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To the brave women who to-day are lighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this light, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

It is now almost universally admitted that the Cabinet is approaching a crisis on the question of Woman Suffrage. The reform which at one time was held to be of secondary interest is now recognised to be not merely equal in rank to the foremost questions of the day but superior to them in importance. And it is being predicted on all hands that unless the Cabinet handle this question in a way acceptable to the people of this country they will come to disaster.

A Rumour About Mr. Lloyd George.

an our last issue we drew the attention of our readers to the highly unsatisfactory statement of Sir Edward

Grey with regard to the application of the Referendum to Woman Suffrage, and warned them that in this he might be tentatively expressing the view of the Cabinet. After we had gone to press a rumour was circulated that Mr. Lloyd George was also favourably disposed to the Referendum proposal, and that he had indicated that he was weakening in his advocacy of Woman Suffrage. This rumour was based on a speech by Miss Powell, of Godalming, who said she had the information from a member of the executive of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies at a committee meeting.

Mr. Lloyd George says "Silly Twaddle."

Mr. Lloyd George, in an interview with a Press representative, described the statement as "silly twaddle"; and the National Union published an official denial in which it described the rumour as totally incorrect. Mrs. Fawcett, speaking at Richmond on Saturday, referred to Mr. Lloyd George's description of the Referendum as "a costly method of denying justice," and his specific repudiation in November last of the suggestion that it might be applied to Woman Suffrage when he had said :-

Suffrage when he had said:—The Referendum, which the Liberal Party has repudiated for other questions, would be doubly unfair for Women's Suffrage. I cannot see how any Liberal statesman who opposed so strenuously the application of the Referendum for some questions could with any show of fairness or decency extend it to Women's Suffrage."

proceeded to indicate Mr. Winston Churchill as the Cabinet Minister who had been promulgating the idea of the Referendum, and to denounce his tactics.

Other Rumours.

Nevertheless, the incident has added to the tension which exists, and rumours of all kinds are afloat. The rumour that the Manhood Suffrage Bill would be dropped and a Plural Voting Bill substituted in its place, to which we referred a fortnight ago, has been resuscitated in a circumstantial manner by the Parliamentary Correspondent of the Times, who states that the original announcement of a Manhood Suffrage Bill was "as much a surprise to Mr. Asquith's colleagues as to the country," and adds:

To proceed with such a Bill this Session might fatally overload the Government's programme. In these circumstances it is by no means improbable that the Government way fall back on the Plural Voting Bill, which would effect what Liberals consider to be the most pressing reform. In such case the pleage to the Woman Suffragists would be fulfilled on the Conciliation Bill an alternative which has always been kept open.

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As one reason for taking this course he suggests that it might be held to be out of order to graft a Woman Suffrage amendment in Committee on a Reform Bill which in its original form applied only to men. Another rumour to which the Weekly Dispatch and other papers have given credence is that Mr. Asquith is shortly to resign and that Mr. Lloyd George will become Prime Minister.

The Cabinet Meeting.

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All doubts are likely soon to be set at rest. A Cabinet Council is announced for to-day and, either then or according to the Daily Telegraph at a further Cabinet to make any use she pleased of this declaration. She have to make up their minds definitely as to the

course they intend to pursue. In our leading article this week Miss Christabel Pankhurst discusses the situation and the alternative methods by which the Cabinet may try to meet the crisis. To-morrow (Saturday) afternoon Mr. Lloyd George is to address a hastily summoned meeting at the City Liberal Club, we expect a pronouncement from him on the

Labour Party in conference at Birmingham, when a resolution was carried demanding Adult Suffrage for all men and women, and definitely rejecting Manhood Sufrage. The precise terms of the resolution were as

by the Government in the coming Session of Parliament. It turther requests the Labour Party in Parliament to make it clear that no Bill can be acceptable to the Labour and socialist movement which does not include women."

There was no difference of opinion expressed on the principle of Adult Suffrage, but the miners' representatives demurred to the categoric refusal of Manhood Suffrage contained in the second half of the resolution; nevertheless, after a spirited speech by Miss Mary MacArthur (Mrs. Anderson), the resolution was carried on a card vote by 919,000 to 686,000. A special meeting to demand Adult Suffrage is being held in the Albert Hall, on Tuesday, February 13, at 8 o'clock, by the Labour Party, the LLP, and the Fabian Society. Particulars are given on page 280.

