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# Mr. Philip Snowden's Lecture.

UNREST.

THE CAUSES OF LABOUR

High Wages Good for Industry.

Rigid Minimum Wage Out of the Question.

On Wednesday evening, in connection with the Education Department of the Accrington and Church Co-operative Society, Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P., gave a lecture at Oak-street assembly room on "How to deal with Labour unrest." The Rev. A. J. Humphreys presided. There was a crowded attendance. MR. HUMPHREYS.

The Chairman said all parties were agreed upon the necessity of doing something with regard to social problems, and all churches were interested. He stood as a Church of England clergyman primarily for the religious ideal, and Mr. Snowden stood primarily for the political and social ideal, and most people thought they were in some way opposed. They were there to show that they were not opposed, but complementary. Mr. Humphreys said he held very strongly that religious idealism was necessary for the social uplift. While he emphasised that religion must play a very important part in the social uplift, yet unless religion had its social application it was apt to become very empty, formal, and very remote from ordinary workeday life. They stood together that night to show that the Church could never fulfil its mission and realise the ideals of was something radically wrong. The time was bound to come when the Church would realise more fully this particular aspect of its work, and the time would come when the working classes and the Labour idealists would realise a good deal more than they had that social reform would rely a great deal upon religious inspiration and idea; ism if it was to be carried to its full realisation in anything like a more perfect society. He believed they could not have one without the other, and the two must stand together. And so he regarded the conjunction that night as prophetic of the coming alliance between the Church and social idealists when religion would have its fuller application, and a method whereby that might be brought about was emphasising the idea of co-operation, "Each for all and all for each," until they had the whole of society organised on the co-operative method for the good of all which was the only hope both for the Church and nation. (App ause.)

trusts made. A trust ought to be able to

of petty firms. The increase in prices was

not due so much to the open and above board

trust as to another form of capitalist mono-

and to take out of the pockets of the con

sumers as much as they could possibly pay.

The retail trades were to a great extent

governed by rings. The ring was responsible

to a considerable extent for the recent in-

crease in the price of the necessaries of life.

The likelihood was that the advance in prices

would have taken place if there had

been no increase of wages. Rings could not

take out of the pockets of the consumers

more than was in them. Referring to figures

of the last 50 years, Mr. Snowden said some-

times wages had gone up while prices had

come down, and at other times it was the

other way about. In 1900 whilst wages were

80 per cent. higher than in 1850, the prices

Referring to the remedies, Mr. Snowden

said the cause of labour unrest might be

summed up in a general term, namely, the

inability of the wage earning class to com-

mand to the full a decent standard of civi

lised living. Any proposal which was going

giving them more wages or the equivalent of

wages. They had to get more wages. After

pointing out what trade unionism had done

to get an advance of wages, Mr. Snowden said

trade unions in the future would find the

best opening not so much in fighting for an

advance of wages as in working for the

tection and compensation for workmen. The

truth compelled one to say that the power

of the trade union to wring concessions from

the employing cass was getting weaker and

weaker, and the trade union alone would

achieve fewer victories of that character in

the future even than it had done in the past

Now it was a fight between a national federa-

tion of employers and a national trade union.

and providing the conditions were equal in

other respects, the power of capital would

always come to the advantage of those who

possessed capital. By one means or another

wages had got to be raised. Intelligent em-

ployers were discovering that low wages did

not pay, and the community had discovered

that the most expensive thing was the

poverty of the masses of the people. The

ground which Mr. Lloyd George took with

bettering the physical condition of the

Low wages did not pay. But they had to

act in a common sense way in getting better

it was the Leight of unwisdom to impose a

minimum wage of 30s. for every industry.

They should only do these things gradually,

in order to allow the industries to gradually

accommodate themselves to the new con-

ditions, and that they would do very speedily.

