## 2,500 WOMEN HOLD UP STREET CARS AND COLLECT MONEY FOR HOSPITALS

Unique Methods in Sydney, N. S. W .--- Mir. Gahan's Second Australian Letter---Politics the Ruling Passion of the People.

Governments Upset Suddenly and Frequently—The First Labor Administration in History Formed tration of this. It was reported seri--Fourteen Parliaments for 4,000,000 People-State Socialism Rampant-People Look to Government for Everything.

ous or disadvantageous in the triang penny. Of course, imperfections and for the education of its budding citishooting has just begun. It is impospremier position, the Labor man seems at the present moment to be in a fair way to get the bullets of the other two. But there are so many fragmentary elements, public and personal, in the problem, and the political kaleidoscope turns so quickly in Australia, that prophecy would be rash indeed. The present situation ludicrous or view, is just the subject to interest

serious, according to your point of readers of these letters. It brings Australian politics into the promin ence that is their due, not only because their progressive character makes them the most remarkable feature of civilization here, but also because, when matched with Canadian politics, they afford most interesting points of comparison and contrast, which are well illustrated in the pres-

THE THREE-CORNERED CRISIS.

Since last I wrote, Australia has had one change of Government, and will probably have at least another before this letter gets itself into print. Three weeks ago the protectionist ministry of Mr. Deakin was replaced by the Labor ministry of Mr. Watson, before another month is out, Mr. Watson may be replaced by Mr. Reid, and ministry of free traders. These political Australians have a propensity for turning one party out and putting another party in, on very short notice In Canada opposition papers are usually prophesying political crises that never come to pass; here, the crisis usually comes almost before the papers can give a week's warning. In the present parliament, of course, it would have been easy for anyone to concoct a crisis. At the general elections, just before Christmas, the seventy-five seats House of Representatives were divided equally among the protection ists, free traders and labor men. With the aid of half the free traders the labor party soon succeeded in carrying an impossible amendment to the Arbitration Bill, a Government measure of first importance. Mr. Deakin promptly resigned, and Lord North-cote sent for Mr. Watson. In taking office, Mr. Watson formed the first purely labor government in history, and thereby made necessary some radical changes in old party relationships upon which must hang the fate of advanced labor legislation for several years to come. Minority rule cannot last; and majority rule in the present parliament can only be based upon an alliance between two of the three equal parties. If the two old brigades can forget the fiscal quarrel and the personal rivalries, they may form a coalition which will throw labor into a hopeless minority for half a generation. If, on the other hand, the Trades' Hall is guided by its more moderate spirits, there may yet be a labor coalition which will progressive politics.

Australian life, but no subject rouses such general interest here as politics. Some countries are noted for their scenery, some for their wealth, some for their literature, some for their exploits in war, some for their storied past. Australia is noted for its politics. Politics aside, this is a very ordinary country after all. There are bigger Koscinsko. There are horse races almost as great as the Melbourne Cup, cricketers almost as great as the Melbourne Cup, cricketers almost as great as Noble and Trumper and Hill. The Argentine can grow more wool and Canada more which establishes old age penture and Hill. The Argentine can grow more wool and Canada more wheat. True, there are kangaroos and most search the spendent upon private charity. The dependent upon private charity. The dependent upon private charity. The dependent upon private charity of the streets and black-fellows here, but years and not see a single specimen of any three. In these drab days of civilization, when forbidden Strassa is defended by modern guns and the Fiji Islanders get the world's news at breakfast every morning, hot from the cable, there is little enough difference with the streets of the world and the stablished that a government helps, but only to a small the upper middle class looks down on the upper middle class, as the Melbourne of the White Australian this set on the White Australian the shop been gens to strike at the immediate prospent to the shop keeping class, and the shop keeping class, and the shop keeping class, and the shop keeping class upon the laboring class. Yet, in spite of this, the phrase about the upper middle class, as the heart set on the White Australian this set on the White Australian the story is orderly, and, beerity to fropical Queensland, but state interests and federal interests are sometimes bound to clash. Every interest the upper middle class, as the heart set on the White Australian the shop keeping class, and the shop keepi cities than Sydney, bigger rivers than cable, there is little enough difference between one country and another. In Australia, at least, there is no picturesque element to make life here remarkable. It is remarkable only for its politics, but its politics cry Oyez to the world. They have been the most adof the rest of the world. Experiments in statecraft that Canada is just beginning to dream about have long since passed the experimental stage

UPIONEERS IN POLITICS.

