy service will not content those who are able to do more. I have just heard of three Members of the Fellowship in a town in Yorkshire who sell by unaided individual effort ten dozen copies of the Paper every week. We urgently need more Paper-sellers, both in London and in every large provincial centre throughout the country. Another Member has secured twelve new Members during the past week, and has sent in their names and addresses, and she writes: "Each has promised to do all in her power to push the Paper, by buying extra copies and posting them to friends."

Another Member has devoted the week to canvassing newsagents, and has secured the exhibition of four new posters. Men and women are daily sending in their names. An interesting selection of letters will be found in the post-box on page 173.

More helpers are needed for regular pitches. Although Mrs. McLeod is only at Red Lion Court on Thursday mornings, it is always possible to obtain copies at the office, and those who cannot call on Thursday mornings can call when it is convenient, but should mention that they are selling as Fellow-

copies at the oline, and those who cannot can on Thursday mornings can call when it is convenient, but should mention that they are selling as Fellow-ship Members. The main object of Mrs. McLeed attending on Thursday mornings is to discuss the regulating of pitches, to accept the money taken during the week, and to give or receive suggestions

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ST. PAUL AND THE POSITION OF WOMEN

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

With Some Remarks on the Promise to Obey in the Marriage Service By the Rev. Percy Dearmer, D.D.

made no difference between the sexes.

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age, and of all succeeding ages down to our own | Manual :-There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." This is one of the woman was began: Christendom has inevitably proceeded on these lines ever since, and its history has been the snapping of these fetters one by one. As I write these words, one of these fetters is breaking in the Near East. Race hatred between Greek, Serb, and Bulgar, which it has been the policy of the Moslem to foster for five centuries, has given place in the Church of his time. It is clear that the to a union which the best observers a year ago thought impossible; and at the same time the Deaconesses in the Acts of the Apostles take a promityranny of the Moslem ruler, carried on systematically for five centuries by torture, wholesale Epistle to the Romans (Rom. xvi. 9); Dorcas at massacre, and outrages upon women, is being swept Joppa was surrounded by a company of widows away. Incidentally when freedom is restored in the (Acts ix. 36); Priscilla has a prominent position, will no longer be seen in Europe with their faces covered up. Another will be that a procession of band (Acts xviii. 2, 18, 26; Rom. xvi. 3, 4; I. Cor. harems will follow that of Abdul Hamid across the xvi. 19; II. Tim. iv. 19), and other women are men-

Other Savings

whether he could have given better advice, con- not look like the suppression of women. sidering the people and the era, than, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your husbands," followed had far-reaching consequences, "Let the women keep time, and we need not wonder that it such remarks he came short of the great eternal principles. The only mistake is ours when—in the spirit of merely superstitious bibliolatry—people treat advice given to a first century convert from paganism, as if it "Let the women keep silence"? We know it because Christian for thirteen hundred years.

them at all), "to be bonour and buxum in bed and at | women to have veils on their heads,

It is agreed by historians that Christianity has | borde." "Bonour" was the Middle English form | What, then, is the meaning of that other injune. theology alone with the Woman of Samaria. He Use had neither word, but gave the woman exactly

East, as in many parts of the West, both parties receive rings. The promise to be honour and buyum.

Both the Authorised and the Revised Versions give great principles which carve out broad ways in the world. It anticipates the most modern ideals of sex equality, universal peace, and international democracy. When the Church accepted it, the abolition of race hatred and the tyranny of one race over another, of slavery, and of the subjection of Reformers, in their zeal to destroy Mediæval abuses, should have preserved and exaggerated this particular abuse of making the marriage vow unequal. And that is all there is to be said for "obey."

