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A Review of the Week.

Mrs. Pankhurst Re-arrested—More Persecution.

Mrs. Pankhurst was re-arrested on Monday. This act the Government have committed in pursuance of their policy of wrecking the body and nerve of their Suffragist opponents.

"Criminal Preparations for Rebellion."

Last week, as many times before, we draw attention to the glaring contrast between the Government's treatment of Militant Suffragists and their treatment of the militants of Ulster.

in his reply Mr. Harold Spender says—"I quite agree that the contrast to which your party draws attention must have a deplorable effect on the public mind."

A Campaign against the W.S.P.U.

The next step in the anti-W.S.P.U. campaign has been to circulate another hostile statement. In the newspapers appeared the following:—"The Labour Press Agency declares that there is strong evidence from inside that relations between the various leaders of the militant Suffrage movement are not so cordial as is claimed."

rebellion are, as Mr. Spender contends, criminal, they should be dealt with as crimes.

"Conditional" Threats.

The Government's excuse for discriminating between Ulster Militants and Suffragist militants is stated by Mr. Spender as follows:—"The difficulty is that the Ulster threats are almost always conditional on certain things happening in the future—for instance, the passage of the Home Rule Bill—while the women's are not only present and positive, but are accompanied by actions which the responsible leaders of the Labour Party have condemned as fully as any other public men."

We have two things to say in answer to this: firstly, that the last Liberal Government that was faced by rebellion in Ulster did not punish Lord Randolph Churchill and others who were responsible; and, secondly, that to talk of the Ulster threats as being merely conditional is, seeing that the Home Rule Bill is steadily making its way to the Statute Book, an absurd quibble.

The Party of Lawlessness and Disorder.

There is one man, at any rate, who differs from the Government in their contention that the Ulsterist policy is a lawful one. That is Mr. Nicholas Cockburn, formerly a candidate for Rochdale, who has left the Ulsterist Party on the strength of his views. In the course of a statement made to The Manchester Guardian he says:—"My retirement from the Conservative party is one of the results of having refused to endorse the promise of support to Ulster Unionists in their threatened resort to violence, force of arms, and rebellion in case the present Home Rule Bill was passed by Parliament to which Mr. Bonar Law had clearly and definitely committed that party and its every member."

Scandalous Tactics.

Our readers should notice the scandalous tactics lately pursued by the Labour Press Agency, which, by the way, has nothing to do with the National Labour Press, the printers of a recent issue of The Suffragette. The Labour Press Agency supplies news on Labour and other questions to the newspapers. Let us consider what the tactics of the Labour Press Agency have been!

That Dog Story.

We have noticed in The Westminster Gazette a report in which occurs the following:—"Dr. Gilbert Murray (Regius Professor of Greek) had some forceful things to say this week on the subject of militancy. People should examine, he thought, psychologically the action of poisoning pet dogs to call attention to the demands of women. That was a horrible act, but it was pleaded that it was done with a pure and high motive."

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SUFFRAGETTE SUMMER FESTIVAL.

Festival Secretary:

MISS JOAN WICKHAM, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C.

A garden is a lovable thing, God wot! Rose plot, Fringed pool, Fern grot, The veriest school Of peace.

GREAT CONSTITUTIONAL EFFORT. The world will shortly have a very admirable opportunity of investigating the constitutional work of the W.S.P.U. On Tuesday, June 3rd, will open the Suffragettes' Summer Festival at the Empress Rooms, High Street, Kensington.

IN SPITE OF MR. BODKIN. Those who have been alarmed by Mr. Bodkin's accounts of what the Suffragettes are like will no doubt be astonished when, on arriving at the Empress Rooms, they find, peacefully at work amid surroundings of great artistic beauty, a band of the most intelligent and charming women in the country.

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW. Season tickets should be obtained at once through the Ticket Secretary at Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C. These are issued to admit throughout the Festival, and also to admit for the evenings only, at half price.

"AT HOME" AT THE EMPRESS ROOMS. Special "At Home" invitation cards have also been issued, which will enable a hostess on any given afternoon to invite a few friends to tea amidst the novel and beautiful surroundings of the Garden Fair.

