

SUFFRAGE PROBLEM IS A PUZZLE JUST NOW

PARLIAMENT PERPLEXED BY COMPLICATIONS PRESENTED BY THE WOMAN QUESTION.

(By Associated Press Cable.) London, Feb. 14.—Next to the home problem faced by the present session of parliament concerns the attitude of the militant suffragettes. Supporters of the government declare that recent inactivity of the suffragettes indicates that the "Cat and Mouse" act has accomplished far more than its most sanguine defenders ever expected and that there is little to fear this year. On the other hand the militants declare that the prevailing quiet has only been a lull before the storm and that their apparent submission to the latest act was deliberately planned to give the "mice" an opportunity to recoup their forces for a campaign which will make all their former battles with the government seem comparatively insignificant.

According to figures supplied by the home office, only 48 suffragettes have been imprisoned in England and Wales since the "Cat and Mouse" act was passed nine months ago, as compared with 430 suffragette prisoners during 1912. At present only 100 suffragettes remain in prison. Six have completed their sentences or paid their fines; two have been discharged upon giving pledges of good behavior, and 37 fled while temporarily released in order to escape further punishment. The odd one is Sylvia Pankhurst who was recently released and who has been recovering from the effects of her latest hunger strike. If threats which the militants have made are carried out, however, the year will outrank any other for trouble some times. The effort to reach the king at Buckingham palace, announced at the first meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union this year, is only one of the ways in which the women intend to keep their cause before the public. The militants claim that their treasury is overflowing and that the ranks, depleted for a time by illness and prison bars, are again full of fighters ready for a long campaign. Never since the Women's Social and Political Union occupied its big building on Kingsway has the place been so quiet as during the past few months, but it is said that much of the work of preparation for this year's campaign has been going on at the homes of members or other places so that Scotland Yard will have some difficulty in repeating its famous raid upon the women's headquarters.

VIENNA IS WORRIED BY SUICIDE RECORDS

(By Associated Press Cable.) Vienna, Feb. 14.—The Viennese are trying to shake off the unenviable record of having a higher percentage of suicides among them than the residents of any other European capital. For the first time in many years there is a decline in the number of suicides and cases of attempted self-destruction in Vienna; the record for the past year being 1,455 as compared with 1,558 in 1912, notwithstanding that the past year was a bad one from a commercial and labor standpoint. It appears that a large number of women who decided upon suicide failed in their attempts, while men generally undertook their self-destruction with a determination that was successful. As usual, the black record involves many children, whose motives were traced to unfavorable school reports.

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Agriculture in Alaska



A VEGETABLE GARDEN AT SITKA, ALASKA.

(Editor's note.—Lincoln Wirt was for four years United States commissioner of education in Alaska. He is one of the best posted men in this country on Alaska and her resources.)

By LINCOLN WIRT. If the "wrath of man shall be turned to praise," it is equally true that the wrath of the gods shall be turned to smiles. Sell a man an Alaskan farm without his seeing it, then let him visit his investment any one of the eight months of the year in which the ground is frozen to a depth of 20 feet and he will curse the boomer and all his works. But let him visit his Alaskan farm during June, July, August or September and he will see a miracle of productivity and vernal beauty.

Alaska is the greatest land on earth, because while a land of fabulous resources, its wealth has been so tightly locked in the big ice-chest that only unusual men and unusual methods can forge the secret key which is able to unlock these treasures of Midas. Short summers, extreme temperatures, great distances, a procrastinating government—may a thousand difficulties have been overcome by the genius of those sturdy pioneers. The great product of Alaska is its staidstard brood of adopted sons, who, not finding a way, are making one yonder in the land of mid-day darkness. Making a way, and for the most part an astonishingly new way. The inventiveness of necessity has taught new methods of farming and stock breeding, new applications of chemistry and electricity to mining, a new science of forestry, a new conservation of energy, a new dealing in engineering, a new courage in character building.

A Race of Giants. The very battle for life midst rugged and trying conditions is producing a race of giants, who by new processes and unusual methods are winning her success from the reluctant queen of the white wastes. Alaska is two countries. Nay, it is a dozen countries, with a dozen climates, soils and types of people. If a line were drawn straight south from the western extremity of Alaska it would touch a point one thousand miles west of San Francisco, Slip Cape Prince of Wales down the map.

NEW BRITISH SHIPS DISPUTES IN TRADE ARE SMALLER COST MILLIONS

NAVAL BOARD ADOPTS PLANS WHICH ARE DIFFERENT FROM RECENT WORK. STOPPAGES DUE TO LABOR TROUBLES HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUSLY EXPENSIVE.

