

## The Planet..

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CONSCRIPTION IN BRITAIN.

The feeling in Britain seems gradually veering toward universal military conscription. A few years ago such a thing would never have been suggested. It was the boast of Britons that no one could be forced into the army or the navy. This, of course, was a somewhat foolish boast, for it is not so very long since the press-gang held sway, and even now many a man is enticed into the service by means not entirely above suspicion. But after all, what is there in this cry of voluntary service? Is a mercenary army, that is, an army which fights for pay, a nobler spectacle than a nation of which every man, even in time of peace, is a trained soldier? There is a good deal to be said for "Gawaff-netes Vaterland," an armed fatherland. Apart from the question of cost—and universal military service is no dearer than the present system—two things are clear: First, that a nation of citizen soldiers is less likely to rush into war than is a nation which has a standing army. This, because war comes home to the people more closely in the former case than in the latter; and also because professional soldiers want something to do, some chance of promotion. Secondly, that military training is the best of all systems for the building-up of the physique of a people. Napoleon the First used to laugh at the Germans for their awkward bearing and slow movements. They are now far better "set up" than are the British people. It is only a question of time when Britain will have universal military service for a longer or shorter term. When she has it, there will be fewer "Hooligans" in East London and fewer "roughs" in general on the corner of her streets.

## A BILL WHICH INTERESTS FARMERS.

In moving the second reading of Bill No. 16, respecting drainage, the member for West Elgin, Jabel Robinson, said:

"The object of the bill is to give to the farmers the same privileges that are enjoyed by the railway companies. Since the country has become cleared up, the farmers are beginning to underdrain their land, as it is impossible to successfully cultivate land unless the surplus water is taken out. In many cases where railways have been built, ditches have to be carried beneath the railways, and the railways are not amenable to the same laws as the farmers. This bill will make the railway companies contribute towards the cost of those ditches the same as the farmers. The amendment to the Railway Act of last year reads as follows—

"Whenever proceedings for the drainage of lands have been taken by any landowner under the provisions of an Act of the legislature of any province in that behalf, and it appears to the Railway Committee that an outlet for such drainage works is required over, across, or under the lands of the company, the Railway Committee may, upon the application of the landowner or engineer in charge of the works, or of the clerk of the municipality and on due notice to and hearing the parties, order the Co. to construct and provide upon its lands all necessary means of drainage, as in such order specified upon the landowner first complying with such terms as to payment as to the whole or so much of the cost of construction and maintenance of the said drainage work as to the Railway Committee in such order provides."

"This is the clause that stings the farmers all through Ontario. In many cases it would cost the farmer more money to apply to that Railway Committee and make the payments here required than the land would be worth. We require, consequently, that the railway companies should come under the same law as the farmer. All we have to do to accomplish this is to put these few words into the Railway Act and take clause 14a out of it. I hope the farmers in this House will appreciate this measure and thoroughly examine it, and if they are satisfied, no doubt the Hon. members will be satisfied also. If this bill is allowed to go to committee, the farmers thoroughly understand it and will be able to convince that committee of its necessity. The farmers of this country have expressed themselves in stronger language against the Minister of Railways for having put that clause in last session than for all the other sins this government committed last summer. I trust that this matter will be taken up and handled in the proper spirit."

The motion was agreed to, the bill read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

Maud Gonne, the Irish Joan of Arc, was in Detroit the other day preaching a crusade against Great Britain. Her hair is described as long and warm, and her tongue seems to have the same characteristics. Judged by the gate receipts, the visit to Detroit

## MOTHER AND CHILD

Let the mother take Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil for the two; it is almost never superfluous.

One can eat for two; but nourishing two is a different thing; it implies a degree of interior strength not often found in woman of either extreme.

Luxurious people are not very strong by habit, and overworked people are weak from exhaustion in some of their functions. Between the two is the happy mean; but how many women have plenty of life for two?

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## BALKING AN INVESTIGATION.

According to promise, Sir Mackenzie Bowell in the senate moved for an investigation into the Cook charge and according to expectation the government through the Minister of Justice, Hon David Mills, made a vigorous protest.

Everyone is thoroughly familiar with the circumstances of the case, and there is no need to repeat them. In brief, H. H. Cook, ex-Reform, M. P., charged that responsible representatives of the Laurier government offered him a senatorship in return for \$10,000 in cash.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, forwarded a denial, but Mr. Cook reiterated his assertion, and stated that he would prove what he said under proper circumstances.