Women in the Ministry

Let us return to St. Paul and the position of women ministry of women was highly esteemed. The and out of the six times she is mentioned her name appears four times before that of Aquila her hustioned by St. Paul as his fellow labourers, as Euodias and Syntyche (who had quarrelled) in the fourth St. Paul, however, has some other sayings which | chapter of the Philippians, or Tryphaena and Tryare often objected to. Yet it may well be questioned phosa in the sixteenth of the Romans. All this does

immediately by, "Husbands, love your wives," "Let silence in the churches" (I. Cor. 14, 34). Of course, every one of you so love his wife even as himself"; the obvious common-sense answer to those who would and when he says that the husband is head of the exclude women from preaching on these grounds is wife, as Christ is of the Church, he does at least | that it is sheer superstition to apply to the present idealise the wife as well as the husband, comparing day words which St. Paul referred to the women her in his letter to the Ephesians with the "glorious" of Corinth in the first century. But there is more Church not having spot or wrinkle, or any such to be said than this. It is quite certain that St. thing, but holy and without blemish." Here is the beginning of Christian chivalry. I fancy that to a male of Ephesus in the first century such words each other. We may remark, by the way, that no sounded as revolutionary as the words of a modern one has ever yet taken the words literally, for feminist might to a male of London in the twentieth. although women do not preach or officiate, they join In these practical matters St. Paul spoke for his in the service and are not silent. But St. Paul did time, and we need not wonder that in such remarks | not mean even to prevent them leading the prayers

must apply in every point to a nation that has been | in the same Epistle we learn that women prayed and prophesied, and St. Paul insisted that these should An example of such treatment is in the use of the | not then give up the head-veil which Greek women words "and to obey" in the Marriage Service, about which controversy will exist until it is which he wished to stop, of women taking off their emoved. The words are often regarded as if they | veils when they led in the service; and so he writes, had always been part of the service, and possessed some peculiarly sacred antiquity. Nothing of the covered, dishonoureth his head. But every woman kind. They are but 373 years old, having been first | praying or prophesying with her head unveiled disinserted in the First Prayer Book of Edward VI., | honoureth her head" (I. Cor. xi., 4-5). The men when they were substituted for the old phrase of the and the women take exactly the same part in the Sarum Manual (the York use had no equivalent for service, only the men are to be bareheaded, and the

It is agreed by historians that Christianity has worked throughout the Christian centuries for the emancipation of woman, and that her position is inferior at the present day in non-Christian countries, where she is imprisoned, or veiled, or excluded in other ways from the common life of men. It is also clear that Christ cut across the customs of contemporary Judaism in His free treatment of women—creating, for instance, something like constention, and that the position is boundary alone with the Woman of Samaria. Half is also clear that Christian centuries for the emancipation of "Bonour" was the Middle English form of "debonair"—gentle or pleasant in manner; bux million or pleasant in manner; bux million or pleasant in manner; bux million or plea women—creating, for instance, something like consternation among His disciples by discussing theology alone with the Woman of Samaria. He made no difference between the sexes.

Now, in this He was of course in advance of His age, and of all succeeding ages down to our own

Manual:—

was in itself an innovation of the later Middle Ages; the Hereford Use had "buxum" only, and the York Use had neither word, but gave the woman exactly the same promise as the man. Here is the form which both man and woman used in the York which both man and woman used in the York which begins, "Though I speak with the tongues, and compared tnem unfavourably with "prophesy," in these three chapters (I. Cor. xii.—xiv); he shows his hearers a more excellent way in the famous description of Charity (Chapter xiii.), which begins, "Though I speak with the tongues," and compared tnem unfavourably with "prophesy," in these three chapters (I. Cor. xii.—xiv); he shows his hearers a more excellent way in the famous description of Charity (Chapter xiii.), which begins, "Though I speak with the tongues, and compared tnem unfavourably with "prophesy," in these three chapters (I. Cor. xii.—xiv); he shows his hearers a more excellent way in the famous description of Charity (Chapter xiii.), which begins, "Though I speak with the tongues, and compared tnem unfavourably with "prophesy," in these three chapters (I. Cor. xii.—xiv); he shows his hearers a more excellent way in the famous description of Charity (Chapter xiii.), which begins, "Though I speak with the tongues, and compared tnem unfavourably with "prophesy," in these three chapters (I. Cor. xii.—xiv); he shows his hearers a more excellent way in the famous description of Charity (Chapter xiii.), which begins, "Though I speak with the tongues, and compared tnem unfavourably with "prophesy," in these three chapters (I. Cor. xii.—xiv); he shows his hearers a more excellent way in the famous description of Charity (Chapter xiii.), which begins, "Though I speak with the tongues, and compared the themselves remarkable illustrations of the difficulty with which the first Christians assimilated the great Christian principle about men and women. No one

"Here I take thee N. to my wedded wife husband to have att bed and att borde for fairer for laither (i.e., 'loather,' less fair), for better for ware (ware) in either a revelation, hath a tongue."