To Australians it seems the most atural thing in the world that the

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Sydney, N. S. W., May 15. - Every- and Adelaide. The telephones here arrangement whereby any student who has laughed (and who has are of a far better pattern than you may escape the payment of fees if he not?) over the three-cornered fight in get from the Bell Company in Canada, makes personal application to the Midshipmen Easy, should enjoy the though I admit that the hello-girls chancellor, and the exemption is a present awkward situation in Austra- might well learn celerity from the girls secret between the chancellor and ian politics. For five months the of London. And as for the tramways, Reid and Mr. Watson, have been oc- better street car system than Sydney, conservative Canada makes far better cupying positions equally advantage- where you may ride for miles for a

shooting has just begun. It is impos- government departments. Unprofitable sible to say yet whether political fate railways are sometimes built, ostensibly "to encourage settlement," but will be as lenient as Captain Marryat sibly "to encourage settlement," but inces have lately been indulging in the lately to please the political friends or placate the political foes of the min-premier position, the Labor man seems placate the political foes of the min-placate the min-placate the istry in some distant and difficult con-stituency. New Zealand, where the has been least successful, has also established state insurance, against both Wales there are proposals for government iron works, clothing factories and government system of electric lighting.

tical politics here. Some of your provof. The Australian, like the Englishwould be sadly deficient if there were sixty thousand people, a hundred miles PARTY DIVISIONS DIFFERENT. not a multiplicity of pubs. In New away, but if a man wants a job coldeath and fire. And here in New South Zealand there is a Local Option Law. lecting train fares there, he must but reports about its success are very apply to the state government. Bourke engine shops. At the present time there ing the question of the abolition of the dred miles away, on the edge of the

She's just about to be married. B.-Who's the lucky man? -Punch. A.-Jones.

ployes. There is established a max- more masters of and more dependent imum standard for the week's work and upon their governments. minimum standard for the week's NATURE MOLDING POLITICS. wage. New Zealand and New South been most highly satis- is, of course, largely the result of nat-Wales have laws that so far

commit Australia still further to state occasion he has spoken socialism and other experiments in all labor disputes, and the mate, the immigration, the big cities bors are very apt to disturb domestic against a bill, and then voted for it. Progressive pointes are Australia's chief contribution to civilization. Mrs. Grote used to say that politics and theology were the only two really great subjects. Theology has little place in Australian life, but no subject rouses are Australia gathered under one roof. Fortunately for Australian democracy, each colony blamed if they do not maintain a rigid loyalty to one party or one policies. This reduced to a minimum the necessity for compromise, sweat of their brows. That is mum the necessity for compromise, agree with Abraham Lincoln that it is only fools and the dead who more true of Australia than which makes politics, as Morley says. tasteful to Spencerians. There is, however, little but pure democracy in womanhood suffrage, which is now universal throughout Australia. And by old age pensions Australia is making the boldest attempt yet to solve the powerty problem, which has perpleted.

world. They have been the most advanced in the world, partly because the labor men have usually held the balance between the other two parties, but chiefly because Australians as a nation seen to have a genius for demandation seen to have a genius for clear-skied Australia always reminds me of a hot-house. Beneath the glass of extreme democracy, fifty varieties of state socialism are budding, and a dozen more have reached their full bless have a grayantian on two sheet of the state of t dozen more nave reached their run given to captives. It was highway As these are qualities which more or robbery, authorized, popularized, and less distinguish the country man from systemized. And all to raise the the town man the world over, it is fair the town man the world over, it is fair the ordinary tax collector at home.

government should take a far smaller spirit. Year in and year out it is alshare in education than governments most perpetual sunshine, encouraging representative of the Canadian Pacific ent upon private denominational Railway admits that this country has schools. As for higher education,

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portation problems. It would be hard Australia, although many are assisted to find a more comfortable train than by the government. In Sdyney United night express between Melbourne versity I was specially struck by an the night express between Melbourne versity I was specially struck by an hair, no gray hair. Is yours thin, short, gray? Just remember, Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color to gray hair, all the dark, rich color it had years ago.

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tain exempted classes, must close at ians. Whether it be on account of or 6 o'clock. On one day, either Wednes- in spite of this abundance of legisday or Saturday, there must be a half lative machinery, certainly democracy holiday, and on the others shops may and socialism have advanced further remain open till 10. And other laws here than in any other modern counhave done as much for factory em- try, so that Australians are, at once,

The character of Australian politics of Australia.

compulsory arbitra- ural conditions here, especially the clipresent Commonwealth crisis has been brought about by M. Deakin's refusal brought about by M. Deakin's refusal Old world critics, explaining new world to maintain when a large family is Cold world critics, explaining new world to maintain when a large family is considered under one roof. to accept the labor proposal to bring democracy, are fond of saying that gathered under one roof. Fortunately state servants within the scope of the in the colonies all men are equal because for Australian democracy. dinner any more than he does with you. In fact the divisions here between the poverty problem, which has perplexed every civilized country for generations.