Mr. Harcourt's "Reasons."

Mr. Harcourt cannot be congratulated either upon the novelty or the logicality of his objections to Woman Suffrage which he unfolded to the deputation which waited on him on Friday last. He thought it would "draw them from the sphere in which they shine, from duties which they adorn, from duties which can adequately be performed by none but themselves." Women possessed charm and emotion, but these qualities, though great assets, were "not conducive to sound political judgment."
There were also "physical and physiological circumstances in their lives more fitted for discussion in the consulting-room than on the platform, circumstances which unfit them at times for public duty or judgment." t is hardly surprising that there were cries of "rot" from the working women of the deputation who know what it is to have to perform daily an eight, nine, or ten hours' day, and whose judgment is being hourly called into requisition. The one public duty which they are asking to be allowed to perform is to express an inion once in every three or four years as to which of yo candidates is most fitted to represent their views in

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admitted who is not already a member of the AntiSuffrage Society; and even these stalwarts are to come
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the dukes earls, &c., and a packed audience, will be
take up this question next session, and introduce some
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respecting it, when, speaking as an individual member of the greatest part of the noise came from members of the audience friendly to Mr. McKenna, who shouted and gesticulated and urged on the who should and gestelement and triged of the stewards. The behaviour of the latter was marked by exceptional brutality, as is shown by the special report we print from an onlooker on page 280. The fact was also noted in several of the daily papers. The extraordinary courage of the men and women who for the faith that is in them are an and women who for the faith that is in them are the strength of the catholics.

In 1829: "According to my heart and conscience I believe that the time is come when less danger is to be

On Wednesday, the Standard in a leading article discussed the application of the referendum to woman suffrage and said:—

The Labour Party Rejects Manhood Suffrage.

An important step was taken on Friday last by the Page "have also contained many points of interest."

The Cheapness of Women's Lives.

ABEFORKS, Saturday.—Francis Anderson (61), coach-paint Forbes Street, pleading guilty, was to-day sentenced at Aberde to two months imprisonment for having pulled his wife backwas downstairs whereby her skull was fractured. She died in 'Royal Infirmary. Sheriff Laing, after reading the evidence, she was satisfied there was no intent to do any serious bodily hard. he was satisfied there was no intent to do any serious bodily harm.

The sentence was reckoned from the date the prisoner was
first committed for trial, so that he had only two or thremore weeks to serve. We wonder what would have beet
the sentence on a women who had acted in this way to
a man not strong enough to resist her. Yet men, according
to the anti-suffragists, can be relied on to protect women!

Items of Interest,

The opposition of the Government to Woman Suffrage cost the Liberal candidate many votes in Carmarthen, and his majority was reduced in all by 951. In East Edinburgh it is also likely to prove injurious to the Liberal, owing to the vigorous campaign of the W.S.P.U.

A special notice with regard to the welcome to the released prisoners will be found on page 275.

Owing to lack of space we are unable to give an account of the London meetings in the London Pavilion and Stein-way Hall. The Contribution List is held over until next week.

SIR ROBERT PEEL AND CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION.

In 1813: "I protest against the principle of this Bill, because it confers upon those who admit an external jurisdiction the right of legislating in all matters connected with the Church of England. . . . If the Protestants exceeded the Roman Catholics in number I should have much less objection. But it is impossible to consider that the Catholics so greatly preponderate without feeling alarm at the consequences of such unjurised concession." such unlimited concession

In 1817: "Do you mean to give them that fair proportion of political power to which their numbers, wealth, talents, and education will entitle them? If you do, can you believe that they will, or can, remai contented with the limits which you assign to them?

ppinion once in every three or four years as to which of two candidates is most fitted to represent their views in Parliament.

A Great Popular Gathering!

Five dukes, fifteen earls. five viscounts, forty-four barons, seven Cabinet Ministers, thirty members of Parliament, and one woman are advertised to sit on the platform at the great Albert Hall meeting on February 23, to demonstrate why women do not want the vote! In order to make the gathering still more impressive it has been decided that no one (man or woman) shall be admitted who is not already a member of the Anti-Suffrage Society; and even these stalwarts are to come

arried. We wonder if it will then be proclaimed as the voice of a free people!