The references of St. Paul to this subject are the excitement of "tongues" everybody spoke at once—"each one hath a psalm, hath a teaching, hath a revelation, hath a tongue."

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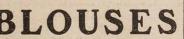
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'talk." It has thus nothing to do with leading the prayers and preaching, with "praying," that is, and "prophesying," both of which the women did with St. Paul's approval.

I have gone rather into detail over these points. harm in the past it is well to clear it away



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THE OLD HEROINE AND THE NEW

"The Heroine in Bronze"* is a story of one man and one woman; a love story. To be sure, there is a book, for the man is a writer, but the book comes near to playing the part of serpent and wrecking the happiness of the lovers. The story is beautifully written, full of quaint and tender fancies, and with a delicate humour that never flags; but it is so slight as to seem a peg on which to hang poetic ideas rather than a tale written for its own sake. It takes place in Fancy Land: the heroine seems hardly to belong to the world of real women any more than does the statuette which takes her place in her absence; her coyness, her displeasure, her jealousy, are all more vaporous than vital. Charming the book is; complete in its fulfilled intention; not suggestive; and far away from the everyday world of work and struggle, of poverty and endeavour, of ugliness and failure, and—shall we say?—of great aims.

"The Wooing of Mifanwy" is a story on old-fashioned lines; a pretty story, made prettier by its Welsh background; and one that may be read by any girl old enough to follow the fortunes of its heroine. All the women are "womanly," according to the accepted standard of the Anti-Suffragist; even the jealous rival who, not content with burning a will, tries to destroy Mifanwy and her lover by sending them out in a boat that leaks, is bad with the badness of the accepted bad woman. One feels that she would have shrunk from militant methods in any cause save that of jealousy. Miss Kenyon is of the school of the late Allen Raine, and will win no doubt much of the popularity of her predecessor.

"Le P'tit Chou"; might be freely translated as "The Little Devil;" for she certainly made life a hell for most of those who were not connected with her by ties of affection and family. To the latters she was a beloved imp, not the least of whose attractions was her impishness; and as such she remains for readers of the book. Her charm is as undeniable as her naughtiness, though it was not quite naughtine

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In its queer Irish way the book is full of the Franciscan spirit, and one of its chief recommendations is that it makes us better acquainted with "sister Heaven" and "brother Earth." L. H.

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WILL MR. ASQUITH RETIRE?

The persistent rumours of Mr. Asquith's impendng retirement received a fresh impetus last week from a casual remark let slip by him in the course of the debate on the Home Rule Bill. Referring to the fact at an early date. status of the British Minister who would be responsible in the Imperial Parliament for Irish affairs if much a Suffragist or an Anti-Suffragist as a the Bill is carried, Mr. Asquith used these words:

newspapers, it seems to us of very great significance. that he does not expect to be Prime Minister after | tactics will probably be to make Votes for Women from the Leadership. Assuming the latter interpretation, it is not difficult to discover adequate

agility has succeeded in walking for years along the victory. Everything depends on the resolute detertop of the fence, Mr. Asquith has come down over | mination of women themselves. For every woman and over again in direct hostility to the claims of women. By openly flaunting them he has made himself a target for their displeasure, and has had to journey through the country protected enfranchisement of her sex, the task of those who by countless detectives; his entrances and are fighting the battle is made harder and the day exits have been made by back doors and sub- of victory is postponed.

lucky when he has escaped the attentions of Suffragettes during any of his public appearances. Further, owing to his uncompromising opinions on this question, he has found himself getting more and more out of touch with the great bulk of his party inside and outside the House of Commons. A man who persists in clinging to the Liberal shibboleths of twenty years ago cannot be surprised if the stream of progressive thought leaves him behind high and dry. But instead of opening his mind to new ideas, Mr. Asquith has persistently shut his in, and has attempted to meet the situation by a succession of promises increasingly binding, which, like the gambler's stakes, have implicated him more and more in an impossible situation.

