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To-day the Imperial Parliament re-assembles after the Christmas holidays. It has some serious work on hand. Before the adjournment, it began well. It was saved from unduly protracted debates at the outset, and managed to push several important measures to the committee stage before breaking up for the holiday season. It is not to be expected that it will be able to act steadily with the precision and celerity which marked its movements in the early part of the session. Obstructive action seems likely to be again resorted to now and then to block the pathway of legislative progress. But having begun its work in a determined temper, it probably still feels sufficiently braced up to push its business over all obstacles in fair time. The effects of the Parnell trouble will be looked for and their developments eagerly watched. Some assurances having a direct bearing on Dominion interests are likely to come before parliament during the session, probably on the cattle carrying and deekload questions and on the copyrights matter. It is to be presumed that any measures of this sort introduced will be carefully scanned on behalf of the Dominion.

THE WESTMORLAND ELECTION.

The electors of Westmorland are being stirred up again to fill the seats in the Provincial Assembly vacant for their county. When last they exercised their franchises for this purpose, they gave Messrs. Powell and Stevens big majorities. There seems no good reason in the world why they should not repeat the pleasant task in behalf of these gentlemen. They should be supported warmly. Electors should vote early, of course, but not oftener than is legal, nor in any other way fitted when brought to light to nullify the election.

NATIONAL ARMIES.

WAR STRENGTH OF THE GREAT POWERS COMPARED.

Russia's Enormous Host. The system on which the chief military forces of Europe—with one notable exception—are organized is that of universal liability of service, every man on attaining the age of twenty or thereabouts becoming liable to service in the ranks if not incapacitated from physical, moral or family causes. A further development of the system is the manner in which every man thus taken for the army, after serving in the ranks for a limited period, reverts to civil life (making way for others to be trained like himself) and there remains, liable for a considerable period to be recalled to the colors in cases of grave emergency. By this system the young manhood of the country becomes trained to arms, and its armed forces becomes not a mere section of the population, but a large proportion of the nation, which is thus enabled to present a well trained, well disciplined and homogeneous force to the attacks of an enemy. The one exception to this system is found in the military forces of Great Britain, which—perhaps owing to its insular position, perhaps to the love of freedom and independence of its people—is, at the present moment, the only army recruited voluntarily. The system on which they proceed may be thus generally described, although it must be understood that every nation introduces varieties of detail suited to its own peculiar circumstances or national characteristics. At the age of about twenty years every male is registered and noted as liable for service. From the general list thus obtained is struck out those found unfit or exempted for various reasons. The remainder draw lots and the number required to make up the annual contingent is thus obtained. Those not thus taken pass at once to a second or third line, and receive annually a greater or less amount of training. The contingent entering the ranks remains in them a short period, and then in his turn passes into reserve—liable to recall to the colors—and thence to the second and third lines, generally known as the landwehr and landstrum, although each nation has a distinctive title for such classes. At about the age of forty all liability to military service ceases. The exact strength a nation is capable of placing in the field is thus determined by the peace establishment maintained; the length of service in each class, and the amount of annual contingent. These numbers are continually changing, and are subject to perpetual alteration while the amount of training bestowed makes it very difficult to compare the forces of one country with those of another. The following statistics show the comparative peace and war strength of the great powers:

RUSSIA:—Peace establishment, 600,000 in Europe; 175,000 elsewhere; war strength, European army, 1,800,000; elsewhere, 400,000, and the Opoltehenie or levy en masse, comprising the male population from 21 to 43 years of age not included in the army and reserve, 3,000,000. Total, 5,200,000. GERMANY:—Peace establishment, 487,000; war strength, army and reserve, 830,000; landwehr 430,000; garrison army, 800,000; landstrum, partially trained 560,000; total, 2,710,000. The regulations introduced last April are expected to raise the war strength to an ultimate total of 3,350,000. FRANCE:—Peace establishment, 521,000; army 654,000; army reserve, 550,000; territorial army and reserve, 1,360,000; garrison troops, 145,000; summarily trained troops, 700,000; total, 3,409,000. The total fighting strength is now, however, estimated at over 4,000,000. AUSTRIA:—Peace establishment, 296,000; war strength, army, 800,000; landwehr, 530,000; landstrum, partially trained 582,000; total 1,912,000. ITALY:—Peace establishment, 253,000; war strength, army and reserve, 850,000; mobile militia, 400,000; territorial militia 1,300,000; total, 2,550,000. GREAT BRITAIN:—Peace establishment, 210,000; war strength, regular army, 210,000, in which are included about 73,000 European troops in India, and 31,000 in the colonies and Egypt; army reserve 54,000; militia, 116,000; yeomanry, 10,000; volunteers, 224,000; total, 614,000. INDIA:—War strength, Sepoys, 145,000; Indian volunteers, 20,000; feudatory princes, 27,000; total, 192,000. UNITED STATES:—Peace establishment 25,000; war strength, regular army, 25,000; State militia, 100,000. A call for volunteers would probably bring out 1,000,000 men within a few days. Russia with her enormous territory and also vast population, is still the military leviathan, but, although her numbers are enormous and her picked troops excellent her system is not so perfect nor her reserves and second and third lines so well trained as in most of the other nations. Her Caucasian and Asiatic troops are so far removed from Europe, and have such different and serious duties to perform, that they are generally left out of account when comparing her forces with those of the other great powers, while her opoltehenie, or levy en masse, contains such a number of untrained or only partially trained men as to render it difficult to estimate it at its true strength. Another remarkable feature in this army is its large proportion of Cossack and irregular troops. Germany seems to have realized at the end of last year that she cannot cope with her powerful neighbors, Russia and France in the magnitude of her armaments. She has, therefore, introduced a new law which will add considerably to her strength, and is said to be calculated to raise as much as 1,350,000 on a war footing. The speech of the veteran Von Moltke, when advertising to this addition to the strength of the empire in May last, is well worth perusal, and it is a significant fact that the two new army corps now in process of formation are destined respectively for the eastern and western frontiers of Germany. France can boast of larger numbers than her rival, but while she can place a greater number of men in her first and second lines, it may be doubted whether she is capable of a sustained effort, and whether her system will continue in the event of a great war, to supply her with a sufficiently trained body of men. Austria, which to a great extent follows Germany in her scheme of organization, endeavors to ensure a force of 800,000 men in first line, and possesses besides a valuable landwehr. Italy divides her force into the active army, the mobile militia and the territorial militia, and includes several special corps organized for mountain warfare in her establishments. Great Britain's comparatively small army would probably compare favorably, man for man, with the troops of any nation. Her forces are, however, not organized—as already stated—on the same system as those of the other powers, while their duties are far more varied and their responsibilities certainly as great. Besides the forces enumerated in the accompanying list—some 73,000 of which are in India are 31,000 in the colonies and Egypt—she possesses about 150,000 Indian native troops, 20,000 Indian volunteers, 27,000 organized feudatory troops, and some 350,000 not organized troops, belonging to the native feudatory princes. It must not be forgotten, however, that in her insular position and her powerful navy lies her chief defence, while her system of voluntary service, if it reduces the numbers of her armaments, conduces to the freedom of her national existence. The regular army of the United States, the smallest in the world, continues on its regular strength, 25,000. To this, however, should be added, as equivalent to the European militia and landstrums, the regularly trained militia of the several States, which body in round numbers amounts to about 100,000 men. That beautiful glossy sheen, so much admired in hair, can be secured by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. There is nothing better than this preparation for strengthening the scalp and keeping it free from dandruff and itching eruptions.—Advt. MRS. ROBINSON, Hopewell Corner writes: Dear Sir, I have used your British

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