ATTRACTIONS OF THE FESTIVAL. Everybody will want to come and view for themselves the attractions of the Summer Festival. They will be delighted with the interior of the old barn, the open doorway revealing a peep of the garden, with its tall hollyhocks and climbing roses.

SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY GARDEN. The garden will be stately and peaceful. It is to be a Seventeenth-Century Garden, the riot of June flowers restrained to a certain orderliness and formality.

"SUFFRAGETTE" ON SALE. Children will be fitting about, dressed as Brownies, elves, and butterflies. What garden would be complete without butterflies and the Little People that every child believes to lurk in the flower-beds?

TUESDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1913. The Festival commences next Tuesday, and Tuesday is the day when YOU should be there to see this wonderful garden in all its fresh, startling beauty.

WHAT THE STALL-HOLDERS OFFER. First and foremost they suggest that the shopping of all good Suffragettes, so long as the Garden Fair is open, should be done at the Empress Rooms, Kensington.

STALL HOLDERS' REPORTS. Antiques. Mrs. D. A. Thomas is responsible for this stall. A number of beautiful things will be on sale here, including old china, charming articles from foreign lands and antiques of all kinds.

Baskets. Baskets of all sorts and sizes and shapes will be on sale. Everybody must buy a basket, if it is only to carry away the other things they are going to get at the Fête.

Books. We want to supply the public with books to suit each individual taste. Classics, poetry, fiction, history, interesting second-hand books will be welcomed. All the world's best books wanted!

Children's Clothing and Underlinen. We have got plenty of people willing to sell, but we want a lot more goods for these kindly people to dispose of. It is never too late for energetic people to set about making things.

Farm Produce Stall. The Farm Produce Stall will be held in an old barn near the entrance of the rooms. The actual stall will be a farm cart, and the surroundings will be as much in keeping as possible.

Flower Stall. The Flower Stall will be a rock garden, and promises to be a very charming feature. Rock plants of all descriptions will be for sale, and we want more promises.

Millinery Stall. Up to the time of going to press many well-known milliners have kindly promised to give hats to this stall. Sec: Mrs. R. Pott, 11, Scarsdale Villas, Kensington.

Woman's Press Stall. As usual this stall will present the colours of the Union, not only in those goods so well known to members, such as ribbons, playing cards, neckties, and scarves, &c., but also tea, cigarettes, and chocolates will be shown in new and dainty wrappings.

Lucky Tub. Leadless glazed china will also make an attractive feature of the stall, and in addition there will be a special case of jewellery in the stall. Those with the portulaca will appeal especially to prisoners.

Toy Stall. If you have babies, the first thing you must do when you get to the Fair is to look for the Toy Stall. There will be English toys, German toys, Welsh toys, and Indian toys, cuddley toys, noisy toys, woolley toys, and woody toys, and toys that conjure up the delights of seaside holidays and birthday parties.

Practical Stall. Thanks to all those who have sent contributions, but we still want many more things to keep the stall attractively stocked right through.

Sweet Stall. Many offers of help are still needed for the Sweet Stall by Miss Cook, who will be in charge during the first week. Everybody can help in this way, for everybody, however busy, or however poor, can make a few sweets or have them made.

During the last four days of the Fête, the Sweet Stall will be undertaken by Croydon. A novelty at this stall will be the sale of artistically reproduced recipes of the "scrumptious" home-made goodies with which it will be stocked.

A sweet in the mouth is worth two on the stall—we have to see to it that the sweet in the mouth is so good that no one will be content without the two on the stall as well.

Only five days to June 3rd! Gifts of frocks and blouses, veils, ties, gloves and handkerchiefs are required in great numbers to meet the stall a grand success. One member is making one dress a day until the Fair opens, another is making blouses and neckwear.

This is such an important branch of the Fête and Fair, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Marks are hoping for a great many more promises of help from members.

Four entertainments daily have been promised by the Actresses' Franchise League, as announced in the Programme.

The Ladies' Eolian Orchestra, under the direction of Miss Rosabel Watson, will play every afternoon from the gallery above the "Garden" and an orchestra, under Graham Mitchell, Esq., have very kindly offered to be responsible for music in the evening.