Mr. McKenna at the Queen's Hall.

A very effective protest was made on Thursday in last week at Mr. McKenna's meeting in the Queen's Hall against his opposition to Woman Suffrage and the continued refusal of the Government, of which he is a responsible Minister, to include it in their programme of reform. For the first half-hour he endeavoured in vain to get a hearing: each time that he started to the declarations which I have repeatedly made respecting it, when speaking as an individual member of the started to the declarations which I have repeated made respecting it, when speaking as an individual member of its settlement; lest any misconception should go abroad respecting my sentiments, I am anxious to say a word upon this point for myself alone. Under the constitution of the present Government, each individual member of it is at liberty to entertain and support his own opinions on the subject, I refer the hon. baronet and the House to the declarations which I have repeated my maxious to say a word upon this point for myself alone. Under the constitution of the present Government, each individual member of it is at liberty to entertain and support his own opinions reparation of the form maxious to say a word upon this point for myself alone. Under the constitution of the present Government, each individual member of it is at the provided and the constitution of the present Government, each individual member of it is at liberty to entertain and support his own opinions reparation. question remain unaltered."

prepared to face such an ordeal is above all mere words of praise. It fills us with a sense of elation at the triumph of the human spirit over mere material things. things.

Cherchez les Femmes.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the Pall Mall Gazette for the amusing cartoon, by Ralph Cleaver, which appears on the front page of this issue. In its issue of Tuesday last under the title "Cherchez les Femmes" the same paper published a leading article in which it criticised the attitude of the Government saying:

There are at least three sections in the Ministry; and the attitude of every one of them means a profound injury to public interests, no matter what view we may take of the Suffrage question itself.

We do not attempt to apportion the blame between the "whole heggers," the "Bittle piggers," and the mere "cat jumpers" in the Cabinet. Their respective manourres are equally mischievous and iscreditable, and public hife, on the whole, has hardly seen a less design spectacle. nr respective manogures are equally mischievous and might endanger the establishment that I wish t defend."



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AUNT CAROLINE AND THE CONSTABLE.

Aunt Caroline, at the age of sixty-five, was—as her irreverent nephew, Claud, expressed it—a sportsman. Rotund in shape, her one obtrusive angle was her nose—an odd, inquisitive, pointed nose, which, as it were, prodded its path through life, sniffing the phenomena of the universe as though to test their validity by their odour, Aunt Caroline, truth to tell, was a trifle short-sighted, and from her lips issued, when she spoke, a small, piping voice, far too meek in tone to express her very positive opinions.

There followed something about grey hairs, but it was drowned in the swelling hubbub of the altercation and the facetious sarcasms of the "ragging" lads.

Aunt Caroline's spirit was considerable. She was not going to be shouted down. She must go forward and stop the brawl by her presence. She was beginning strangely to feel elated.

"Let me pass, if you please!" she called to the policemen, whose broad backs were barring her progress. They took no notice.

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when chaut fell in love with a suffragette, these positive opinions were enunciated by Aunt Caroline pretty sharply. Aunt Caroline couldn't endure suffragettes. She had never met any; but she had read of them in the papers. Even when confronted with Louisa, Claud's fiancée, she was unable to modify her Louisa, Chau's mance, she was thank to month her views, though Louisa (like so many of the alleged desperates) was obviously one of the gentlest of maidens. "I must talk to Louisa," said Aunt Caroline. Louisa, Aunt Caroline implied, had only to be talked to, and

she would alter her principles.

Unfortunately Louisa, before Aunt Caroline could have the "talk," was put in prison for obstructing the

Louisa, one gathered from Aunt Caroline's newspaper, had taken part in a riot outside the House and had knocked down about a dozen sergeants before she was carried off, struggling, scratching, biting, and screaming to Cannon Row. It was dreadful. Now, at last, Claud would give up his suffragette—so Aunt Caroline surmised. A girl who could engage in a vulgar hand-to-hand scrimmage with police constables! But, somehow, Claud seemed unshaken in his love for Louisa. He admitted that there had been a disturbance in Parliament Square; he admitted that Louisa was now languishing in Holloway (alas, there was no evading this circumstance, and Claud was far from happy concerning it): but, having privately interviewed certain of the constables concerned, he did not admit the struggling, scratching, biting, and screamadmit the struggling, scratching, biting, and scream-

The police have their orders," said Claud, "and no doubt must carry them out. If you saw those con-stables, Aunt Caroline, you would understand that for a girl of Louisa's size and strength to hurt even the little finger of one of them is literally impossible."