We have never been among those who believed that Mr. Asquith would remain Prime Minister if the House of Commons inserted a Woman Suffrage amendment in the Franchise Bill, but we have realised that he hoped to avoid this catastrophe by wriggling out of his entanglements some way or other. It is now being brought home to him that even though he succeed in this manœuvre he will only do so by some fresh promise that will be still more inconvenient to himself. For so long as the pace of the agitation is kept up no final escape is possible except through the acceptance by the Government of Woman Suffrage as part of their official programme, and Mr. Asquith seems to have determined that no administration of which he is the head shall take this course

Mr. Asquith's present intention is probably to remain Premier until the dissolution, but we doubt whether this resolve can be maintained unless the dissolution takes place considerably earlier than many people suppose. For the abandonment of the Franchise Bill equally with its passage, with or without the inclusion of a Woman Suffrage amendment, will create a situation in the Liberal Party which Mr. Asquith will find it almost impossible to face.

If Mr. Asquith goes, it is commonly assumed that either Sir Edward Grey or Mr. Lloyd George will be his successor. Sir Edward Grey is probably quite a genuine Suffragist, but hitherto he has always allowed other considerations to weigh more heavily with him. Faced with the alternative of continuing the ruinous policy of his predecessor or of frankly forming a Cabinet committed to Woman Suffrage, Sir Edward Grey would probably choose the latter, and Votes for Women would become an accomplished

Mr. Lloyd George, on the other hand, is not so politician, and, being a politician, he has I cannot undertake to answer for my successors. I | (while posing as a supporter of enfranchisedaresay I shall never have anything to do with it." | ment) striven to prevent the inclusion of women In spite of the fact that this remark was sup- into the body politic so long as he could do pressed or ignored by most of the principal daily so with safety to himself. The machine is always against the admission of any new class to the franchise, and it has been very necessary for Mr. Lloyd It is difficult to interpret it otherwise than as an George to keep on good terms with the machine. If inadvertent admission on the part of Mr. Asquith he becomes Prime Minister Mr. Lloyd George's the next General Election. This might come about | a definite part of the Government programme, but to either by the defeat of the Liberal Party at the polls | postpone carrying it into operation, and women will or in consequence of the retirement of Mr. Asquith | be driven to play the same game against him that

To sum up the situation, Mr. Asquith probably contemplates retirement at the next General Elecreasons for his taking this course, the principal of tion; but he may be forced to retire earlier if the which relate to the inextricable tangle in which he agitation for Woman Suffrage proceeds an analysis and a suffrage proceeds and a suffrage proceed and a suffrage proce has become involved over the Woman Suffrage increased pace. His retirement will be a step towards the achievement of Votes for Women, but Unlike Mr. Lloyd George, who with cat-like it will not necessarily be the signal for immediate

HOW ANNA CARROLL SAVED THE AMERICAN UNION

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

By S. D. Shallard

Let those who would deny women their citizenship because "they cannot fight" ponder this, one of the strangest stories in modern history, the story of Anna Ella Carroll, of Maryland, whose political genius prevented the intervention of Europe in the genius prevented the intervention of Europe in the control of Europe in rescued her country from ruin at the darkest hour

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personal military service, is a myth long exploded | 1 by thousands of cases proving the contrary. But modern warfare is above all a matter of strategy. By strategy a small force may outwit a greater, dividing it and defeating it in detail. This was the essence of Napoleon's strategy. Now, it is in strategy that women excel, and it will never be strategy that women excel, and it will never be known to what extent male patriots—like male politicians and business men—owe their most successful ideas to the penetration and quick wit of women, making use of these for their own advancement, enrichment, and glory. There are, however, certain authenticated cases, and one of these is the story of authenticated cases, and one of these is the story of the penetration of independence would be a mockery. What had happened? Simply this: that the problem which had baffled the united brains and experience of the national leaders and commanders had a commanders had a commanders had been supported by a simple and audacious plan, based upon an advance by the Southern leaders knew that any declaration of independence would be a mockery. how Anna Ella Carroll saved the American Union, how she was sworn to secrecy, how American men received all the credit, honours, and pensions for her work, and how the conspiracy to prevent any lay, in sickness and poverty, upon her deathbed.

