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## TIM HEALY'S ZOO



**THE MEN:** "Would you rather a lion ate you or a tiger?"  
**IRISH WOMAN WHO WANTS A VOTE:** "Take them away! I demand my own freedom."

(Mr. Tim Healy, M.P., said in the House of Commons last Monday that the amended Home Rule Bill would divide Ireland into two dens of lions and tigers as in the Zoological Gardens).

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### DEDICATION

To the brave women who to-day are fighting 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 fight, we dedicate this paper.

### THE OUTLOOK

Mr. Asquith has put forward his proposals for compromise on the Irish Home Rule Bill. They contain no provision for extending the Irish franchise to women. Moreover, the question of "exclusion" is, according to his scheme, to be submitted to a plebiscite of men only (the Parliamentary electors) in each county of Ulster.

#### On Behalf of Irishwomen

We protest very strongly against this attempt to fasten upon the women of Ireland a government in

which they have no share, and we shall look with interest to see what steps professing suffragists on both sides of the House of Commons take to rectify this injustice. Sir Edward Carson, in an interview with three members of the W.S.P.U. (who obtained it as the result of their importunity), has already declared his intention of doing nothing in the matter. He cannot therefore be surprised if the W.S.P.U. carry out their threat of dogging his footsteps in Ireland and of heckling and interrupting his meetings. Voteless women have no other effective means of bringing home to persons in power their passionate displeasure.

#### Cat and Mouse Again

The week has been marked by two scandalous arrests carried out by the police at the instigation of the Government. On Sunday Miss Sylvia Pankhurst was arrested while peacefully proceeding to a demonstration in Trafalgar Square. The news of her capture was received by her supporters in the Square with the greatest indignation, and tumultuous scenes were enacted, resulting in injuries both to police and to men and women; several arrests followed and various sentences were inflicted. On Monday night the St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, where Mrs. Pankhurst was speaking, was invaded by a great army of police, some in uniform and some in plain clothes. The police stormed the platform, using their batons freely on men and women, who retaliated by throwing flower pots and other missiles. Serious injuries were inflicted on

both sides, and several doctors were called on to give assistance. Eventually Mrs. Pankhurst was captured and carried off to the police station, and thence next day to London.

#### Against Public Morals

It is impossible to exaggerate the gravity of these events. Neither of the prisoners was doing anything illegal at the time of arrest. Neither had done, since her last imprisonment, anything illegal for which proceedings were being taken. The arrests were being carried out in pursuance of the scandalously wide powers conferred by the Cat and Mouse Act, which gives the Executive the right to arrest over and over again prisoners released in consequence of the hunger strike. We say emphatically that such proceedings are flagrantly against public morals. They are a species of deliberate persecution, and are recognised as such by all who witness them, whether friends or foes. Consequently they strike at the basis of all civilised law which is the sanction given by the opinion of orderly decent citizens.

#### A Terrible Vengeance

A member of the W.S.P.U. has taken a speedy method of retaliating upon the community for the steps taken against the leader of her Union. She has slashed up with a hatchet the famous Rokeby "Venus" in the National Gallery, attributed by many to Velasquez. She has thereby demonstrated once more the fact that human society rests upon mutual forbearance and consent, and that if a section, however powerful, outrages the feelings of