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Australian settlers have all come pretty well from one British source, bringing with them the same habits of life, the same historical traditions, and the same conceptions of law and the same conceptions.

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CRATI a little on the upper middle class, as the upper middle class looks down on the upper

But the decline most like provincial authorities in Canada, by return mail

individual energy has made Australians lean more and more upon their governments. The recent drought taught the country what a crying need there was for irrigation, but pastoralists, instead of rolling up their sleeves and digging irrigation reservoirs and and digging irrigation reservoirs and canals for themselves, content themselves with sending deputations to the government, praying it to undertake the work. That is largely the origin of the socialistic tendencies in Australian politics. The government has a content of the socialistic tendencies in Australian politics. politics. The government here controls so many departments, which in older countries are left to private enterprise, that people usually think of doing a thing for themselves only when their parliaments refuse to do it for them. A long paragraph in the papers

wonderful in Australia. LITTLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

the main keys to the extremely demo-cratic tendency of Australian politics, affect local politics, because, in the As I have pointed out repeatedly, the Australian states, as in the Canadian ment is the size of the cities. Sydney the old federal lines. and Melbourne, each with over half a of Australia. Nearly half of it is cenation live within fifty miles of Adethan a suburb of the capital. Items of interest from Ballarat, a splendid way in the Sydney papers. These coun-

supplies and amusement and news, bourne and Adelaide are not yet as democratic as Athens, where every man was a member of parliament and bait. Sin William on the defence department. Mr. Allan McLean, one of the Government's right-hand men, used to cabinet ministers were appointed by lot, but that is because Athens was not quite so big, and Australians are not quite so logical. Apparently democracy flourishes best in city air New Zealand, which is even more ad. spoken in his criticisms as the most vanced politically than Australia promay seem to be an exception to this rule, as it has many small towns instead of one large city. Other explanations there are found in its small size, its isolation and the climatic conditions already mentioned in the case

As it is, federation does not seem to the papers through. to compare the federal system in the two great colonies. There are, of £50 to a new hat that he could not do course, many differences, due largely to the time and conditions of origin. but chiefly because Australians as a nation seem to have a genius for democratic politics. In politics, sunny, ocratic politics. In politics, sunny, clear-skied Australia always reminds clear-skied Australia always reminds box confronted him. To escape them clear-skied Australia always reminds box confronted him. To escape them proved impossible, to refuse them proved impossible to the time and conditions to the time an his rough eloquence did much to bring

into sympathy the different colonists here, through all of whom, in his own life. Suspicion attached itself not to phrase, ran the crimson thread of kin- the honesty but to the absolute fairever, saved these colonies from the Victoria, and, within a week, he was systemized. And all to raise the money that in Canada comes out of the taxes. Still, I am bound to admit that hospital Saturday in Sydney is more pleasant than a visit from the cardinary tay collector at home. the ordinary tax collector at home.

And what is still more remarkable manner, few clouds to dull the intel
And what is still more remarkable manner, few clouds to dull the intel
None were willing to give up to the in this democratic country is that the ligence, and little rain to dampen the was absolutely necessary. The federal Government should own and operate all the railweys, telegraphs, telephones and trainways. And uncommonly well is primary education absolutely free, of five thousand miles, but you can send a telegraphic messge of sixteen words for a shilling. The Australian Pacific ent upon private denominational share in education than governments do in Canada. In no Australian state is primary education absolutely free, than nominal, and they may be rethan nominal and they may be rethan nomi tie in Australia, therefore, is much But the climate here moulds Austral- ernors, the powers of the federal courts, little to learn from America in transportation problems. It would be hard portation problems. It would be hard to find a more compositable train than the country has schools. As for higher education, but the climate here mouids Austral. In the financial arrangements, there is no true state university in an politics in other ways. The perpetual and the financial arrangements, there is no true state university in university in the financial arrangements, there is no true state university in university in the financial arrangements, there is no true state university in university in university in the financial arrangements, there is no true state university in university in the financial arrangements, there is no true state university in university in the financial arrangements, there is no true state university in university in the financial arrangements and the financial arrangements are many points of difference between university in the financial arrangements.