Miss Carroll, who was a leading Maryland landowner, and daughter of the late Governor Carroll, after having freed all her slaves, set herself to keep Maryland and the adjacent Border States from throwing in their lot with the South, by which piece of diplomacy she kept the South divided against itself to the last. The European Chancellories, anxious to regard the war as one between two nations-their only excuse for intervention-were hampered by this division. Moreover, the Federal Government was able to justify to the world on historical and constitutional grounds its right to declare war on its own States. This document had been drawn up by Miss Carroll, a brilliant historical student, as a justification of her own position in Maryland. It was adopted by Lincoln and published by the Government as its own declaration, Miss Carroll being then the Committee for the Conduct of the War. These asked by the Government to define its position towards the rebel States and its powers as to future action. This she did, and Lincoln afterwards win over the President to their view. Col. Scott tion was successful, but at last, in 1881, the States action. This she did, and Lincoln afterwards admitted that their steps from that time onward were alregly based upon her views. So far Lincoln was able to call check to England and France. But the South was consolidating, the Federal army had made to consolidating, the Federal army had made to consolidating, the Federal army had made to consolidating the Federal army h one blunder after the other, and in the autumn of and lose the country. one blunder after the other, and in the autumn of 1861 there came a moment when the War appeared to be virtually over and the dissolution of the Union assured. One more serious reverse to the Federal army, and the wavering Border States, perhaps "coached" the Government through the campaign, army, and the wavering Border States, perhaps Maryland itself, would have gone over to the Con federates, and with the Declaration of the Indepen dence of the South a new nation would have come into existence with whom France and England could have entered into alliance.

A National Crisis

The Federal forces were costing the nation two million dollars or more per day, the national exchequer was empty, its paper selling at an increasing discount, and no possibility of raising a loan in sight. The military commanders were ignorant both of the geography and topography of been too arrogant and opinionated to seek sound advice, and neither were able to formulate any intelligent plan to release themselves from their impossible situation. With the declaration of Southern Independence, the fleets of France and England, which were lying near by, would intervene to raise the blockade maintained by the North along the Southern coastline; whilst 30,000 British troops were only waiting the word to cross the Canadian frontier and invade the States from the North.

The Government, then, was at its last extremity, the country in the helpless apathy of despair, and not one of the suggested military plans offered the least solution of the difficulties which were paralysing the national forces

American Civil War, and whose military genius | Aided by the gun-boat fleet, the army was to descend

enter upon an attempt to carry the Mississippi.

Aided by the gun-boat fleet, the army was to descend this river in the vain hope of carrying its series of formidable fortifications and opening up the way to an attack upon the Confederate base.

This ill-timed expedition was being arranged under the supervision of Lincoln himself, when suddenly the whole plan of campaign was changed, the army ordered to a new base and a strange course, which no one for the moment could grasp, entered upon. The Mississippi expedition was seen to be abandoned; then it was realised that the army was to penetrate the enemy's territory, cut its forces in two, and outflank its main body by a simple and audacious plan, based upon an advance by the

been solved by a civilian-and that civilian a woman Nor had she been content with her own certainty as to the soundness of her scheme. At her own expense, and under her own supervision, every detail of the scheme had been probed, and she was able to give a plan of the river, its fortifications, fords, currents, depths at various places and seasons, and all other details. Writing years afterwards, Chief Justice Evans, then engaged under the President, declared: "There was but one line which the National arms could have taken and maintained to avert disaster, and that was unknown and unthought of but for Miss Carroll."

The President Won Over

Yet it was "touch-and-go" whether the President would adopt this scheme of an "outsider." He broached it to his military advisers, not daring to name the author as being a woman. They rejected it with scorn as a wild, impossible idea for which they would take no responsibility. Miss Carroll efficient services for the country in the time of her futility, and the complete ruin which must follow on the first disaster. Col. Scott, the Assistant War Secretary, was converted, and he won over his chief, Secretary Stanton, and B. F. Wade, Chairman of win over the President to their view. Col. Scott writes: "I said to Lincoln: 'You know we are now in the last extremity, and you have to choose between

Southern "Independence" receded from possibility. Slavery was doomed. The French and English fleets rode idly in the Atlantic. The Union was saved, and Europe sullenly reconciled itself to the inevitable

The Whole Campaign Dre to Miss Carroll

With regard to this extraordinary campaign there exists no trace of any plan, letter, or order except the letters and plans of Miss Carroll to the Govern-ment and to Col. Scott. Yet to the eternal discredit of American men it has to be said that throughout the debates in the Senate and House of Representa-tives, which resulted from the great anxiety of the country to discover and reward the author of the Tennessee campaign, not one word was breathed by the few who were in the secret, and when later, in very shame, some grudging admissions were made the greatest determination was shown by Congress to prevent any public acknowledgment in the matter.