The establishment of a legal wage would, he

hoped, destroy a good number of the indus-

tries, and that would be for the good of the

community and of the workers who were now

swested. Anything in the form of a universal

those in which the wages were highest.

workers they would produce more.

hours, better sanitary conditions, better

to ameliorate this condition must aim

of commodities were 27 per cent. lower.

ably of a national character. There were many objections against district or county wages boards, especially for the application of a manimum wage to agricultural workers, If they fixed the minimum wage at 25s, now it had not to be 25s. for ever, but should MR. SNOWDEN. advance. Labour had to have in the future Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P., in a review of its fair and just share of the increasing the general question, pointed out that prosperity and wealth of the country. If that Syndicalism and the sympathetic strike were principle was accepted, there ought to be no not modern, and that the value of a workdifficulty in the working of these wages man's wage depended upon the amount of goods, necessaries or comfort which could be also to deal with the hours of labour, which purchased by the wages. In a very large measure, he said, the explanation of the outburst of labour unrest 21 years ago was that the increased cost of living, stationary wages, and the condition generally of the working people had become too intolerable to be borne. The rapid development of joint command things without wages. He advostock companies was also responsible for labour unrest. Strikes and disputes for the last 21 years had been mainly confined to industries where the nature of the unemclasses there was a deepening conviction real to the child-mind. ployment had been largely casual and the number of that class, owing to the development of modern industry, was becoming larger. Another reason for labour unres was that joint stock industries were owned by absentee shareholders who had never seen the business in which their money was invested, and it was managed by officials, and there was not that personal relationship was no believer in the idea that they were and responsibility between workpeople and employers which was formerly the case when the business was owned by a man who as the manager of his own business and was constantly in personal contact with his workpeople. The main cause of the increase the last few years was the extraordinary development of new countries and the amount of capital which had been required leisure, and he urged all to do their duty in for that purpose, and that enormous capital had not become remunerative or reproducassisting to achieve that desirable end. tive. That would continue for some time. (Applause.) The capital controlled by joint stock companies was constantly being increased by LABOUR M.P. AT ama gamation in the form of trust or combine. There was no absolute reason why the formation of trusts should be followed by an increase in the commodities which the

#### produce more economically than a number Mr. S. of the Workers.

poly of which they knew very little, namely, A fairly well attended meeting was held in the ring. The general public had not the the Commercial-road school, Great Harwood slightest idea of the extent these rings on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the governed prices of commodities. The sole Independent Labour Party. Mr. W. Hesmondpurpose of the ring was to force up prices halgh, J.P., presided, and the speaker was Mr. Stephen Walsh, M.P for Ince.

> At the outset Mr. Walsh referred to the great progress the Labour party had made within the last ten of fifteen years and claimed that they had now got the respect and confidence of the great masses of the people. Centiming he observed that it had been said that political life could not bring about any essential or fundamental change in the workers' conditions, and that what had to be done was to abandon political life altogether, and unite the workers of the world by the process of many industries recently, for it was thought that by adopting that course the genuine mentioned the workers could inflict untold relief and ease. suffering upon the nation. Still, believing, as he did, that the whole community ought to Pills at most Chemists and Drug Stores at and that no body of people, however powerful. had a right to inflict suffering on the whole after all other remedies have failed community, he was of the opinion that no section of people ought to resort to such a desperate remedy without first giving the matter their very serious consideration. There might be occasions when injustice, hardship, and

suffering practically drove people to rebellion. The workers must take advantage of, and not abandon their political power. They were confronted with multifarious problems which improvement of labour conditions, shorter had arisen as a result of the land having which could be solved if the workers would combine their political power in organised industries. Political and industrial action must be combined, and the weapons used with a full sense of responsibility, and a full knowledge of the goal which they desired to attain. It discard any weapon that lay in their hands in trade unionism would be made in the future

# NELSON LABOUR DEFEAT.

A hy-election took place at Nelson on Wedneeday to fill the vacancy on the town council most prosperous trades in the country were created by the elevation of the mayor (Councillor W. E. Riley), the Liberal representative paid to give wages, and it must be so. The of Central Ward, to the aldermanic bench. The Liberals held a majority of one over the regard to the Insurance Act was that in Labour party before the election, and the Labour party made a determined attack upon the seat The Conservatives supported the Liberal nominee, Mr. Jesse Blakey, who easily defeated the Labour candidate, Mr. George wages. They had not to cause any greater Naylor The figures were: Blakey, 531; Naydislocation of industry than they could pos- lor, 365; majority, 166. The constitution of eib y avoid. It ought to be their aim to get the council is now: Eleven Liberals, nine Labour, and four Conservatives. for every family more than 30s. a week, but

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THE SCENE AFTER THE FIRE.