(By Associated Press Cable.) London, Feb. 14.—With the recent laying down of the battleships Royal Sovereign and Royal Oak at Portsmouth and Darnleyport a new departure was made by the British admiralty. These two ships, with three others to be laid down at private yards this year, will be considerably smaller and slower than their immediate predecessors, and they will also be coal burners, carrying off only auxiliary fuel. This means a saving both in the cost of construction and operation, but it is believed that the admiralty in making the decision was guided more by the opinion that battleships have grown beyond the most practicable size than they were by economy. It is believed that the new ships will have a displacement of about 26,000 tons, this being smaller than any battleships under construction, except those of France, which are about the same size. It would seem that France and England had an understanding in the matter, as all other countries are building ships of 30,000 tons and upwards. The new small vessels will have a speed of 21 knots, and they will mount eight, if not ten, 15-inch guns. The secondary armament will consist of 6-inch guns behind armor.

TRADE WITH FRANCE REACHES HIGH TOTAL

(By Associated Press Cable.) Paris, Feb. 14.—Consul General Mason has brought together the figures of French export to the United States during 1913. They were \$140,012,419, or \$1,735,384 larger than those of 1912, thus passing the total of any previous year. The net gain in three years has been \$21,000,000. The reports from the Paris district show that the exports of automobiles and automobile accessories which amounted to \$1,209,443 in 1912 was cut in half during 1913. The exports of paintings, precious stones, and hides show considerable advance, and the increases in textiles was about 60 per cent. Paris exports have risen in 11 years from \$41,000,000 to \$80,000,000.

GERMANY SET BACK IN TURKISH GAME

LATEST MOVE INDICATES THAT TEUTONIC INFLUENCE IN THE PORTE'S ARMY NOT STRONG.

(By Associated Press Cable.) Berlin, Feb. 14.—General Liman von Sanders has been made a Turkish marshal and German diplomacy has been outmarshalled, according to the popular view which Germans take of their military mission to Turkey. There was a general feeling of satisfaction when Turkey approached the German government last October with a request for German officers to reorganize the Turkish Ottoman army. The defeat in the Balkan war of the troops trained by General von der Goltz, it was felt, was in no way a reflection on German military methods, since von der Goltz and the officers under him had been limited to purely advisory and instructional functions, without being given actual command of troops, and the Turks neither absorbed the instructions nor followed the advice. The officers of the new mission were to take actual command of the troops in one corps, train the men just as German soldiers are trained and be given full responsibility for results. A five-year contract was signed and on December 8, General Liman von Sanders and a corps of assistants were received by the emperor at Potsdam and hidden godspear.

Before the mission reached Constantinople protests were raised at London, St. Petersburg and Paris against giving a German officer command of the troops in Constantinople, the Prerogative guard which can make and unmake sultans and parliaments and dictate the policy of the empire. The ambassadors of the three powers had "friendly conversations" with the port, but without results. General Liman von Sanders reached the Turkish capital on December 14 and on the following day assumed command of the first army corps. Assurances by the port that he would have no authority over the fortifications controlling the Bosphorus and Dardanelles did not appease the governments that saw in the affair a dangerous sphere of influence for Germany. The protest strings at Paris, when Turkey wished to negotiate a new loan, were lightened and effective financial pressure was applied. A few days later Enver Pasha became minister of war. General von Sanders was removed from the command of the first corps and created marshal. Just what his powers are in this new post is not definitely known, but there is a belief in Berlin that they are mainly ornamental, and there is a general tendency to consider that the hopes based on the mission have been shattered.

NO MUSIC IN NATION WITHOUT TRIBULATION

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 14.—There is no nation naturally musical, according to Henri Bidou, critic and historian. If a nation is musical, he says, it is because it has passed through such tribulation that it has been driven to express its sorrow and anxiety in its airs and compositions. Bach, he declares, is the culminating expression of the sufferings induced in Germany by the 30 years' war, 50 years before Bach's time. "People sing 'like cowards' he continues, to keep up their spirits in hard moments, and he finds that the real countries of music are nearly all frontier provinces exposed to eternal vicissitudes. England he finds to be exempt to a large extent from the occasions in which poets "learn in suffering what they celebrate in song" because it is protected from invasion by the girdle of the seas. Music, then, he argues, is not an art of peace; it originates in strife and anxiety—not in tranquility and concord. The over-prosperous countries, he discovers, "not only have no history; they have no music."

FORTY-THREE BILLIONS DEBT OF THE WORLD

(By Associated Press Cable.) Antwerp, Feb. 14.—A debt of \$42,960,000,000 is the total shown in the accounts of all the nations of the world, according to the bureau of universal statistics which has just announced its figures for the year 1912. Of this total public indebtedness 32 milliards are charged against Europe alone. A century ago the public debt of all countries amounted to only a little over seven milliards. The population of the earth is now slightly over 1,900,000,000, an increase of 140,000,000 in the past four years, according to the bureau. Asia now has \$33,000,000, Europe 484,000,000, Africa 188,000,000, America 187,000,000, Oceania 57,000,000. The world's commerce now amounts to \$40,000,000,000 and it is carried on by 55,802 sailing ships and 47,714 steamers. Other figures show a total of 425,000 miles of railroads or enough to girdle the globe 25 times. MAN'S WANTS. (From Judge.) Man wants but little here below To bring him peace and happiness— That is, as long as he can know That his neighbor has a little less.

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