"She knocked down several," Aunt Caroline insisted.

"Poor fellows! They could not retaliate, for fear of

Claud grinned. "You had better go and see the next affray, aunt, —then you'll believe. Another deputation is to take place this afternoon, and there may be further arrests."

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"Dreadful!" groaned Aunt Caroline. "Someone ought to speak to them and show them their foolishness. I have a good mind to try, myself. A few hints from an old woman, who understands her sex—" Aunt Caroline pondered. "My grey hairs might give them pause—" Claud doubted it.

"The police was a ladge fighting in the mob.

Come along of me, lady." And, with extraordinary skill and appalling strength, he marched her, on the instant, through an opening in the mob.

Aunt Caroline made an effort to brandish her umbrella. "This is abominable! I protest! What have I done?" The words burst from her in stupefied gasps.

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Aunt Caroline was scandalised. Never before had she seen anybody—least of all a lady—in contact with, and defying, the guardians of law and order. Behold, these ladies, having been commanded to depart, were not departing! They were declining to depart!

Although an inspector was firmly telling them to depart!

It was a sight that perplexed and appalled Aunt Caroline. Here, indeed, was an opportunity for wise counsel. She would remonstrate with these rebels, remind them of their womanhood, ask them what their brothers and husbands would think if they saw such unferminine conduct—

She uplifted her small, piping voice, indignant with emotion.

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In this vinian? Tou can yourselves men, and you can look on at an outrage like this —"

And lo, out of the group, a figure darted forward, and with the science of a tackling footballer seized the constable sound the lower limits.

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No response.

Aunt Caroline was annoyed. Nose foremost she trid to worm her way between that pair of stalwart, blue-clad backs. "I must speak to these ladies! Let whistle, was an uncommonly gratifying spectacle.

me pass, if you please!"

The backs resisted her. One of them positively gave

butted thrustingly between the backs, and, on a sudden, squeezed through and burst forth, with an almost audible plop, on the other side.

Instantly she felt both her arms seized.

"Now then, lady!" Two officially gruff voices uttered the phrase simultaneously. "None of that!"

Aunt Caroline squirmed, and faced her captors.

"What do you mean!" She bobbed and writhed, but could not budge another inch. The two policemen were immovable—and—ignominy on ignominy—both were smilling.

We've got our orders. No suffragettes are to be allowed any further for ard than this," said one of them.

Now will you go back, lady?"
"I'm not a suffragette!" squeaked Aunt Caroline.
"Then what are you doing here?" came the wrathful

"I will not go away and—"

"I will not go away?" Aunt Caroline, though she would have denied it, was in a furious rage. She tried to wrench herself loose. "This is disgusting! Let

Almost at the same moment one of the policeman did, in fact, let go; for immediately behind him a dispute had arisen between two argumentative members of the crowd, and his attention was in demand. With one arm free Aunt Caroline rebounded somewhat violently

might give them pause—"
Claud doubted it.

"The police are not being treated fairly by these women," said Aunt Caroline. "My grey hairs—"
But Claud, who was busy, could not wait to hear a disquisition on the soothing influence of grey hairs.

That afternoon a rotund, black-robed, bonneted figure, armed with an umbrella, pecked and butted a course into the crowd in Parliament Square. Aunt Caroline, anti-suffragist, had decided to interfere in these outrageous ongoings; she was determined to utter a timely word of counsel and restraint to these Menada suffragettes, and to put a stop, once for all, to the ill-treatment of the police.

The crowd was only moderately dense, for the demonstration had not been advertised. At its centre a double cordon of constables were ushering the deputation towards the House—on a fruitless mission. The onlookers consisted mainly of idle lads who had assembled in the hope of "ragging." Through this outlying fringe Aunt Caroline had no great difficulty in burrowing; and presently she found herself close to the kernel of the imbroglio.

The deputation had now reached a blank wall of police and now reached a blank wall of police and now reached a blank wall of police and roce and received a blank wall of police and received a blank wall of police and received and police force, "she was assuring line."