The side-shows are many and varied. There will be Photography, Lightning Sketches, and Silhouettes, Radium will be on view, to satisfy the scientifically minded. Miss Home's Photographs of the Movement will prove interesting to every one.

Ransack your cupboards, turn out your drawers, and send along all your White Elephants for the novel bird-anest Lucky Tub. Who will help with the wrapping up of "eggs"?

Refreshment Room. This is such an important branch of the Fête and Fair, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Marks are hoping for a great many more promises of help from members.

"ALL IN A GARDEN FAIR."

Plan and Programme.

OF THE

Suffragette Summer Festival.

TO BE HELD IN THE

EMPRESS ROOMS, HIGH STREET, KENSINGTON,

JUNE 3rd to 13th, 1913.

Open Daily from 2.30 to 10.30 p.m.

STALLS.

Table listing stalls and stallholders: Antique Stall (Mrs. D. A. Thomas), Book Stall (Lady Barclay, Mrs. Mansel, and Mrs. Carl Hentschel), Basket Stall (Mrs. Curtis and The West of England W.S.P.U.), Children's Clothing and Underlinen Stall (Miss Fox), Hat Stall (Mrs. Reginald Pott), Practical Stall (Mrs. Reinold and The Hampstead W.S.P.U.), Parcel and Inquiry Stall (Miss Gargett), Summer Frocks and Blouse Stall (The Hon. Mrs. Forbes and Kensington W.S.P.U.), Sweet Stall (Miss Gwendoline Cook), Toy Stall (Miss Leonora Tyson), Woman's Press Stall (Miss Vibert, Miss Fergus, and Miss Goodcliffe).

STALLHOLDERS.

FLORAL EMBLEMS.

The Produce and Flower Stalls, in the Barn, are being arranged by Mrs. Marshall and the Misses Lilley.

Table listing refreshments and shredded wheat booth: Refreshments (Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Marks), Head Waitress (Miss Joan Dugdale), Shredded Wheat Booth (Mrs. Almon Hensley).

SIDE SHOWS.

ORGANIZERS.

LEAF EMBLEMS.

Table listing side shows and organizers: Bird's Eye View of the Movement (Miss Annie Ainsworth), Lightning Sketches (Mrs. Temple Bird, Miss K. Streatfeild and Miss Powell), Photography (Miss C. Marsden and Miss G. Löwy), Punch and Judy Show (Miss Bensusan), Putting Green (Miss Inchbold and Miss Blake), Silhouettes (Miss J. Cutbill), Radium (Mrs. Spearman).

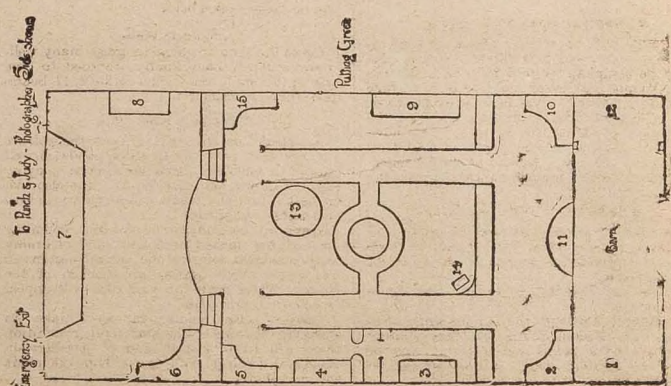
The Actresses' Franchise League ENTERTAINMENTS Afternoon, 4 to 4.30, 5 to 5.30; Evening, 8 to 8.30, 9 to 9.30.

Girls and boys, dressed as brownies, elves, and butterflies, will sell you a copy of 'The Suffragette.' Do you want to know more about this wonderful movement? Then Buy and Read 'The Suffragette.' Do not leave 'The Suffragette' Summer Festival without visiting the Subscribers' Table and be sure and leave with the lady who is in charge a yearly or half-yearly subscription for 'The Suffragette.'

Main Entrance

Plan of the Garden.

- 1 Provision Stall
2 Yankee Notion
3 Toy
4 Summer Frocks
5 Childrens Underclothes
6 Practical Stall
7 Woman's Press
8 Antique
9 Millinery
10 Suffragette & Book
11 Basket Stall
12 Flower
13 Sweet
14 Subscribers' Table



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THE SUFFRAGE TANGLE.