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and rigid minimum wage was altogether out

Mr. Snowden advocated dealing with the

question by means of wages boards, prefer-

of the question as a practical matter.

A destructive fire occurred early on Thurs- through, and then consumed it. They spread The Accrington brigade was under the direc-

preaching the social message, and unless left, and in the short space of three-quarters Church and Hagg Works. Accrington and wooden structure, but this and the other they could couple these things together there of an hour an extensive wooden one-storey Church fire brigades were also summoned by portions of the works were saved. Many jets to a state of wreckage and the valuable stock structure had vanished. Fortunately there purposes burnt itself out, nothing being left contained therein destroyed. The goods were was a copious supply of water conveniently at except the charred sides of the structure and dry and high y inflammable, and the flames, hand, and Steiner's and Accrington steamers the salvaged material, saved by the flood of once they had gained a hold, spread with found a good site for operations alongside water poured thereon. The flames soon licked the roof, burst attached to the hydrants in Hyndburn-road. out of employment.

day evening at Hagg Works, Hyndburn-road, from end to end of the building with electri- tion of Supt. Ware, who, though he had been Church, owned by Messrs. F. Steiner and Co., fying speed, and the scene was one of weird confined to bed for several days, turned out. A section of the firemen were set to quell the The firm's own fire brigade, with steamer, outbreak, whilst the remainder were detailed under Supt. Tilstone, were quickly on the to protect the adjacent, buildings. On one scene, speedily covering the distance between side of the cooling-room was another large telephone, and they arrived on the scene were brought into play, and thousands of with all haste. But by that time the fire was yards of hose pipe used. In about an hour raging furiously, and all hope of saving the and a quarter the fire had to all intents and

remarkable rapidity, and the building was one of the firm's lodges near the burning The camage is estimated at £6,400, and soon a burning mass of raging flame. The building. The fire engine belonging to fortunately for the firm it is covered by insurglare illumined the sky, and the fiery mass Church District Council, however, could not ance. Another fortunate circumstance is provided a striking spectacle for the big be accommodated, but the brigade, under that, as no process work was carried on in crowd of onlookers which rapidly assembled. Supt. Walker, got to work with hose pipes the destroyed building, no one will be thrown

#### "AN EVENING IN FAIRYLAND."

#### Mr. R. K. Whitaker's Lecture.

On Monday evening Mr. Robert Kidd Whitaker lectured on "An evening in Fairyland" to the members of the Literary and Social Union at Higher Antley Congregational Church. At the outset the lecturer expressed his desire to carry his audience with him fantesy to the wondrous land of "Once upon along Union-road, in Tinker-brow, she med boards. The wages boards should be able a time," where everyone "lives happy ever the defendant. Defendant asked her where after." In telling words he emphasised the great part played by imagination in lifein many trades were still shamefully long. the physician and the artist being telling The reduction of the hours of labour was one everyday examples of this truth. Passing to of the most important industrial reforms. It the child, for whom the fairies and fairyland was a real addition to their standard of living. are ever real, Mr. Whitaker pointed out that He looked for an extension of the communal in the early days of childhood, everythingservices by which people would be able to even the inanimate is vivid with life the sun, the moon, the babbling brook, the rain so often exhorted to "go away and come again cated general municipal and national service another day," the airy mountain, the rushing which would bring about the destruction of glen, where one "dare't go,a' hunting, for fear coal and railway monopolies. Among all of little men," all are wonderfully alive and

and that the workers were getting far too fairy lore and its relation with the nursery str.king twelve. going to establish a condition of human Jackdaw of Eheims" in the Ingoldsby legends, gagements. brotherhood by accentuating class bitterness, son and the classic "Alice in Wonderland," of to sit down through his knocking her about. feeling, and hatred. All efforts should be Lewis Carroll. Touching upon the character- P.S. Gregson said that at 12.5 on the night would have a bountiful harvest and abundant happy was he in his rendering of Uncle Remus' tale of the tar baby and the adventures in connection therewith of incautious Rabbit and cumning Brer Fox. Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird" and Barrie's 'Peter Pan," he passed to the reading of that wonderful little poem "The land of make believe." Mr. Whitaker emphasised the necessity of quickening in a proper manner the imagination, latent or developed, of the child, by utilising with due care the youthful fondness for fairyland, pointing to the lessons to be derived. Jack the Giant Killer, for example, clearly taught courage, while perseveronce was obviously the moral to be drawn from the story of Dick Whittington and Bow

nounced love of his subject, an insight into the possibilities and a deep appreciation of its rendered lecture. A hearty vote of thanks his wife would also want some amusement testified to the cordial appreciation of an en- at night. It rested with defendant to set thusiastic audience.