"Great pains have been taken in the business of

they would take no responsibility. Miss Carroll efficient services for the country in the time of her urged the danger of the Mississippi campaign, its brought about by a woman is inconceivable to vulgar minds. . . The truth is, your services vulgar minds. . . . The truth is, your services were so great that they cannot be comprehended by

Worn and impoverished by her labours and ex-

THE GIFT OF THE SWORD

In the new book called "Gitanjali," by my friend the Bengali poet, Rabindra Nath Tagore, I find the following poem, which seems almost as if it were written for our cause. You know, the poet writes his verse in the rhythm of his own language first, and then translates it himself into very simple and beautiful English prose. As in most Hindu poetry, a profound meaning is expressed in a kind of parable from the scenes of ordinary, earthly life. A lover, for instance, whether man or woman, usually serves to typify the soul engaged in a passionate search for the beloved—that something higher than itself which war transform, its new reserve as lave. the vast country in which they were operating; military and naval commanders alike appear to have been too arrogant and opinionated to seek sound itself which may transfigure its very essence, as love itself which may transfigure its very essence, as love may sometimes transfigure a man or woman. Or it may be that the soul is represented as simply waiting and waiting for the appearance of this transforming power—wakeful, fearful, lest it should pass by the door like a dream, or come in sleep and be not recognised. Here, in the following parable, the transforming power has visited the soul, has been made one with it and has transfigured its being, and when the soul returns from esstays to the common when the soul returns from ecstasy to the common ways of life, what gift is this that it finds against its heart? No gift of flowers or spices or perfumed water; but a sword—a transfiguring sword, bringing

The Poem

I thought I should ask of thee-but I dared not- ment. No more doll's decorations for me!

thy dreadful sword.

I sit and muse in wonder, what gift is this of thine. I can find no place where to hide it. I am ashamed to wear it, frail as I am, and it hurts me when I press it to my bosom. Yet shall I bear in my heart this honour of the burden of pain, this gift of

From now there shall be no fear left for me in this world, and thou shalt be victorious in all my strife. Thou hast left death for my companion and I shall crown him with my life. Thy sword is with me to cut asunder my bonds, and there shall be no fear left for me in the world.

From now I leave off all petty decorations. Lord of my heart, no more shall there be for me waiting

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SIR IDVARD CREYS STATEMEN

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LABOUR MEMBERS HECKLED

Mr. Barnes, M.P., at Halifax

OUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE

In the House of Commons on Tuesday,
December 10, Lord Robert Cecil asked on
what day it is proposed to take the Franchise Bill?

Miss Winifred Holiday, writing to the
Manchester Guardian on the Opera House
Conference, at which she was present,
says in the course of her letter:
Sir John Simon's direct, straightforward

what day it is proposed to take the Planchise Bill?

The Prime Minister: The Bill will not be taken till after Christmas.

Lord R. Cecil: Will it be taken on the first day after the Christmas Recess?

The Prime Minister: No.

Mr. Harry Lawson: Will it be taken before the completion of the Committee stage of the Established Church (Wales) Bill?

The Prime Minister: I cannot say that at this moment.

Mr. King: In view of the great success of the policy of time tables, will a time table also be available for this Bill?

The Prime Minister: We will consider that.

LABOUR MEMBERS HECKLED

We find it as difficult to understand the qualms of one half of the Cabinet as we do to appreciate the Prime Minister's sense of responsibility. Votes for women is a legitimate demand; whether it is a reasonable one in the interests of the nation as a whole is for Parliament, guided by the Government, which claims to represent the declared will of the people, to say. Yet Mr. Asquith still persists in leaving to the House of Commons as an open question a subject admittedly affected by cross-currents of sentiment and influence when the consequence of its verdict for good or ill it is impossible to measure.—The Globe.