By Rev. Edwin A. Mould, VICAR OF ST. JAMES'S, BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

Reprinted from 'The Barrow News.'

The simple question I asked in my last article was, "What shall we do with the militant Suffragettes?" and my simple answer was, "Kill them or give them the vote."

THE FOLLY AND FUTILITY OF COERCION.

Now, the Government will not give women the vote. But they dare not kill. So they have passed the so-called "Cat and Mouse" Bill as an alternative.

Take the concrete case of Mrs. Pankhurst. She was sentenced to three years' penal servitude. She was let out in nine days, of course only on licence.

But you say the law has taken a bolder course. The Government are going to crush the conspiracy. Well, in my humble opinion, they can't crush the conspiracy; they can only drive it under, and thereby make it the more dangerous.

scriptions has flowed in, and in many, many cases letters from eminent men and women, and from working men and women, have been addressed to Mr. Bodkin, giving him precise information with names and addresses, and telling him they are "awaiting events."

We are now officially informed that dear Mr. Bodkin didn't mean what he said, and that Mr. McKenna, had never meant it. [How unkind to have suggested such a thing.]

WOMAN A PERSON.

But let us turn away from the duel between the militants and the Government, and let us turn a little light on the ordinary Anti-Suffragist, for he is the real obstacle. At the bottom, and behind all his argument, or lack of argument, is the assumption that woman is an inferior; that she exists for his purpose; that her function is purely and wholly sexual and not personal; that she is not an end in herself, but simply a means to his end.

A WORLD-WIDE MOVEMENT.

Again, the ordinary Anti-Suffragist has not realized that the present struggle is not a mere local and national struggle. The truth is we are being caught up in a world-wide movement. This movement can no more be driven back than God can be driven back, for God is in it.

everything which is happening and passing before his eyes. Oh! that we had statesmen; but alas! we have to-day only politicians, and politicians have no vision, and so you have militancy, with all its turmoil and waste and suffering. Mr. Asquith will not yield, and it is very certain the women will not yield. Well, to use Mr. Asquith's own expression, we must "Wait and see." Mr. Asquith claims to have broken the lords, but he is finding the ladies a tougher job, and I think in the end that the ladies will break Mr. Asquith.

REBELS PAST AND PRESENT.

Another strange feature in the thinking, or what passes for thinking, of large numbers of men and women to-day, is the assumption that rebellion is always and under all conditions wrong. If that be so you must rewrite the world's history, deanonize your saints, and degrade your heroes.

Let me finish with a little parable. A certain gentleman named Mr. Asquith had a patient ass which was called Suffragette. Suffragette was very patient, but she loved carrots, especially one which was called the vote. So he dangled the carrot before the eyes of Suffragette, who ran after the carrot for years and years without getting any nearer.

A NEW SPIRIT OF REVOLT.

I am not an alarmist, but I wish I could make the well-fed, comfortable people to-day realize that a new and ugly and menacing spirit of revolt is stirring in the breasts of hundreds of thousands of men and women. The comfortable people do not see; they read only their own papers which repeat their pet prejudices and tell them comfortable lies.

Items of Interest.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst.

The following paragraph has appeared in The Times and other newspapers:—"We have authority for stating that there is no foundation whatever for the assertion that the Foreign Office will make representations to the French Government, advising them that Paris is being made the headquarters of a dangerous conspiracy against the Government of the United Kingdom, with a view to the expulsion of Miss Christabel Pankhurst from French territory."

Dr. Ethel Smyth has twice sent the following letter to the Editor of The Standard, but so far it has not appeared:—"To the Editor of The Standard. Sir,—I shall be glad if you will allow me to join Mrs. Lamartine Yates and Mrs. Luke in absolutely repudiating the sentiments respecting the finances of the W.S.P.U. attributed to me in your columns."

From 'The Observer.'

"If, as tyrants, women are sometimes ridiculous, as ministering angels there is absolutely no limit to their power. The harp is their instrument, not the trombone."—Sir Herbert Tree. But in Kingsway it is not so much the harp they resent as the second fiddle.

Musical Intelligence.