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# FLIGHTS BY NIGHT.

The French military dirigible Adjudant Vincenot made a very successful long flight in the dark on Friday night. Leaving Issyles-Moulineaux at five o'clock in the evening (says the "Times" Paris correspondent) it made a long journey eastward. It did not return till ten o'clock the following morning. having flown as far as Verdun and back, and having remained seventeen hours in the air.

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many Hall, contains a bequest of £30,000 to their efforts to obtain improved conditions. Trinity Church for the purpose of establishing Trade unions must remember that the price a free distribution of bread for the poor. The of liberty was eternal vigilance, and must re- will (says the New York correspondent of the tain every inch of the ground which they now "Times) stipulates that every loaf distributed held, for attacks upon, and efforts to destroy, must be stamped with the name of the testator.

# A HUMAN MONSTER

Karl Hopf, the Frankfurt poisoner, was on

Saturday found guilty of murdering his first wife and sentenced to death. For attempting the lives of his second and third wives and two children a centence of fifteen years' penal servitude was, for form's sake, also passed on The evidence (says the Berlin correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph") showed Hopf to be a man to whom no kind of moral law existed. After inoculating his victims with typhus and tuberculosis germs, he calmly recorded in a notebook the changes in their condition. While dosing them with arsenic he expressed the greatest corcorn and solici-Some years ago he secured judgments for slander against people who had hinted that he was guilty of atrocious crimes of which he has now been convicted. ----

Lord Caledon has sold the famous Holbein portrait of Thomas Cromwell, Earl of Essex, to Mesers. Thomas Agnew and Sons, art dealers, Old Bond-street, London, W., £30,000. Lord Caledon, who is aged 28, is a lurry turned over. lieutenant in the 1st Life Guarde. At the rick of his life an Aldershot Council employe, named Cross, stopped a pair of Army Service Corps horses attached to a large waggon, the driver of which had been thrown

when descending Church Hill.

# KNOCKED HIS WIFE DOWN.

# An Oswaldtwistle Assault.

Thomas Whittle, a collier, who now obtains his living by singing in clubs was summoned at Church Police Court on Thursday by his wife, Florence Whittle, who resides in Mason-street, Oswaldtwistle, for

Complainant deposed that on Saturday night, January 10th, as she was proceeding she had been and she told him she had been an errand with her sister. Before she Later in Bent-street defendant again struck her on the temple with his fist. to see a spiritualist at Blackburn with regard to a little boy ?- I went an errand with

What time did you come back ?- By the last car. The police officers spoke to us that things were not what they ought to be. The lecturer then turned to the history of besides the Town Hall and a clock was

rhyme, to the folk tales and folk songe, the Defendant: I asked you where you had at the church and by the large number of little of the national wealth, and amongst Norse Sagas, the Homeric tales, and thus back been and you said where you had been to sympathisers. The Rev. A. Wilcock con- promise of highly attractive fare. For the people outside the working classes there was again by way of the Welsh Mabinogion, the you would go again? Nellie Pickering was a willingness to make sacrifices to bring Arabian Nighte, Chancer, Spenser's "Faerie with you. You didn't give me a satisfactory about a better social condition, provided Queen," Shakespeare's Puck in "A Mideum- answer and I hit you. Defendant added they could see that the method proposed was mer Night's Dream." and Ariel in "The that he had been separated from his wife likely to accomplish the desired result. He Tempest," to the modern "Tales of the Alham- four times and said that she had followed bra," by Washington Irving, the famous him about to clubs where he had had en-"My bed is a boat" by Robert Louis Steven- Complainant said that once she was unable

