

MAN REFUSES TO PAY THEIR TAXES

Some Members of Women's Freedom League of London Still Defiant.

PARKHURST FACTION HAS A STRONG RIVAL

Attitude of English Press Has Changed from Cold Indifference and Neglect and Suffrage is Now Receiving More Attention.

London, May 25.—I have alluded to the Women's Freedom league. Though a united family party, Mrs. Bimline Parkhurst and her three daughters, Christabel, Adela and Sylvia, have not been able to retain their organization intact. A serious split occurred a few months back when, so my information runs, Mrs. Parkhurst's arbitrary and unconstitutional proceedings drove several of her best supporters into revolt. They split off and formed another society known as the Women's Freedom league.

Its offices in Buckingham street, and its officers are not one whit less aggressive or inexorable in their demands than its supporters into revolt. The chief is Mrs. Despard, sister of General French, every bit as ready to make war on our government as was General French, and she is 65, with dignified presence and fine, clearly chiseled aristocratic features.

The three chief officers of the league, Mrs. How Martyn, Mrs. Despard and Mrs. Billington-Greig, have all served sentences in prison and so have seven of the committee of 12 ladies.

To this particular society, which has 40 branches, is due the brilliant idea of ladies arising in police courts and protesting against the trial of women who are in the dock, on the ground that they have not framed the laws.

They also a few months ago went to interview cabinet ministers at their private residences, ringing bells, knocking at the door and harassing crowds from the doorstep.

Some members of the society are refusing to pay taxes, and have obtained licenses for the use of armorial bearings, as did Dr. Octavia Lewin; they allow their goods to be distrained rather than obey laws they did not help to make.

The league will join the "old gang" in the procession on June 13 rather than the Parkhurst faction.

The Parkhursts, otherwise the Women's Social and Political union, have purposely chosen the longest day of the year for their great demonstration.

They appeal to women to be present in hundreds of thousands on that day in Hyde Park.

It is morally certain that they will get a great deal of support, not only from women, but from men. On the day when Hyde Park will be thronged with 70,000 men were present.

But the Parkhursts want 250,000 women. There are to be 20 platforms, 50 speakers, seven processions to enter the park by different gates and 50 special trains to bring women to London.

"Women of London," (thus runs a leaflet in my hand) "you must be in Hyde Park on that day the story of which you will hand down to your children as the most memorable in your life."

"Women of England." Wherever you live you must take part in this great demonstration. They go on to say the government has hidden them from the public, and they will be there if they come to claim it.

It is never safe to prophesy, but personally I should not be surprised if this proved the greatest demonstration women have ever made.

There is no doubt the attitude of the press has changed, from cold indifference and neglect the suffrage is now receiving more attention than ever before.

At the moment of writing, two women's suffrage papers are being run in London, "Women's Franchise" by the older, conservative societies, and "Votes for Women," organ of the "Forwards."

The last was a monthly until April; for the future it will appear weekly. We must also take note of the changed tone of the press, a change for the most part unexpected.

The sums of money which the Parkhursts can and do collect have been unheard of till now in suffrage work. Their self-deduct week alone produced £4,000. When they go to a new place to break ground, expecting to spend money, the organizers return with expenses paid and a sum to add to the general fund.

By the lamented death of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, woman suffrage was a lukewarm friend; by the accession of Mr. Asquith to the premiership, it must encounter an open enemy; but governments are the creatures of majorities; and nothing is certain.

Glancing over the mass of literature (never has suffrage literature been so various, so wide and so widely read) that my interest in the question has brought me, my eye has been arrested by the dictum of the chairman of one of Mrs. Asquith's meetings at Stockbridge, Mr. Joseph. He appealed for a fair hearing for her.

The great question in this country do not desire women to have votes. "The brewers dread the day when women shall have votes." As a woman interested in temperance reform I agree. Whatever methods are used, whatever of approval we afford to "Forwards," women's suffrage is bound up with the cause of reform and must win.

A TREE ON A TOWER.

It is the last of a Grove of Four on the Same Perch. A tree growing on the top of the 110-foot tower of the courthouse at Greensburg, Indiana, is a curiosity which is said by a writer in St. Nicholas to have no duplicate in the world.

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Philadelphia, May 25.—In the absence of a policeman the Rev. Matthew A. Hand, pastor of St. Ann's Roman Catholic church, at Memphis street and Lehigh avenue, and his sexton caught a young man who forcibly entered the church early yesterday morning and is believed to have planned to loot the poor boxes.

The prisoner is Thomas McGlynn, who said he has no home. About a quarter past 3 o'clock when James Brennan noticed a light and notified the sexton, Peter McCann, he called Father Hand, and when they had both got revolvers, went into the church.

It was not Father Hand's first experience with thieves. About two months ago he and his sexton caught a man in the church. He tried to catch them, but they both succeeded in getting out of the church.

In making their search yesterday morning Father Hand and the sexton went into the church first, but finding no person there, they went into the basement. Each had his revolver cocked ready for action. They had almost decided to give up the search when they reached a pile of lumber in the rear part of the basement and there found McGlynn. He got no opportunity to show resistance because the sexton immediately grabbed him and held his arms.

Father Hand summoned Policeman Groh, who arrested McGlynn. McGlynn got into the church by a window and had forced open a desk which contained nothing of value.

McGlynn was arraigned before Magistrate Scott. Both the sexton and Father Hand appeared against him. McGlynn was held in \$1,500 bail for trial.

In Microbe Land.

From the Chicago News. First Germ—What are those two bacilli quarrelling about? Second Germ—Why, one is boasting that he grew on the edge of a tumbler in a sleeping car, while the other was propagated on the brim of a tincup in a day coach.

DOCTORS' LIFE SPAN.

Diseases to Which They Are Especially Liable. From the British Medical Journal. Doctors as a class are more subject to illness than their fellow men and their expectancy of life is less than that of most. An explanation of this is readily found in the anxieties caused by responsibilities which must weigh heavy on every man of right feeling, in the amount and trying nature of the work the doctor has to do; in irregularity of meals and broken sleep; in exposure to weather and to infection; and last but not least, in the scanty remuneration which his labor too often

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