Ragged clothes quicklythat's what common soaps with "premiums" cost; but

ously, as a most extraordinary thing, are talking about federal aggression that the people of a small Victorian and preparing to defend their rights. the liquor trade is not even dreamed and his cabinet. And no other munisary corollary of federation, and it has of the Australian, like the English-like the English-like the English-like the English-like the State are even as well been decided on already in Victoria cipalities in the state are even as well been decided on already in Victoria, be content to sit long in

and in Canada run on lines that are traders and protectionists, have had morrow. is being installed in Sydney a splendid Upper House, but in Australia every never-never country, but if a culvert quite distinct. Liberal and Conserva- long leases of power in the separate quite distinct. Liberal and Conserva- long leases of power in the separate quite distinct. overnment system of electric lighting. colony has a second branch in its legtive are words that are unknown here as strict party names. But even in a strict party names. This is state socialism pure and simple. But democracy here has run pleasure of makes feature of observations and politics, an politics, an politics, an politics of nother present the pression of the pressi posts of settlements sprang up further has always been the dividing line, but hard work, and sheer force of characters and herbs, are a sovereign remedy hard work, and sheer force of characters and herbs, are a sovereign remedy and further into the interior the state. and further into the interior, the state tomorrow the fiscal issue may be sactor. Some foolish people to whom the in curing all disorders of the digestion. government followed to control them. rificed to the need of a coalition be-

> cardinal feature of Australian settle- provinces, parties continue to divide on But party divisions here are not only million inhabitants, comprise more different in kind, but far less strict in than a quarter of the total population force than they are in Canada. No person here seems bound to support tered in the six capital cities. South Australia covers between eight and and thin. At the present moment, Sir nine hundred thousand square miles, John Forrest and Sir William Lyne, but probably four-fifths of its popu- both members of the recent Deakir Government, are taking up positions But the largest outlaying about the coalition as far asunder as towns regard themselves as little more the poles. Sir John, whom you had visiting you in Canada a year or tw ago, is probably little impressed with city of nearly fifty thousand, appear the unanimity of federal cabinets. A heading of "country news," and New-that there were too many captains in year or two ago, he declared boldly later he openly quarrelled with Mr Kingston while both sat hip by haunch on the treasury bench. He had also to And so the Australian states are the nearest modern parallel to the city states of ancient times. Sydney, Mel-

posed to have promised the high com missionership, has always been as outbellicose member of the opposition benches. Nor do the members of these gether. Half of them came under finger of each teller in the critical division that turned Mr. Deakin out the other day. But Mr. Reid, trade leader, has an established rep-Isolation has, indeed, much to de utation for being on both sides of the question at the same time. On more than one occasion he has spoken nickname of "Yes-No Georgie." His followers, therefore, can hardly be

The first result of these loose party divisions is to rob elections of nearly they federated fifty years ago, before might consume weeks or months or years. If you were a wise man you would call personally upon the minister and ask him when he could get

"Well," he would say, "I shall try to manage it by the end of next week. Then it was your time to bet him It. The bet was booked, and you in variably lost your £50. worth it. Had you not laid the wager are few such men in Australian public ness of the last minister for lands in

FOR THE STOMACH'S SAKE. An eminent physician says, "human life should last five times the years it takes to mature"—thus if twenty-one is maturity we should live over a hundred years, but there are not many reach the century mark. A great deal more longevity would exist if the stomach did not get crippled and played out—That organ gets plenty of buse, and is deserving of attention-It is the starting point of most ailments, and it needs the first attention when symptoms of sickness appear. If an elderly stomach can be kept working right, you may be sure of a ripe and contented old age, comparatively free from physical burdens. The great new discovery, ANTI-PILL, the Great System Treatment, has a grand effect in helping old and deranged stomachs. Any aged person who will address a Postal to Wilson-Fyle Co., Niagara Falls, Ont., will get a free trial bottle

say a good word for him. A royal Watson's accession to power would be commission in the same state has just followed by an immediate national disaster, if not by a visitation from dimand, who visited Australia a couple offended Heaven. A labor government of years ago, guilty of an attempt to bribe Sir Alexander Peacock, the dear old bodies were mightily surprispremier at that time. Sir Alexander is exonerated of any guilt in the matter, but even the suspicion which hung over his head for a few months Mr. Watson. Sensible citizens rejoice way into high places.