THE CONCERT VEKREIN in Vienna are organizing with the Sing Allademie Choral Society an "Ethel Smyth Concert" on November 20th in the magnificent concert hall, and have invited the composer to conduct. Frau Anna Mildenburg, whose performance of 'Klytemnestra' recently electrified London, will sing the new orchestral songs of Dr. Smyth, which are being produced at the London Symphony Concert, June 23rd, for the first time (one of which is a setting of Ethel Carnie's 'Marching June'), and also will take part in the Love Scene from 'The Wreckers.' The programme will include, by special request, the Suffragette Raid Chorus '1910,' which has been translated into German—'Hey Nonny No'—and other choral and orchestral works of Dr. Smyth.

'The Suffragette.'

GREAT INCREASE IN CIRCULATION.

THE circulation of The Suffragette has, since the beginning of the present year, greatly increased, and has gone forward enormously in spite of the fact that the Government's action has interfered with the smooth working of publishing and circulation arrangements.

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Forcible Feeding.



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STOP PRESS.

"Conspirators" at the Old Bailey. Solicitor-General to Prosecute.

On Tuesday, Miss Annie Kenney, Miss Barrett, Miss Lennox, Miss Kerr, and Mr. E. G. Clayton appeared at the Old Bailey. The Recorder in his charge to the grand jury at the opening of the May Sessions, referred to the Suffrage conspiracy charge, and remarked that at the Kingsway premises of the W.S.P.U., and in various private houses, evidence was found of a widespread conspiracy in which anything short of the taking of human life appeared to be considered legitimate.

His Lordship advised the return of a true bill against her, and all the other defendants. Application was made for the postponement of the trial. The Judge said the cases could not be taken this week. It has since been stated that the trial has been adjourned until Monday, June 9th.

Counsel for the prosecution will be the Solicitor-General, Mr. Bodkin, and Mr. Travers Humphreys. Mr. R. D. Muir, Mr. McCurdy, and Mr. Theobald Mathew will appear for the defence. Mr. Justice Phillimore will preside.

WOMEN'S MAY DAY.

Great East-End Demonstration.

SPECIAL DESCRIPTION.

By one who was Present.

THE glorious summer sun and cloudless sky, and even hid for the moment the ugliness of the two miles of mean and squalid streets through which the procession went its way. Throughout the whole of the route a mass of deeply interested and friendly spectators lined the road five or six deep on either side, and groups of onlookers watched from the windows. Near Victoria Park a dense crowd almost filled the roadway, leaving the marchers only just room to pass.

It was a sight not easily to be forgotten by those who witnessed it. Heralded by mounted police came, first of all, a group of tiny, rose-garlanded children, all in white, some of whom could not have been more than five or six years old. They had bravely endured the scorching sun and long tramp, some of the most weary having had welcome rides in the willing arms of Suffragettes and working-men. Two older girls carried their banner, which bore the motto: "Give the vote to our mothers."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Summer Festival. THE SUMMER FETE AND FAIR will be held at the Empress Rooms from June 3rd to 13th inclusive. Particulars will be found on pages 544-545.

Meetings. THE meeting at the London Pavilion on Monday next will begin at 3.15. The speakers will be Miss Barbara Wylie and Mrs. Dacre Fox. There will be no Meeting on Thursday evening, June 5th, owing to the Fete and Fair, but the usual Meeting will take place to-night in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street.

Volunteers for Paper Selling. A VERY special appeal is made for paper sellers, and all who can spare time should apply at Lincoln's Inn House.

The Hon. Secretary. ALL communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary (pro tem.) at Lincoln's Inn House.

Poster Parades. VOLUNTEERS are needed for the poster parades which leave Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, every Thursday at 2.30 P.M., and on Saturday mornings at 10.30 A.M.

Speakers' Class. Hon. Instructor, Miss Rosa Leo, 47, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W. Hon. Sec., Miss L. Blundell, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C. Excellent speeches were made last week by several promising new members. More speakers still wanted, as it is necessary that the Union should have a constant supply upon which it can draw for its great educational campaign.

PRISON NEWS.

Hunger Strikers. More Releases under the Cat and Mouse Bill.