directed to emphasising the great truth that istic features of each phase with skill, Mr. in question when he was standing near the they were all members of one another. He Whitaker contrived to convey to his hearers Golden Cross he saw defendant pase him. believed a good many present would live to the salient points of the various historical When defendant had got about one hunsee the establishment of a state of things periods, reading passages here and there, the dred yards away he met compla nant. Dewhen every man who did a fair day's work better to illustrate his points. Particularly fendant struck complainant and knocked her down and complainant screamed. He help in every good cause, never failing to followed the two down the road, and when he reached the Town Hall he there saw two men and two women, including defendant and complainant. There was a general fight amongst the lot of them and it took three of them to effect a separation. Defendant: I admit the assault, but to come home? He added that he was 23 years of age and had been married ears. He had never had a summons against him except by his wife. He had been working a club for 17s. 6d. a night and he gave his wife 16s, of it. He was a collier by trade, but this last six months he had Throughout the lecturer evidenced a pro- been working the clubs in Burnley. The Bench fined defendant 10s, and costs and the Chairman told him that he was magnitude, all of which tended to add to the following an occupation which hept him out enjoyment of a well-conceived and admirably at night and it was only natural to suppose

# ACCRINGTON'S HEALTH.

pathy with what he had been doing.

her a better example and to find some other

and better employment. They had no sym-

# pains of bladder inflammation (oystitis). The Medical Officers' Figures.

In his report for the month of December, Dr. Greenhalgh, Medical Officer of Health for dist Church were Messrs, G. Gastall, J. Sixty-one deaths have been registered during

per 1,000 of the estimated population per annum, as compared with 40 deaths and deathrate of 10.69 for November, and 49 deaths and death-rate of 12.80 for December last year advance in well-being and general progress, 2/9 and 4/6. This is a truly wonderful remedy Of the 61 deaths, three are "non-residents" and should be given an immediate trial, even (Clayton-le-Moors 1, Church 1, and Gewaldtwistle 1) and the remainder have been allocated to their wards as follows :- West ward 6. RUB BACKACHE AWAY WITH SMALL Central ward 15, North ward 6, Peel Park ward 5, East ward 6, South ward 6. Higher Antley ward 7, Spring Hill werd 7. Nine year of age, giving an infant mortality per 1,000 registered births of 115,38, as against 117.64 for November, and 36.58 for December, 1913. Zymotic diseases have caused deaths, measles one and diphtheria one, giving symptic death-rate equal to .51, as against 26 for November, and .26 for December last year. Seventy-eight births, 32 males and 46 females, have also been registered during the month, giving a birth-rate equal to 20.17 per 1,000 per annum, as compared with 68 The will of Mr. Henry M. Gescheidt, a New birthe and birth-rate of 18.17 for November would be the deepest folly for the workers to York lawyer, and formerly a member of Tam- and 82 births and birth-rate of 21.43 for the corresponding month of last year. The following cases of disease have been notified during the month :- Scarlet fever five, typhoid fever two, diphtheria five, poliomyelitie one, erysipelas one, pulmonary turerculosis five, and other forms of tuberculosis three. The crude statistics for the year 1913, are as follows:-Deaths 598, death-rate 13.13. Birthe 889, birth-rate 19.52. Infant deaths 105. Infant mortality 118.11. Zymotic deaths 31. Zymotic death-rate .68.

# A MOTOR TRAGEDY.

A sad motor fatality was described at an inquest at Saddleworth on Thursday on Alfred Cheetham, of Oldham, a verdict of "Accidental death" being returned.

The wagon was proceeding down the incline of Bunkstones-road, and the surface was extremely slippery. Just after starting down the hill, said William Singleton, the steersman, the vehicle got out of control, and was going then at about twelve miles an hour. He saw Cheetham trying the brake and reversing audience laughed at them. the lever, but the speed of the car was unchecked. Twice Cheetham shouted to mained and when nearing a second bend Cheetham pushed him off. The wagon went round the bend on two for wheels. The back part skidded and then the the stewards.

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#### THE LATE MR. J. T. EASTWOOD.