The capal were highly of the police!" We can't have ladies fighting in the public streets and trying to knock us down when we prevent "em. You Suffragettes.—"

The words maddened Aunt Caroline. "Suffragette, indeed! Trying to knock you down! Brute! Brute, I say! You tried to knock we down! Brute! Brute, I say! You tried to knock we down! Brute! Brute, I say! You tried to knock we down! Brute! Brute, I say! You tried to knock we down! Brute! Brute, I say! You tried to knock we down! Brute! Brute, I say! You tried to knock we down! Brute! Brute, I say! You tried to knock we down! Brute! Brute, I say! You tried to knock we down! Brute! Brute, I say! You tried to knock we down! Brute! Brute,

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As a matter of fact, Aunt Caroline fled the following her a push.

Aunt Caroline pushed too, in retaliation. Her face was red; there was a notable light in her eyes. "I will not be treated like this!" Her accents were more and more shrill. "Kindly let me pass! I insist!" She butted thrustingly between the backs, and, on a sudden, succeed through and burst forth with an almost.

"He admitted that Caroline lied the following morning to the Riviera. Her first idea had been the Argentine, "where," as she opined, "there is none of that tyrannous extradition," but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that there would be "the deuce to pay" if the police traced either of them. They had committed an assault—"where the police traced either of them. They had committed an assault—"the secondary or indeed!" eviced Anyth Caroline lied the following morning to the Riviera. Her first idea had been the Argentine, "where," as she opined, "there is none of the tyrannous extradition," but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition," but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition, "but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition," but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition, "but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition," but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition, "but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that there is none of the tyrannous extradition," but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition, "but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition," but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that there is none of the tyrannous extradition, "but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition," but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition, "but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition," but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition, "but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted that the tyrannous extradition," but Claud dissuaded her. He admitted tha

him down," remarked Claud.

"These journalists always say that," she retorted.

"Then," he ventured, "you grant that Louisa may not have been so much in the wrong after all?"

"I am convinced that the police are treating us women barbarically," cried Aunt Caroline. "When I get a vote I shall use it to abolish this scandal."

Claud heartily agreed. And when he and his aunt had lean a month at Cannes they were joined by

At the wedding, Aunt Caroline, to the horror of all, affronted the rainbow by wearing a dress in the Suffra-

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mr. Mansell Moullin to Speak on Monday.

The Albert Hall

What has the Vote done in New Zealand? Lady Stout's valuable articles on New Zealand shortly to be published by the Woman's Press in pam form, price 1d.

THE NEXT PROTEST.

the kernel of the imbroglio.

The constable testily propelled her onward in a police, and were being informed that they could be allowed to advance no further. A parley was proceeding, a parley suddenly interrupted by a more or less amicable scuffie.

Aunt Caroline, in one of her gyrations, caught sight of the loitering train of spectators.

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THE FOLLY OF THE CENSOR. 35

It is certain that the respectable and conven-tional persons who are behind the Censor in his campaign against ideas, are doomed to a very speedy disappointment. It is open to doubt whether t is of any real service to the powers that be to Non-Flesh Recipes, attempt to crush ideas by censoring them, even when all the means of publication can be dealt with in the same way; it is generally considered that such a method simply drives idea inderground, and though temporarily preventing their triumph makes them ultimately far more dangerous. But there can be no doubt at all as to the futility of trying to crush ideas when presented on the stage, while giving them free opportunity for dissemination in books, in the Press, on the platform, and from the

pulpit.

The little play "The Coronation," which was so successfully performed on Sunday last to an audience brought together by invitation, illustrates very plainly this general truth, for though by censoring it the authorities gave a great deal of trouble to the producers and put them to considerable expense, so far as the ideas of the play are concerned an enormous adver-

ideas of the play are concerned an enormous advertisement was obtained.

The story, which is quite devoid of any offence, is that of a monarch who, before his coronation, is suddenly brought face to face with the real meaning of poverty. The person who awakes in him this real knowledge is a poor woman who presents to him a petition setting forth the grievances of the people. He insists upon having her brought into his presence, and after listening to her story decides, at her suggestion, to sell his regalia and give food to the people.