These circumstances, Liberal papers, led by the Globe, professed to be most anxious to have gone into, but the very first effort to get at the facts has met with an attempted offset by the member of the Laurier cabinet who occupies a seat in the Upper Chamber.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell's resolution his first submitted, called for an investigation and named a committee composed of seven Conservatives and five Reformers. Hon. David Mills strongly objected to the naming of a committee in a motion. It was shown that Sir Mackenzie had followed Bourinot and the House of Lords in the course taken, but he finally agreed to drop the names.

This, however, did not satisfy Hon. David Mills, and having secured an exclusion of the names he proceeded to argue that unless Sir Mackenzie Bowell was prepared to declare his belief that some member of the government had trafficked in public offices and to further declare that if given a committee he would establish that fact then he had "no right to ask for a committee at all." He further characterized the whole thing as a fishing expedition and used much more language to the same effect.

Misleading talk will not obscure the issue in this case. Mr. Cook, a responsible man of large means, and a prominent member of the Liberal party, has declared that he was offered a seat in the Upper Chamber for so much cash and it is the duty of the members of that chamber to make a full and complete enquiry. They owe that to their House and to the country and public sentiment is in favor of just such an enquiry.

If there has been trafficking in public offices let the fact be known. If, on the other hand, Mr. Cook has made a false charge, let that fact be known also.

What the people wish to get at is the truth; just that and nothing short of that, no matter who is hurt.

## THE LAST GOOD-BYE.

How shall we know it is the last good-bye?  
The skies will not be darkened in that hour.  
No sudden blight will fall on leaf and flower.  
No single bird will hush its careless cry.  
And you will hold my hands, and smile or sigh  
Just as before. Perchance the sudden tears  
In your dear eyes will answer to my fears;  
But there will come no voice of prophecy  
No voice to whisper: "Now, and not again,  
Space for last words, last kisses, and last prayer,  
For all the wild, unmitigated pain  
Of those who parting, clasp hands with despair."  
"Who knows," we say, but doubt and fear remain.  
Would any choose to part thus undeparted?  
—Louis Chandler Moulton.

This is the time of the year to feed Lined Meal, Ground Oatmeal, Bixby's Cattle Food and Cream Equivalent. Stock raisers will bear in mind that all these are kept by Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas.

## HER HISTORY.

It Wasn't Just What the Clerks Expected.

It was 5 o'clock, and in the big tea-house the office force was very busy indeed. The typewriter clicked rapidly, and the heavy pens scratched over the thick leaves.

In the height of the rush a woman entered the office. She carried a fox muff, and a graceful automobile reached to her feet.

"A stunner!" breathed several of the office force, and then the young man nearest left his stool and said:

"What can I do for you, miss?"

She seemed a bit confused.

"I have a great secret," she whispered, but somehow every clerk heard.

They surrounded her.

"Yes," she continued; "I am a woman with a history."

After this you could not have paid those clerks to return to their stools.

"Are you interested?" she asked.

"Interested?" roared the tall pen scratcher. "Why, a statue would be interested in your history."

"And you will not disparage me?"

"Never! Do not fear to tell us all. Now for your history."

She drew a flat volume from the folds of her automobile.

"Here it is; a complete history of the Boer war to date: 2,000 pages, 500—"

In confusion the office force retreated.

"Run, woman, run!" shouted the clerk.

"What is it?" she gasped.

"The great water tank on the roof has burst!"

With a long shriek she rushed down to the street.

"When they spring those gags, you have to take heroic means," grinned the tall pen scratcher. "Women's histories ain't what they are cracked up to be."

## A Plausible Story.

Lady—Why are you wandering around the country, I should like to know. Instead of staying at home and taking care of your family?

Tramp—You see, mum, my wife had a very good servant girl, a regular jewel, mum.

"That doesn't seem possible."

"There never was but one perfect girl, and my wife had her, mum."

"Mercy! What a lucky woman!"

"Yes, mum, so my wife often said. But you see, mum, the girl didn't like me."

"She didn't?"

"No, mum. She said my wife would have to discharge her or me, so she discharged me."

"Oh, I see. Here's some money."

"What's the matter with you?"

"The fault of the invitation."

Mrs. Blomark cannot understand why Mrs. Upstreet did not accept her invitation. This is what the invitation said:

"My Dear Mrs. Upstreet—I am going to entertain a few people on Thursday evening, the 27th, and this is to ask you to be one of the number. I know you do not care for society functions, but you will feel perfectly at ease at this time, as nobody of any consequence is invited."

"Then why?"

"So the doctor won't let you smoke, eh?" said Browne as he applied a match to his weed. "Sorry for you, old man. I can't imagine any greater pleasure than a good cigar after dinner."

"So?" replied Towne, sniffing. "Then why do you deny yourself that pleasure?"—Philadelphia Press.

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