

Free Citizenship or Military Tyranny?

The Woman in the Home or the Woman with the Hoe! Which shall we have in Australia?

Under the heading "Alsace Under German Rule," the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* of 8th January, 1914, publishes a sub-leader dealing with the conflict between military and civilians in Zabern, in which we read:—

"The affair is very significant as indicating the tyranny to which militarism is apt to run in countries where it is a **Fostered Special Class and Caste Created by Compulsory Service.**"

THE WOMAN WITH THE HOE.

Mr. Dawson, Chief Inspector of Schools in New South Wales, speaking to a representative of the *Daily Telegraph* (see issue of November 26th, 1913) about his recent trip through Europe said: "Scattered over the countryside was 'the woman with the hoe.' In groups of from six to twenty she worked—worked—worked! In Germany I looked over a fence and saw a lot of women digging in a field. Just then a company of soldiers—fifty of them—in gallant uniforms, rode past. Fifty men engaged in military duty—as many women, hot and dusty, toiling in the fields, doing the work the men ought to do. **Military Conditions Involve Feminine Labour.**"

CITIZENS OF AUSTRALIA, do not calmly say "conditions are different in Australia." Admittedly conditions are, at present, somewhat different: But if the compulsory clauses of the Defence Act be not repealed,

WHAT ABOUT TEN YEARS HENCE?

Already young lads, **Free-Born Citizens of the British Empire**, have been **Imprisoned and Starved** because they, for conscientious reasons, refused to submit to military training.

*Should you wish for proof of this write to the Secretary of the Freedom League in your own State, who will supply particulars of several cases.

Now this is **only a beginning**. Lord Dudley counselled the military authorities to "go slow." (They are going **slowly but surely** fleching citizen rights bit by bit.) Hon. Joseph Cook, M.P., on 13th March, 1913, at the Millions Club Defence Dinner in Sydney, said, "It was impossible that a fortnight a year of training could produce the military efficiency that existed say in Germany or Japan." and Dr. Arthur (Sydney) claims at least three months' continuous training in barracks. All this goes to show that **Militarists will Extend the Scope of their Operations as soon as they Deem it Practicable.**

If the voters of to-day do not bestir themselves and demand the repeal of the compulsory clauses of the Defence Act, we shall shortly see a "fostered special class and caste created by compulsory (military) service" and "the woman with the hoe" in our own fair land.

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