Criticism of the play has been directed firstly on the lines that it is aimed at our present Royalty. This can be answered by showing how widely the incidents of the story prevent this interpretation. Secondly, objection is taken to the remedy for the people's distress adopted by the king. I imagine that the talented authors, Miss Christopher St. John and Mr. Charles Thursby, would be the first to realise the futility of such a remedy. But that is no criticism of the play. The king and the poor woman, both ignorant in their own way, devise a scheme which would be rejected by wiser men and women, but in so doing they act according to their characters.

It would be very bad art if in order to teach some theoretic lesson authors were expected to put into the mouths of their characters sentiments and words which

theoretic lesson authors were expected to put into the mouths of their characters sentiments and words which they could not possibly utter. The performance of the woman by Haidée Wright was a remarkably fine one and richly merited the applanse that was given to it. The king (Godfrey Tearle) and the other characters were all well sustained.

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I yield to a moral necessity which I cannot control, unwilling to push resistance to a point which might endanger the establish-

The promise held out in these words will be broken by throwing us back upon the torpedoed Conciliation Bill, and the only way in which Mr. Lloyd George can fallil it is by insisting upon the introduction and

But even if the resignation of either the Suffragist or the Anti-Suffragist Ministers should render the continu-ance of the Liberal Party in office impossible, women could hardly be expected to be inconsolable at this self-sought destruction. If official Liberalism refuses self-sought destruction. If official Laberalism refuses to move with the times, it has only itself to blame if catastrophe is the result. Our point of view is that if we cannot unite the Cabinet on Votes for Women, the next best thing we can do is to split the Cabinet on Votes for Women,

The third and the simplest course of procedure is for the Cabinet to unite in promoting a Woman Suffrage Bill. It is, in fact, the only course which they can adopt

WHAT WILL THE CABINET DO?

The first Cabinet meeting of the New Year is expected to take place to-day (Friday), when it is proable that Ministers will come to a decision on the Woman Suffrage crisis. As Mr. Lloyd George is to address a meeting at the City Listenal Club to morrow afternoon, we shall expect to have from him then an announcement of what that decision has been.

It is generally anticipated that Ministers will not take the step fatal to their Party of allowing Woman Suffrage that the decision to resist the Referendum will leave the Cabinet still face to face with their original difficulty. That is to say, it will leave them still divided upon the issue of Woman Suffrage. Ministers entered light-heartedly enough on the plan of waging public warfare with one another on the question of Votes for Women, because they thought that this would be regarded by their political opponents and by the country at large as an inmocent device for one more shelving, the question. They have had an early and a rade awakening from their dream. They have found out what the events of the past should have taught them—that an open conflict between Ministers upon any question of ministers should be allowed, not morely to minister of ministers with what the events of the past should have taught them—that an open conflict between Ministers upon any question of ministers should be allowed, not morely to emit on public paltors who, during the last Unionis Administration, promoted conflicting policies on the Fiscal Question:

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of another Government Bill giving votes to women on equal terms with men.

To withdraw the Manhood Suffrage Bill in favour of a Plural Voting Bill (also framed for the benefit of men only), leaving women to depend upon the torpedoed Conciliation Bill, would be, especially as far as Mr. Lloyd George is concerned, a breach of faith—as may be seen by recalling the following words, spoken by him to the Suffragist deputation which he and the Prime Minister received at Downing Street on November 17. On that occasion Mr. Lloyd George said —

Don't you commit yoursalves too readily to the statement that this is a trick upon Woman Suffrage. If you find next year, as a result of this frick, that several millions of women have been added in a Bill to the franchise; that this Bill has been sent to the House of Lords by the Government, and that the Government stand by that Bill whatever the Lords do, then those who have committed themselves to that Ill-conditioned suggestion will look very foolish.

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CABINET MINISTERS CONFRONTED WITH WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS.

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Mr. McKenna's meeting at the Queen's Hall on Friday last was the scene of a vigorous protest by Worman Suffragists. As soon as the Home Secretary rose to his feet a man in the audience made a reference to women, and at once the usual scenes of excitement prevailed in the meeting until he was violently ejected. A score of men and some five women also made short interjections and were treated with extraordinary brutality. Altogether Mr. McKenna is the stall against the application of the Referendum to Woman's Suffrage—or so it seemed by but the pandemonium of noise and darkly looked he at the (Hall), and darkly looked he at the (Hall), and darkly at the foc."

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—The Davily Telegraph (Political Notes).

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