"AT FULL LIBERTY"

We take two passages from a leader in the Bradford Daily Telegraph:—

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"On When the Franchise Bill comes on again in January members will be at full liberty to east their votes as they choose on women's franchise amendments.

"OW think it will be difficult to ensure suffragist concentration on the Norwegian system. Adult Suffrage for women at the present time is even more impracticable. Votes for women householders has become too narrow even for many of those who first advocated it.

Comment is invidious!

When the Franchise Bill comes up for consideration there ought to be some interesting debatings. Whatever happens, the Ministry stand to win, for these very addict personages have given the rank and file a free hand to vote according to their

Suffragists in his own constituency were working against him, continued Mr. Barnes. "You would if they had MRS. LAWRENCE

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All the Women suffragists arrested and sent to prison in connection with Mr. Lloyd George's recent visit to Aberdeen have now been released. On Saturday, December 7, Miss Joyce Locke, Miss Fanny Parker, and Miss Marion Pollock, who were on Tuesday, December 3, sentenced to a fine of 20s. (in default, five days' imprisonment), were released from Craiginches Prison. While in prison they adopted the hunger-strike, and were all much exhausted. To a representative of the Aberdeen Evening Gazette Miss Locke gave some particulars of their imprisonment. The Gazette gives the following report of the interview:—

Miss Locke . . . frankly admitted that she was a physical wreck. Her eyes were sunken, her face pale, her tongue blistered and parched, and she spoke with much difficulty and pain.

"I have tasted no food," she said, "since I went to prison. All I have had was a few drops of water, so you can quite understand I am rather nervous, and not in a fit condition to tell you everything. I must say that when we entered prison we were treated fairly well for a day or two.

"We were allowed to read the newspapers, to write, and to see our friends. When the Prison Commissioner visited the galol, however, our treatment was entirely altered. When Miss Brown was taken to Craiginches she was refused outdoor exercise. When we became acquainted with this we were, as you can an autually understand, extremely angry. When taken out for exercise we entered our protest by declining to return to our cells. The male warders, however, sou or an anturally understand, extremely angry. When taken out for exercise we entered our protest by declining to return to our cells. The male warders, however, sou can anturally understand, extremely angry, when taken out for exercise we entered our protest by declining to return to our cells. The male warders, however, so on overpowered us, and dragged us bodily into our cells. We were not to be beaten, however, and although we were desperately hungry, we continued to give them trouble by smashing the

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PROTECTED CABINET MINISTERS

in the House of Commons on Monday, December 3, to a last fine (in default, ten days' imprisonable for ment for breaking the glass panel of a otor-car in which she believed Mr. Lloyd George was driving, was released on atturday last, her fine having been paid some person unknown. Miss Humpereys carried out a hunger-strike. Miss Humphreys will, it is stated, take the advice of counsel as to the legality of the conviction in view of the fact that wheral of the witnesses cited did not opear.

Miss Emily Wilding Davison

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Miss Davison surrendered to her bail abberdeen Joint Station, assaulted that he had been offered an nology on her behalf, but declined to cept it. He thought an apology was better the mount of the public interest may detective and other agents in thus observing members of the Cabinet; and whether mopportunity would be afforded the House of Commons on Monday, December 9, Mr. Newman asked the Prime Minister his attention had been called to the force of detectives, plain-clothes officers, and others, who were required to observe the mansions and accompany them on private or official visits to other parts of the content of the part of the force of police now employed to the forc



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Perhaps some enterprising firm will provide cards to be hong round the necks of although we were departedly hungry, we continued to give them trouble by smashing the windows of the cells. On account of her behaviour, which was quite justificable, Miss Humphreys was treated were the part of the superinted cards to be hungr round. THIS IS NOT A POLITICIAN.

SUFFRAGETHS ARE REQUESTED

NOT TO TOUCH.

