

off his illusion and say to his fellows: 'Let us stop the work of slaughter; let us eat our own fish and banish starvation; let us throw no more of our fellows into the sea!' Then would he still be in hell, or what would happen?"

Pluto smiled as he answered:

"He would be in hell more completely, for he could see heaven within easy reach, but not accessible to him alone—in easy reach if all were disenchanted, but in that case there could be no hell. As before stated, our institutions would fall. Further, his fellows would probably drown him. They would at least recognize him as a freak and persecute or torture him. He would simply suffer the misery of hell while looking into heaven."

This was a new thought to me. However, I began to grasp the Plutonic system of government. I said no more, and we traveled on, resting soon in a beautiful park. I felt myself growing drowsy, and Pluto said:

"Sleep if you like. There is much to see tomorrow."

+ + +

GOVERNING OTHER PEOPLES

A Graphic Picture of British Government in India, a Type of Government Superimposed. By George A. Dorsey, Ph.D., LL. D., in the Chicago Tribune of May 15, 1911.

We have nothing like this government of India. It is unique in the world.

Imagine our President and cabinet working as a unit, guided in important matters by an invisible motor six thousand miles away, and in itself the supreme executive and administrative body of the nation; that this body is alien to the American people in tongue, color of skin, religion, ideals, aims, sentiments; that it possesses absolute control over the judiciary and works without written constitution and in accordance with no pledge, promise or agreement which it is bound to keep, or which it may not change or alter if it sees fit, or as directed by the distant motor; that this body, through its friends, aliens like themselves, controls all the important and more responsible positions in the American government.

Furthermore, imagine this body exercising supreme legislative functions; when sitting for the purpose of making laws, they would call in a number of alien friends and a certain number of Americans elected from certain large geographic areas. Additional Americans would represent certain specific interests such as the wealthiest landowners, the greatest trust magnates, and one religious denomination.

Imagine that this body, when sitting to legislate, is always controlled by its own majority; its opposition always in the minority. The minority would represent Americans, and at that certain of their number would be representative of interests

which the aliens most desire to propitiate and whose support they most require to maintain their domination. They would make laws which would prevent Americans from doing anything which might aim directly or indirectly to destroy the alien rule. Imagine that the Americans number 300,000,000, and that they are packed into a country less than half the size of the United States. And bear in mind that the aliens came not on invitation, but by bloodshed and superior intelligence.

+ + +

THE GALLEYS OF GOD.

(A Theme for Naval Estimates and the League of Peace.)

Bright as the sun she rode, lofty and long,
Stately, serene and strong;
She, beloved of the gale, belle of the breeze,
Sprite of the lifting seas;
Child of a fleet we dared to build in a year
Black with invading fear.

Armaments? Single gun for a pilot call
One, gold mounted and small;
Class? Of the "Brotherhood" build, a new design;
Her fighting strength? Divine;
Had stricken and stung the earth with bloodless
strife;
Ships of the Fleet of Life.

So went the cruiser "Joy" (such names they bore)
Thirty knots and more;
"Life," with the Admiral's flag, at Dalny lay
Holding the plague at bay;
"Hope," with syrens laughing along the seas,
Brothered the Hebrides.

"Peace," with challenge flung from her silver peal,
Broke on the watch at Kiel;
So, with a gunless fleet we countered the foe,
Smote the angelic blow!
Figured our estimates in a faith above,
Menaced the seas with love.

So did we dare the world, in a Christian year
Black with invading fear;
Fashioned the Fleet of Life, white as the foam
Wrapping our island home;
Altered our plan, built galleys of God, heart strong;
Trusted, and slew the wrong.
—Jas. Blackhall in London Daily News.

+ + +

We boast much of "Representative Government," when we have no such thing as representative government, except in two or three States. When the people elect, as they do under the present system, an official whom they cannot instruct, whose acts they cannot veto, and whom they cannot discharge, they do not elect a representative; they elect a ruler. They give the ruler absolute power to inflict on them such laws as he chooses, within constitutional limits, precisely as in the case of a monarch. The people retain absolutely no power to instruct or to veto or undo the acts of this ruler. He can snap his fingers in the voters' faces and they can do ab-