On Wednesday, May 21st, Miss Manesta was released from Strangeways Prison, Manchester, in a state of collapse, after a forty-eight hours hunger-strike. We give below a further statement re Miss Manesta's release.

On Friday, May 23rd, Miss Thomson, who had been sentenced at Jeddburgh in connection with the Kelso outrage, was released after a four days hunger strike.

On Saturday, May 24th, Miss Arabella Scott, who was sentenced with Miss Hudson to nine months imprisonment in connection with the Kelso outrage, was released after a five days hunger-strike.

Miss Marie Niell, who was sentenced to twenty-one days imprisonment for taking part in the Hyde Park meetings, was released on Saturday, having served his sentence.

Photographed in Prison. We hear that photographs of the imprisoned suffragettes are now being taken, with a view to identifying them should they be released on the Cat and Mouse license.

A report tells us that on one occasion the suffragettes were not allowed to exercise together, but were taken out one by one and led by a wardress into a different exercise ground from the one which they are accustomed to use. As they passed an iron barred gate a click was heard, and it was observed that a camera was placed behind the grille. Two people also carefully observed each suffragette from a window as she crossed the exercise ground, drawing back the moment they thought they were noticed.

Evidently the Government is finding the enforcing of the Cat and Mouse Bill a difficult task.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Date when sentenced, Length of sentence, Place of Imprisonment. Includes names like Miss Louisa Gay, Mrs. Maud Brindley, Miss Jane Short, etc.

Impression by an Onlooker.

The great East-End Procession and Demonstration in Victoria Park last Sunday was a veritable summer festival. Gay banners, beautiful almond blossoms, garland-crowned, white-robed children, laughed back the welcome of

TRIALS OF THE WEEK.

Suffragists Heavy Sentences at Jeddburgh. MISS AGNES THOMSON DISCHARGED.

At Jeddburgh, on May 19th, the trial took place of Miss Arabella Scott, Miss Edith Hudson, Miss Agnes Colquhoun Thomson, Miss Elizabeth Thomson and Mr. Donald M'Ewan, on the charge of attempting to fire the new grand stand at Kelso Racecourse, on April 6th.

The Misses Thomson were represented by Mr. George Watt, K.C., and Mr. Neil A. Maclean, advocate; Mr. M'Ewan was represented by Mr. H. Burn-Murdoch, advocate. Miss Scott and Miss Hudson conducted their own defence.

When the jurors were being chosen, Miss Scott, on behalf of Miss Hudson and herself, objected to this jury. They were, she said, enlisted to be tried by their peers, and these jurymen were not their peers.

The Sheriff said they would be tried in accordance with the law, and he held the objection frivolous.

Detective-Sergeant Burnett, Jeddburgh, said he went to Edinburgh with a warrant and charged the Misses Thomson with attempting to set fire to the racecourse stand at Kelso.

Constable Robert M'Kay, Edinburgh Police, said he had been watching the movements of the Suffragettes for some time, and especially the Misses Scott, in Marchmont Road.

On April 4th he saw the accused Arabella Scott and her sister Muriel leave the house. One of them was carrying a package, and the other a square cardboard box, which was like the box now produced in Court.

He followed them, and they went to the house in Hartington Place occupied by the Misses Thomson. He remained in the vicinity of the house for some time. A taxi cab drove up, but he did not see who were in it when it drove away.

Charles Gray, taxi-cab driver, Edinburgh, in the course of his evidence, said he was engaged by M'Ewan to drive a party on the night of Friday, April 4th. He was told they were to start at 10 o'clock, and the drive was to be Kelso way. Witness accepted the order, and carried it out. He described the run to Kelso, and said that the two women who were with them, when they were near Kelso racecourse, took parcels with them and got inside the rails at the stand. Witness had no knowledge of the business they had on hand, and when M'Ewan came along he asked him what work they were up to, and M'Ewan said they were putting a spunk to the stand.

Police Constable Smith stated that he found one house all in flames at 1.5 A.M. last Saturday, and just as the fire brigade arrived his attention was called to an outbreak of fire in another house. There he found the staircase in flames from bottom to top. In an adjoining compartment there was a ladder in flames. The lower part was burnt. He also found tins and cans and a bundle of lathes. A pane of glass was broken in the front window, and this would enable a person to undo the catch inside. The window was open. There was a spot of blood on a piece of broken glass, and another on the floor. Upon a freshly cemented floor in the kitchen he found several footprints of a woman. They were quite plain.

