

## Current Topics and Events.



DOES THE CZAR RESIST?  
He has a friend who  
suggested it.

DOES THE CZAR GIVE  
A CONSTITUTION?  
There is a friend who  
has so advised.

DOES THE CZAR CAUSE  
THE PEOPLE TO BE  
MASSACRED?  
There is a friend who has  
given him permission.

THE COUNCILLORS OF THE CZAR.

—Fischietto (Turin).

### How THE BRITISH Do It.

The outstanding event of the month has been the change of ministry in Great Britain. Almost with the regularity of clockwork, the pendulum, the party, swings to and fro. Thus both sections of the people alternately control the administration of the world's greatest empire. And this is well. For even a good government may become a spent force. The change is necessary, "lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

It is a strong cabinet that Campbell-Bannerman has constructed. The continuity of the administration of foreign affairs may be expected under the secretariat of Sir Edward Grey. It is a government strong in talent. Such men as Henry Asquith, John Morley, James Bryce, John Burns, Herbert Gladstone, Sir Henry Fowler—a staunch Methodist, by the way—and Lloyd George, may be trusted with the destinies of the island empire. From workman's bench to a seat in the cabinet is a long stride, but John Burns was not the first to make it, as

has been said. Henry Broadhurst, after working as a mason on the Parliament Buildings, entered the cabinet and became a guest of the King. This fact alone proves Great Britain the most democratic country in the world. Not in the vaunted home of democracy on this continent could a working man find a place among the senators and plutocrats of the cabinet.

One member has special interest to us as having been born in Canada, the Earl of Elgin, son of one of our greatest governors. We may feel sure that the iniquitous education scheme that has imprisoned hundreds of loyal subjects, many of them preachers of God's Word, will receive its quietus. Mr. Lloyd George is a staunch Baptist and a Welshman, a combination that may be counted on to resist such un-English discrimination against the Free Churches of Britain. The omission of Sir Charles Dilke from the cabinet is another tribute to the Non-conformist conscience. The crime that hurled Parnell from power prevents this titled libertine from entering the councils of the King.