THE PRESENT CRISIS.

government management of railways men, thinks that his city architecture has been least successful, has also estable as the second of the state are even as well been decided on already in Victoria, be content to sit long in the cold iron whom he is the cold of the cold rest, one of the evicted ministers, has tralia for many years to come may de-Though there are many such simil- held office continuously for twenty- pend upon the decisions made by the arities in the problems of the two three years, and many of the other three parties which are to meet sepconflicting. New Zealand is also raising the question of the abolition of the dred miles away on the edge of the land in Canada myn on line and in Canada myn on line and protectionists, have had morrow. tomed to rule like this will hardly sit

ruined his political career. So that the turn of political fortune has long as Australian public sentiment is given the labor members a touch of wholesome, there is little chance of corruption and jobbery eating their well as a chance to refute the libel that they are all revolutionary firebrands. The new premier made his initial appearance in public fresh from The present crisis will illustrate the his first taste of office, at the May fact that there is not here the same Day celebration, where he might fairly selfish and unscrupulous scramble for be expected to express any revolution office that a Canadian sometimes sees ary notions that were in him. Instead of promising a bill for the immediate and preparing to defend their rights. Interest could easily have saved their introduction of the socialistic millennisters could easily have saved their introduction of the socialistic millennisters. town, after petitioning the State Government in vain for twenty years for whether or not the states have the programme. The labor men were consulted in the twenty years for whether or not the states have the programme. The labor men were consulted in the twenty years for whether or not the states have the programme. The labor men were consulted in the twenty years for whether or not the states have the programme. The labor men were consulted in the twenty years for whether or not the states have the programme. a clock in the town hall tower, had right to tax Commonwealth property tent to co-operate with them generally, trial happiness could be realized only step by step by step by step by step and actually raised a subscription and bought the clock for themselves. Truly wealth documents. The first bill which wonderful in Australia.

In the condition of t Mr. Watson has promised to lay before the Senate is one to select the federal capital. This is a subject calculated to rouse all slumbering state. culated to rouse all slumbering state far less pliable than his predecessor, progress was he warned them that leadousies. Meanwhile each state is three-cornered fight in state three-cornered fight in state state is should enjoy the strain situation in Austra- five months the led by Mr. Deakin, Mr. Watson, have been oc- letter street car system than Sydney, as three three-cornered fight in state three-cornered fight in state three-cornered fight in get from the Bell Company in Canada, linaxes personal application to the chancellor, and the exemption is a screet between the chancellor, and the exemption is a screet between the chancellor and the way, how little Australia knows of leads to rouse all slumbering state is far less pliable than his predecessor, Sir Edmund Barton. When Mr. Watson, how little Australia knows of leads to rouse all slumbering state is faw, if any, of their reforms the way, how little Australia knows of local government. Sydney, a city of revenue that resulted to rouse all slumbering state is faw, if any, of their reforms the way, how little Australia knows of local government. Sydney, a city of revenue that resulted to rouse all slumbering state is faw, if any, of their reforms the way, how little Australia knows of local government. Sydney, a city of revenue that resulted to rouse all slumbering state is faw, if any, of their reforms the way, how little Australia knows of local government. Sydney, a city of revenue that resulted the way, how little Australia knows of local government. Sydney, a city of few, if any, of their reforms the way, how little Australia knows of local government. Sydney, a city of revenue that resulted when some of the local government. Sydney, a city of local government and the way, how little Australia knows of local government. Sydney, a city of few, if any, of their reforms the way, how little Australia knows of local government. Sydney, a city of few, if any, of their reforms the way, how little Australia knows of local government. Sydney, a city of local government and local government. Sydney, a city of local government and local government few, if any of their reforms the way, how little Australia conservative Canada makes far better provision than democratic Australia for the education of its budding citizens.

There are other advanced problems in Canada which have no place in Practical politics here. Some of your provision than democratic Australia for the education of its budding citizens.

Lege, a Lord Mayor and a municipal authorities are ridiculously small when compared with your council, but their powers are ridiculously small when compared with your down the federal government. Economy has to be the watchword for the opponents without committies of the situation to "dish" doth their own the federal government. Economy has to be the watchword for the opponents without committies the parties can be based only upon a coalition. But who are to coalmove, Mr. Reid voted with the Government, but contrived that enough of more than a hundred members, when supply, the sewerage system, the harbor, the street cars, the fire brigades, the policemen, and the school teachers are all controlled by the state premier and his cabinet. And no other munithe cold from whom he is now waiting to re-

IN NATURE'S STOREHOUSE THERE very name of labor is hateful, and to Nearly all business transactions in whom every reform seems the ruin- Columbia are based on United States



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