A police constable said that he found a lady's gold watch on the floor beneath the window, through which an entrance was apparently gained to the second house.

Police Sergeant Ward, of Norwich, said that the prisoner was his niece, and lived with him and his wife. The watch which had been produced belonged to his niece. He gave it to her about five years ago. She left home on May 10th, saying she was going to the district of Cambridge, and returned the next day. She left again on May 13th, saying she was going to the East Cambs. election to deliver leaflets; and she returned on Saturday evening, May 17th. He had

When the Fiscal had addressed the jury in support of the case for the Crown, Miss Scott eloquently defended the Militant Movement, after which Miss Hudson also addressed the jury. They declared that it was Mr. Asquith and other members of the Government who should have been in the dock. Miss Hudson said it was because Pharaoh hardened his heart that the people of Egypt suffered, and the people of this country had to suffer on account of the hardness of heart of their rulers.

The defendants' speeches were greeted with applause from the gallery, where ladies had assembled. There was instant call for silence, and on a repetition of the applause the Sheriff warned the public that it could not be allowed.

Counsel addressed the Court on behalf of their clients.

Mr. Watt specially noted that Miss Agnes Colquhoun Thomson had never been mentioned by any witness, except as one of the occupants of the house at 15, Hartington Place.

Verdict and Sentences. After the Sheriff's summing up the jury retired and deliberated for half an hour. They found the charge against Miss Agnes Colquhoun Thomson not proved. The others they found guilty as libelled, but specially recommended Elizabeth Thomson to the leniency of the Court.

The Sheriff pronounced sentence as follows: Arabella Scott, Edith Hudson, and Donald M'Ewan, nine months imprisonment each; Elizabeth Thomson, three months.

On the pronouncement of the sentences commotion ensued in the Court. There were cries of "Shame" and "Never Surrender" from the gallery, while Miss Scott exclaimed: "We shall not serve these sentences."

A School-Teacher Charged. Bail Refused.

At the Cambridge Police Court, on May 22nd, before the Mayor and other magistrates, Miss Miriam Pratt, school-teacher, of Turner Road, Norwich, was charged with setting fire to a dwelling-house in Storey's Way, Cambridge, between May 16th and 17th. The Town Clerk prosecuted; Mr. C. J. Smart defended.

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The Witness: No. The hearing was adjourned until Saturday

read a newspaper account of the fire at Cambridge that day, and noticed that a lady's gold watch was found in one of the houses. His wife found that their niece's watch was missing, and he spoke to her about the fire and the finding of a watch. She begged him not to say that it was her watch. He asked her if she had anything to do with the fire. She admitted being there with two others, but said she did not set the house on fire. On her hand he saw a slight wound. She said she punctured her hand in trying to get the putty out of the window with a pair of scissors. The prisoner was a certificated teacher in an elementary school at Norwich.

The prisoner was remanded in custody for eight days, bail being refused.

John Scurr Charged at Leeds. Case Adjourned.

On May 22nd Mr. John Scurr, President of the London District Committee of the Dockers' Union, appeared before the Leeds Stipendiary on the charge of inciting to riot.

Counsel said the defendant made a speech at the Albert Hall, Leeds, on April 22nd, at a meeting held in support of the Movement for obtaining Votes for Women. The following words were used:—

It has always been necessary to use force to obtain from the Government that which you deserve, because, after all, government rests upon force. I do not regard property as sacred at all... If this is the only way in which people are going to be made to recognise their responsibility, then the sooner they commence destroying property, anywhere and everywhere, the better.

"Militancy is expedient," was another phrase reported by the detectives who attended the meeting.

Mr. Willey, for the defence, urged that under the Act of Edward III, there was no ground for the proceedings, and the Stipendiary said that defendant had committed a misdemeanour in common law in inciting others to commit indictable offences, but he would give no judgment pending the appeal in the Lansbury case.

The case was adjourned sine die, defendant agreeing to give surety to be of good behaviour until the decision of the higher Court in the Lansbury case.

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