

captors of Troy, thirty stalwart Amazons stepped out and made an assault upon the doors of the House. Needless to say, the police did their duty promptly: extra contingents had been brought up in expectation of a disturbance; and, after a fray whose undignified character was not atoned for by the slightest measure of success, the public-spirited women, more than fifty in number, were led to the nearest police-station, and almost all committed. Doubtless, sensible men and women will assure them once and for all that if they put their heads into the lion's mouth they must not be surprised to find themselves in trouble. Martyrdom so studiously invited commends itself with ill grace.

In the dust and tumult of the conflict the fundamental question at issue is becoming more and more ignored: discussions as to the degree of the martyrdom, or the applicability of man-made laws to women in any contingency, or relative value of men's and women's intellects all leave on one side the essential points of the value of actual votes and the proportion of women who desire to vote. As soon as the discussion becomes limited to these issues there will be more profit in continuing it. It is interesting at this stage to recall the views of the late Mr. Herbert Spencer published in the *Times* of January 18. Political liberties or powers, he writes, are means to an end, which end is the freedom of the individual; and to this proposition he adds the question of how this "liberty to pursue the objects of life with least possible restriction may be best extended," and asks whether giving the suffrage to women, which is in itself but a nominal extension of liberty, will lead to a real extension of liberty. "I am decidedly of opinion," he answers, "that it will not." It would diminish liberty in two ways: firstly, it would increase the political and ecclesiastical authority to which women, as a mass, are obedient; secondly, it would foster all kinds of State administrations, the great mass of which are necessarily antagonistic to personal freedom. Political foresight, uncommon in men and extremely rare in women, would be more than ever at the mercy of proximate evils and benefits. Further, as a result of physiological necessities, men and women are qualitatively and quantitatively unlike, and the distinction is such that no amount of culture can obliterate it. "When the State shall have been restricted to what I hold to be its true function—when it has become practically impossible for it to exceed that function—then it will be alike proximately and remotely equitable that women should have political power." As Mr. Spencer pointed out, these reasonings are to be regarded in view of the fact that with him the function of the State was the question of questions; and that to him electoral changes and other changes in forms of government were only of interest as they promised to make men freer, partly by the removal of direct injustices and partly by the removal of those indirect injustices which all undue legislative action involves. Nevertheless, this is the only standpoint which is at once logical and just. The arguments by which the suffrage movement is supported fall short of any foreseeing, philosophical standard. It is not merely that they are narrow and inexpedient, but that they would not be justified except by broad considerations raised well above the standard of ordinary controversial politics. We should add that before any arguments can be taken seriously at all they must be presented with some small measure of decency and decorum.

GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In the House of Commons on Thursday the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Edward Grey, replying to a question, said that the correspondence between the British and German Governments in connection with the Anglo-Russian Convention would not be published. In answer to an enquiry by Mr. Bellairs (*Lib.* King's Lynn) as to whether the British naval programme had been communicated to any foreign Power in accordance with the declaration of the Hague Conference, Sir Edward Grey quoted the statement made by the Delegate of Great Britain to the Conference on the 17th August last, and affirmed the readiness of the Government to make known to any Power that would reciprocate such information what ships were to be built and what they would cost. The statement of the British representative at the Hague Conference was based on the assumption that, in fact if not in theory, the shipbuilding programmes of the Great Powers were to a certain extent dependent on each other. The Minister added that so long as other Powers were unprepared to act in this manner, there would be no reason to communicate to any one of them information of the kind referred to. The offer of the British Government would hold good at any time.

GERMAN BIGAMIST SENTENCED.

The German dentist, Arthur Hyné, has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment at the Bristol Assizes for bigamy and fraud.

THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY AND THE PRESS.

The following passages occur in an interesting article in the *Spectator* on the Administration of the Navy. After declaring that the effect of the Admiralty's relations with newspapers is to create around it an unwholesome atmosphere in which independent thinking and candid criticism cannot thrive, if they are not banished from it altogether, the writer proceeds:

"To the uninstructed public it may seem that Sir John Fisher's determination to use the "power of the Press" to create a great body of public support for the schemes of the Admiralty is very natural and public-spirited. They have, perhaps, a beatific vision of a united people all interested in naval affairs by a Press which knows what it is talking about (because it draws its information from the pure source of knowledge undefiled), and all resolute to insist upon the sound national policy which that Press out of the fulness of its knowledge recommends. But in practice, unhappily, things work out very differently. The writer on naval affairs is anxious to be as well informed as his rivals, and he knows nowadays that he has only to ask in the proper quarters and the latest news and explanations of the latest naval developments will be poured into both his ears and stuffed into both his hands. From the point of view of his duty as a receptacle of information this is a very agreeable and useful relation for him to establish. But it is to be observed that he cannot make this relation of the most intimate and valuable kind unless he is prepared to identify to a very considerable extent his own opinions with those of the Admiralty, and act as sympathetic agent or purveyor. The normal result is that writers who are kept well supplied with information from the Admiralty are its enthusiastic supporters."

"That", adds the writer, "is what we mean by saying that the advertisements of the Admiralty are paid for—they are paid for with the interesting material which the Admiralty is always ready to bestow".

UNIONIST DEFEAT IN YORKSHIRE.

According to a London telegram the bye-election at South Leeds has resulted in the return of the Liberal candidate, Mr. Middlebrook, by 5,274 votes, as against 4,915 polled for Mr. Neville (Unionist) and 2,451 for the Labour candidate, Mr. Fox. The result shows a distinct decrease in the Liberal majority obtained at the general election in 1906.