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In Norway

In Holland

The Municipal Argument
The Daily Citizen states that an teresting canvass has been made of forty-three women councillors elected In Norway

Mr. Lloyd George's recently expressed approval of the so-called "Norwegian" amendment to the Franchise Bill, which ho defined as giving the vote to "women householders and the wives of married electors," has drawn forth a letter to the times from Mr. H. Breakstad, in which he says: "Allow me to say that the Norwegians went a good deal further. According to the Act of 1907, every Norwegian woman over twenty-five years who earns a yearly income of at least £16 10s. in the country and £22 in the towns, and who has paid taxes upon such income, is entitled to vote. In other words, all women over twenty-five years—no matter what class—unmarried, married, or widows, who themselves or whose husbands have paid the above taxes, can vote, and even be elected a member of the Norwegian Parliament. I may add that this limited franchise for women will, in all probability, be extended to universal suffrage in the next or following Session of the National Assembly."

An interesting communication appeared in the Westminster Gazette last Tuesday, in which a Norwegian correspondent states that the vomen have taken a strong part in the recent elections in Norway, which have resulted in the return to power of the Liberal Party, which is pledged to maternity insurance and the better pretection of unmarried mothers and their children. The article goes on to say that "the good effect of the women's vote last been so generally acknowledged that all parties have now adult suffrage to women will certainly be given by Parliament in the immediate future, as men already have it. The present suffrage, which excludes two-fiths of the women of the prover class, was only intended as a cautious, precliminary step."

The writer also says that "the women are in a majority in Norway as elsewhere, but our men are not afraid of the women. There is not the fight between the sexes as in other countries; they work together for their common interest in the family and the State."

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of the children, motherhood insurance, the right of women to enter the legal profession, and so forth."

In France

M. Jaurès suggests in an article in the Humanité, that it would be an excellent thing if a debate on the political rights of women could be opened in the French Chamber of Deputies at the same time as the British House of Commons occupies itself with the problem.—We do not know if this is meant for a joke; but in the interests of French Suffragists we strongly recommend the Chamber of Deputies not to wait for that!

A CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Sir Edward Grey, in his letter to Miss Haidane, explains how the Government will leave Woman's Suffrage to the House of Commons. If the House wishes it to be included in the Reform Bill, or if the House does not wish it to be included. How will resign in either case, nor will the Government break up. It seems, then, that the only breakable thing the Suffragists cannot break is the Government. That the Government should leave such a question entirely to the sweet reasonableness or unreasonableness of the House does not denote any spirit of heroism in them. As a principle we do not like it at all.—Evening Standard:

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Next Sunday evening, December 15, at 8.15, the second performance this season of the Pioneer Players, under the direction of Miss Edith Craig, will take place at the Little Theatre. This will consist of a triple bill of three new one-act plays, all by English authors, and we understand that one of these, "Honour Thy Father," by H. M. Harwood, is of special interest. The others are "The Thumbscrew," by Edith Lyttelton, and "Beastie," by Hugh de Selincourt.

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a specially detailed notice. As we have not speak on other matters dealing with Welsh life.

A NON-POLITICAL WINDOW BREAKER
For breaking a dining-room window, the area windows, and the glass panels of the front door in his late master's house, a butter was sentenced by Mr. Francis at Westminster Police Court last Monday to six weeks' imprisonment. For breaking one dining-room window in a Cabinet Minister's house last March a distinguished woman surgeon, who was actuated by serious political motives and had no petty personal feeling in the matter, received a sentence of two months' imprisonment in the third division with hard labour. And she was only one among a hundred or two of women who received similar or more severe sentences for similar political offences.

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THE SMITHIES-TAYLOR CASE

We have no sympathy with persons who go to a public meeting merely for the purpose of causing disturbance, but we are glad that the law with regard to the ejectment of interrupters is being made clear at last. When suffragists started their practice of catechising Cabinet the finishers at public gatherings they were ejected without ceremony, and very often to the accompaniment of treatment wholly undeserved and unfitted to the case. A decision by Mr. Justice Avory administered a check to unnecessarily rought treatment; and this has now been emphasised by the finding of Judge Smyly at Bov County Court. Organisers of meetings, therefore—particularly Radical organisers, who lately have been inclined to forget that a man who differs from them has certain rights which cannot be ruthlessly disregarded—would do well to study the case carefully, for the incaatious action of an over-zealous, hot-headed steward might easily render them liable to heavy penalties.—Leicester Mail.

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