#### Funeral at Accrington.

Wednesday at the Accrington Cemetery, when the last rites were performed over the body of the late Mr. John Thomas Eastwood, lightful dances and much tuneful music. The of 73, Spring Hill-road, Accrington, whose Defendant: Didn't you go with your sister dead body was found lying on the Accring- tionally pretty and the production appeals to ton-road. Hapton, on Friday. The deceased the eye as well as to the car. The company gentleman, who was a trustee at the United Methodist Church, Moscow Mill-street, Oswaldtwistle, was generally liked, and of this evidence was afforded by the attendance a Pas de Deux and the "Valse Coquetterie." ducted a chort service at the house, and also at the church. Three of the deceased's favourite hymns, "I'll praise my Maker Dream," "The Quaker Girl," Mr. Fred Terry while I've breath." "When I survey the with his company in "The Scarlet Pimpernel wondrous cross," and "For ever with the Mr. John Lawson of "Humanity" fame. Mr. Lord," were sung, and Mr. A. Dichmont, deputy organist, played appropriate music as Tom B. Davis's company in "The Scarlet the cortege entered and left the church. The Rev. A. Wilcock gave a short address, and touched upon Mr. Eastwood's connection with Moscow Mill-street church, and said that it would be difficult to replace him.

> give a hearty welcome to those who were Club, Glasgow, where the cow was grazing, The mourners were:-First coach: Grand- in the hoof for about thirty yards before it children, John, Francis, Mary Elizabeth, Maggie, Annie and Tom. Second: Mr. and Mrs. J. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. W. Entwistle, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Eastwood. Third: Mr. the metch," and that 'he ball chould have and Mrs. G. Eastwood, Mr. and Mrs. R. Clegg. Mr. A. and Miss A. Eastwood. Fourth: Mr. the ball was moved. and Mrs. F. Eastwood, Mr. and Mrs. T. Eastwood, Mr. G. Havhurst, Mrs. J. Birch. Fifth: Mrs. M. J. Whittaker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenyon, Mr. J. Kenyon, Mr. J. Robinson. Sixth: Miss A. Eastwood, Mrs. T. Bridge, Mr and Mrs. E. Rushton, Mr. J. Clegg. Seventh: Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth, Mrs. Bowker, Mr. W. Grimshaw, Mr. T. W. Openshaw, Mr. J. Grimshaw, Eighth: Mr. Critchley, Mr.

He was always a good attender, and gave a

Brown, Rev. A. Wilcock, Mr. T. Cunliffe, Mr. T. Openshaw, Mr. G. Gastall, Mr. W. Wreaths, etc., were received from Mr. and Mrs. J. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. W. Entwistle, Grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Eastwood, Mr. and Mrs. G. Esstwood, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dichmont, Mrs. J. Birch, Mr. J. Kenyon, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hayhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth, Mr. and Mrs.

U.M. Church, Moscow Mill-street. The representatives of the United Metho-Brown, F. Openshaw and W. Whitaker, and Mr. T. Cunliffe represented the Accrington the month, giving a death-rate equal to 15.77 and district circuit. The funeral arrange-

#### RUB WEAK, ACHINC BACK, STOPS LUMBAGO.

BOTTLE OF OLD, HONEST "ST. JACOB'S OIL."

pains, sharp aches and twinges? Now listen! That's lumbago, sciatica, or perhaps a strain; but whichever it is, instant relief is obtained enfety. the moment you rub your back with soothing. penetrating "St. Jacob's Oil." Nothing else takes out that aching pain and stiffness so quickly. You simply rub it on your back out comes the pain. It is perfectly harmless, and does not burn the skin. Do not suffer! Get a small bottle from any

chemist, and after using it just once you will forget that you ever had backache, lumbago, or sciatica, because your back will cease to hurt or cause any more misery. "St. Jacob's Oil" never disappoints, and has been recommended for 60 years.