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MORE SUFFRAGETTES ARRESTED.

On Thursday afternoon a body of women marched to the House of Commons to demonstrate in favour of female suffrage, but a strong force of police dispersed them and nine arrests were made.

WAGNER OPERAS AT COVENT GARDEN.

Dr. Hans Richter, of Covent Garden, says a London correspondent, is jubilant. Like the late Sir Michael Costa, he has always believed in English singers, and the success of the English artists in the Wagnerian operas recently given under his baton at Covent Garden has been very satisfactory to him. The greatest impression was made, perhaps, by Mr. Walter Hyde, the tenor in *The Valkyrie*. Another set of performances in English of *The Ring* will be given next spring at the same theatre, and with Dr. Richter once again as conductor.

The International Pharmacy
Reichs-Apotheke
Grande Pharmacie Internationale
THE LEADING PHARMACY FOR FOREIGNERS
Dresden, Bismarckplatz 10, Next to the Hauptbahnhof

RAISULI AS VARIETY ARTIST.

It is reported from London that the management of the Royal Hippodrome has announced the engagement of the Moroccan bandit Raisuli to appear at that variety theatre at a salary of several hundred pounds. Kaid Maclean's captor is expected to arrive in London during the next fortnight.

SERIOUS RIOTS IN BOMBAY.

Reuter reports from Bombay that grave unrest prevailed there on Thursday evening owing to a dispute between the Mohamedan sects of the Sunnites and Schuetaes. During the afternoon several members of the Sunnite party were arrested by the police, whereupon a mob assembled, demanding their release. This request was refused, and the crowd stoned the police, two officials being seriously hurt. At this juncture the Police Commissioner and several other European officers fired on the mob, killing four and wounding many others. Troops were subsequently brought up and the disturbance was effectually quelled.

Later advices state that five natives were killed and 40 wounded, 20 seriously, and it is supposed

that other dead and wounded were conveyed into neighbouring houses. Quiet has been restored in the native quarter. During Thursday night troops bivouaked in the streets.

THE KING OF PORTUGAL.

It is reported from Lisbon that the wound on the King's arm has completely healed. All the newspapers express their approval of the amnesty granted to those undergoing sentences for participation in the naval mutiny.

DEATH OF VETERAN MUNICH EDITOR.

Herr Vecchioni, who from 1862 to 1881 was chief editor of the *Münchner Neueste Nachrichten*, died in Munich yesterday.

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FROM A SENTIMENTAL DIARY.

III. ILLUSIONS.

How can one help wondering from time to time at the bounty of Nature in dowering us with illusions? For my own part, I am heartily thankful, and look back on an egregious piece of folly with the eyes of a father fixed on a mettlesome child. I should be sorry to be branded an important ass for my pains: a fool, after all, reckons nothing of his folly; I stretch out my hands for cap and bells wide-eyed and exultant. Again, my errors may be unconsciously committed; but if they touch none but myself why should I regret them? A wise man, with a palate for subtle pleasures, makes joyous capital of monastic hair-shirts and remorseful gall and wormwood; he borders black sorrows with a silver hem, he weaves a thread of gold into the drabness of experience, he finds glittering jewels in the armour of his enemies. Nor is it in the mood of Puck that I titter at humanity, but rather in the mood of Ariel with his cry, as much of wonder as of contempt,

"Lord! what fools these mortals be!"

I, however, am no Ariel, no substance of air and shadow; and if I am constrained sometimes to laugh at follies as well as to pamper them I can do so with a gentle pang.

I am well content that this should be so: I like to think that I know human nature and its limitations too well to put a tax on its perfectibility. It pleases me, it rouses me to adapt my desires to its disappointments, to ask for ever so little and to get ever so little more. There is a kind of false surprise in my gain, a ludicrously, delectably petty triumph. Yet how often do I not take myself to task for my childishness! Is it not an indignity, I ask myself, to creep deliberately on the ground when one's fellows, looking ever upward, perish in scaling heights? Is not such contentment a coward's solace when one should see the nod of some grim-faced ambition? Is it not sweeter to vanish in the white heat of some living ideal, like the eager, palpitating moth at my candle, than to gaze on the cold stars above and smile back their impassive greeting? Alas! there is a twitch somewhere at my tenderest sensibilities which tells me that I am wise in being foolish, or, at any rate, in sundering illusions from the truth; that I am happy in not being among those who decry a world because it is not what they imagined or desired. Illusions are sweetest when one knows them to be untrue; and what is more, when they disappear without hurting or enraging us.

Life is a matter of perspective. I shall not be persuaded that to see clearly is to see detail and fresh detail. Detail too often reveals unexpected ugliness. I do not desire to shut my eyes to realities, but I strive to keep apart from those, who, looking in the ugly places of this world, see nothing but sin and horror and pain and bitterness. Too much earnestness, like too much mockery, is apt to corrode our commonsense, and to lead us into I know not what mazes of superfluous misery.

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WORLD'S LARGEST CAFE.

Plans have been drawn and practically all the leases signed for the establishing in New York of what is to be the largest restaurant in the world, seating 8,000 persons. It will occupy the entire block on the west side of Broadway, from Forty-third to Forty-fourth-street, and it will have a roof garden that is to be an exact reproduction in miniature of the gardens of the Trianon at Versailles.

OVERHEARD.

"Oh, no, she isn't a shop-lifter now. She used to be, I know; but she has saved so much money lately that she is now a kleptomaniac."

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