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THE NAVAL PROGRAMME.

It was to be expected that the expressions in the Mother Country respecting the naval policy of the Dominion Premier should be in enthusiastic approval. No matter what proposal might have been made there would have been almost unanimous expressions of assent and gratification. Had Mr. Borden offered one dreadnought and announced his intention of beginning the immediate construction of a Canadian navy the British verdict it would have been so, we cannot help saying, with more reason.

But in all the expressions given utterance to in the Mother Country it is noticeable that there is not the faintest reference to any immediate necessity for such an addition to the navy. There is not so much as a hint that any emergency exists; and yet it was on the plea that there was an emergency that Mr. Borden formulated his programme. Because of the urgent nature of the international situation the Federal government has left over the permanent policy which, we are given to understand, is to be pursued until another session.

Every Canadian should note, too, that Mr. Borden had absolutely nothing to say with respect to the defence of the coasts of Canada. It does not require a naval expert to tell

us that in case of war our seaport cities would be at the mercy of a powerful enemy. Suppose Great Britain were engaged in war with Germany. Almost her entire naval strength would necessarily have to be concentrated in the North Sea. Even the mighty fleet the Mother Country possesses would be inadequate to defend the coast cities of her colonies. Any wandering cruiser of the enemy might in a few hours convert Halifax, St. John, Vancouver or Victoria into a heap of ruins. This is no idle supposition. On this coast there is absolutely no defence against naval attack. Our harbors are unprotected and foreign vessels could at any time sail in and shell our cities or take possession of them as they wished. In a war with a great sea power Great Britain cannot afford to protect the colonies, and it was with a thorough knowledge of that fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government decided on the establishment of a Canadian navy. Once the colonies are able to defend themselves the Mother Country will have a free hand with her foes in the old world. On sea she is still strong enough to any two of the great powers, powers, and if Canada, Australia and South Africa were able to defend their own coasts it would be more to her than a dozen dreadnoughts, even though the colonies paid for their upkeep.—Vancouver Sun.

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DISTURBANCE OF HOME RULE MEETING LEADS TO SCENES OF EXTREME VIOLENCE—WOMEN THROWN OUT OF THE HALL

London, Dec. 7.—Suffragettes tormented John Redmond, the leader of the Irish Nationalist party, this afternoon at a Home Rule demonstration at Dalston, in the northeast of London. For half an hour the Irish leader watched the forcible eviction from the hall of the disturbers. Desperate resistance to the ushers caused a rapid succession of rough and tumble scenes of the most rowdy description. Men, as

well as women, were thrown out of the hall. Among the men were clergymen who had protested against the rough handling of the women.

During the half hour, Mr. Redmond was able to utter only a single sentence saying it seemed to him almost tragic that the women's cause, which in the minds and the hearts of so many was so great, should be turned into a "comic interlude."



JOHN REDMOND, M.P.

BURGLAR IS WOUNDED AFTER KILLING A MAN

Boy Bandit Shot Victim, Who Opens Fire and Wounds Him.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Shot through the body just below the heart by a boy burglar, Angelo Tiscormia, a gardener, lay on the floor of his home and poured a stream of bullets from an automatic pistol at the youth who had wounded him. One bullet bored through the boy's groin. He fell, being probably mortally wounded.

Tiscormia will die. "What are you doing here?" was Tiscormia's demand when he came upon two men ransacking the house. The only reply was a shot. Robert Shaefer, 19 years old, is the name given by the wounded burglar. His companion escaped, but a posse formed on the moment took up his pursuit.

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