#### SUFFRAGETTES INTERRUPT MR. SNOWDEN.

Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P., was constantly interrupted by Suffragettee at a Labour demonstration at the Blackburn Town Hall on Tuesday night. While Mr. Snowden was dealing with the municipal strike, two women shouted something about the "female franchise." The audience immediately demanded the expulsion of the interrupters, and the women were escorted from the ball by the stewards. Two others walked from the hall, and as they passed the platform they shouted, "We protest | ment who will not seek to return to Westminagainst the action of this meeting." Almost immediately afterwards a third couple was expelled, but interruptions continued

steersman to jump to safety, saying, "I have at such a rate that Mr. Snowden declared, "I lost control of the engine." Singleton re- am strongly in favour of votes for women, but I am not in favour of votes for habies," a retort which raised cheers and laughter. Two women who had fastened themselves to their chairs had to be carried from the hall by

> The Milan correspondent of "The Times Milen and the others by a British firm.

#### THEATRE ROYAL, BLACKBURN

Next week "Oh! oh! Delphine," Mr. Robert Courtneidge's latest musical comedy, pays visit to the Theatre Royal, Blackburn, The production proved a great success at the Shaftesbury, London. It is rich in colour, is founded on a tangled story, contains many decomedy has a French flavour being translated from a French face. The staging is excepcontains several musical comedy favourites induding Miss Ruby Vyvyan, Miss Nancy Benyon, and Mossre. Fred Evison, Harry Brayne, W. Thomas, and Dan Agar. Two features are There will be a matinee on Thursday.

Future bockings for the "Royal" give week commencing February 2nd "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" is to be presented, and Mr. Lyons' spring bookings include "A Walts Chalmers Mackey, the Irish comedian, and Mr.

# A GOLF FREAK.

The latest freak incident to call for a ruling by the authorities of the same of golf is the embedding of a golf ball in a cow's foot. It happened on the links of the Bishopbriggs The animal trod on the ball, which was carried

The rules of the golf committee of the Royal and Ancient Club, St. Andrews, decide that been dropped near to the place from which

CANAL MYSTERY. WOMAN SAVED ONCE AND THEN DROWNED.

An open verdict was returned at the inquest on Tuesday on Mary Partridge, forty-two, charwoman, who after being rescued from the canal at Forebridge, near Coine, got into the water again and was drowned. Louis Marsden, butcher, of Salterford, said

that at midnight on Saturday he saw a man and a woman (who was very drunk) going towards the canal. As they approached Danbers Bridge he heard the man say " Don't get too near the water." Immediately afterwards there was a splash. On going to the spot he found Arthur Messey holding Partridge up by the hand. The woman was walst deep in the Calvert, U.M.C. Christian Endeavour Society, water and appealed to them not to let her slip back. He asked Massey when he first met the woman and Massey replied "Just now. He told Massey he did not believe this as he had seen both of them coming down the lane Then he went on his way home.

Arthur Massey, cotton weaver, Barnolde wick, who was warned by the coroner that he ments were carried out by Mr. A. Dichmont. need not give evidence, said that he did not see Partridge until he found her clinging to the canal bank. As she lay there she said, "Jackson, don't push me in again." Mareder helped him to pull her out, and he then went for the police, leaving the woman on the bank, When they returned the woman had disappeared, and a few minutes later they recovered the body from the canal Police-Constable Bell advanced the theory

> that after the rescue Massey and the woman were endeavouring to get her shawl out of the canal when the woman fell in again and Maecey had been with the woman. He thought that the constable's view of the case was probably correct, and that Massey did not attempt

# MR. J. S. HGHAM, M.P., AND ULSTER

a second rescue on account of his persons

Speaking at Southport on Thursday night, Mr. John S. Higham, M.P., characterised as sheer nonsense the threats of the Ulsterites, and said that the newspaper reports for 1869 and 1870, when the Irish Discotablishment Bill was before Parliament, showed that the same type of violent speeches were made. The fart was that whenever the Progressive party took a big step the Tory party always tried to frighten the whole nation with violent threats, and timid reople who had not read history and did not know what the Tories had said in the past, began asking whether the Government should not withdraw their proposals.

Mr. Forrest Robinson, who plays the old inventor in "The Fortune Hunter" at the Queen's Theatre, London, slipped on the steps leading to his dressing room. After his arm had been set at the hospital he insisted on returning to the threatre to play his part. Mr. Jesse Collings' retirement at the same time as Mr. Chamberlain serves to call a tention to the large number of members of Parlia-The ster after the dissolution A list compiled from the official statements show that already 12 Unionists, 11 Liberals, and two Labour men have intimated their intention not to stand

