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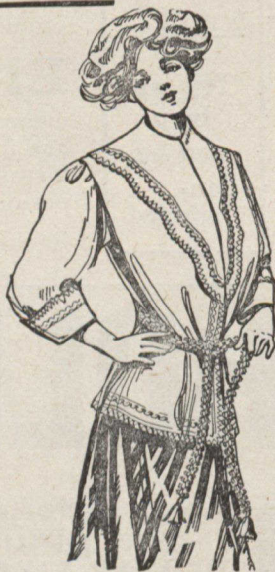
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Are the English Decadent?

(Victoria Times.)

THE spectre of Macaulay's New Zealander is again troubling the British people. The Americans have beaten the English in a game of polo, for the first or second time in the history of the game, the Australians have won two games out of three in the international cricket matches, a Belgian crew has won the Grand Challenge Cup in the annual aquatic carnival at Henley, the representatives of several nations have made a brave appearance in almost every exercise in which the Anglo-Saxon has hitherto maintained supremacy, while the Canadian riflemen have achieved great successes at Bisley. All these reverses are considered evidence of British decadence. That is to say they are considered so by a few commentators writing for American and other foreign newspapers. And there are some pessimistic, despondent Britons who are disturbed in mind about the near advent of the South Sea Islander. They have even reached the stage of mental despondency immediately preceding the act of picking out the bridge upon which the New Zealander shall stand when moralising upon the ruins of once mighty Babylon.

Land Investments.

(Regina Standard.)

THE inexperienced investor usually prefers to invest in a gold mine or in something similar; while the experienced financier prefers to buy real estate, and usually that which is located at the business centre of some growing city. Property near the congested business centres of the larger cities, however, while it undoubtedly offers a remunerative investment with as much safety as can attend any financial enterprise, is so high priced that it can be purchased only by men of great means. Dealing in business property, moreover, is but little understood and is not generally engaged in, even by men of wealth. The result is that a very few persons own most of the land lying within the congested centres of the larger cities. To invest safely in mining stock requires special knowledge of a kind that the average man does not possess; while investment in real property is a step the probable results of which can usually be forecast without the possession of special forms of technical information. We make these observations because of the opportunity that is offered from time to time in this part of the country to acquire new land upon easy terms and small payments.

Women in Defiance.

(Kingston British Whig.)

ONE is impressed with the experience of the imperial government with the suffragettes. Those who were committed to jail for a month each, have refused to eat or obey prison rules, and when gentle pressure has been attempted they have assaulted the prison officials and bitten and scratched like so many cats. Altogether there is no experience to be compared with this, and it is not such as the women can be proud of.

It is the boast of the women that they can stand any treatment which will eventually win them the privileges the men enjoy. They may be the nearer the object of their troubles but it is not possible that the king and his ministers will surrender because the women have decided to abandon themselves to all sorts of silly and unbecoming acts. Were men the offenders and they were committed to prison the story would not be printed that they had defied and disobeyed discipline.



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