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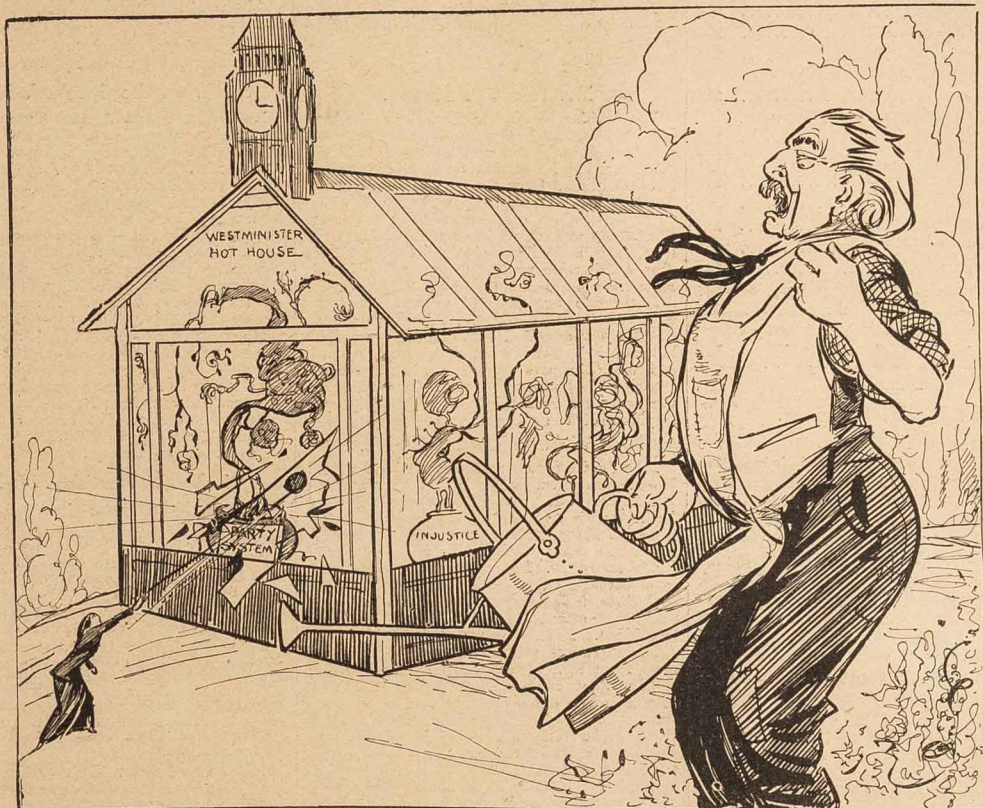
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THE GARDENING GOLIATH (as the Suffragette David breaks another pane in his hothouse): "This is terrible! terrible!! If she lets any more of the cold air of day into those Party System orchids they'll never survive it!"

THE METHODS OF THE SUFFRAGETTES.

One of our statesmen has just said that the methods of the Suffragettes are "so selfish." Other men have called them cruel.

It is not men who have any right to condemn the methods of the militant women as either cruel or selfish. The political cruelty and selfishness of men are infinitely greater than anything ever dreamt of by the Suffragettes.

Wherever we look, we see the selfishness of men politicians. We find the Labour M.P.s selfishly clinging to their seats and salaries, and, for fear of a General Election, keeping a treacherous and anti-Suffragist Government in office. We see Ministers like Mr. Lloyd George and Sir Edward Grey professing to believe in Votes for Women, and yet, with the utmost selfishness and worse, conniving at the unjust and dishonourable policy of their colleagues in the Cabinet.

We find Lord Selborne, although a Suffragist, preparing to sacrifice the cause of Votes for Women by consenting to take office in an anti-Suffragist Unionist Cabinet. That we condemn as selfishness.

As for cruelty! The beating and insulting of women in Parliament Square on Black Friday was cruelty. Torture in prison, feeding by violence, is cruelty.

When men are militant for the sake of their personal or national freedom, nobody says that they are selfish and nobody says that they are cruel. On the contrary, they are called selfless and heroic.

The Balkan allies say that peace must come through war. Let the guns speak, is their cry. Consider how, throughout the whole civilised world, they have been applauded for their militancy! Yet what are they doing?—they are bombarding Adrianople. First they tried to starve it into surrender, now they are bombarding it.

What does a bombardment mean! It means houses in flames. It means that women and children—all innocent—are killed. Babies may be shot to pieces in their cradles!

And then men talk of orchids! While members of their own sex are, in the name of Freedom, starving or slaughtering children, men talk of golf greens and of letters!

To honest, manly men we say: Leave such hypocrisy to the politicians! Admit the truth, which is that the militants are fighting as selflessly and bravely as the best men have ever fought!

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A Review of the Week.

The Week's Militancy.

The militant acts of this last week have been so many and various that they almost defy enumeration in a brief paragraph.

Here, then, and everywhere militant protests are taking place, and no one can tell where to expect the next attack.

The Government are being pressed by Members of Parliament to state whether they intend to arrest Mrs. Pankhurst, who is regarded as the head and front of the offending.

Militants Sent to Prison.

At the Clerkenwell Sessions on February 7, seven militants were tried upon the charge of breaking windows.

that the prisoners' motives had nothing to do with their innocence or guilt.

Confusion Worse Confounded.

It is reported that the different groups of Suffragists in the House of Commons have failed to reach any agreement, and that the probability is that three separate Bills for Woman Suffrage will be introduced into the House of Commons in the coming Session.

Mr. Harben's Protest.

In refreshing contrast to the Labour Members' betrayal of the women workers, is the courageous protest made in the Strangers' Gallery of the House of Commons by Mr. Harben.

A Word to Lord Selborne.

Does Lord Selborne realise where he is going? If not, some well-wisher ought certainly to utter a warning to him.

Lord Selborne's Democratic Principles.

Where is the logic of Lord Selborne's objection to pass a Woman Suffrage Bill under the Parliament Act? We see neither logic nor justice in what he has said on this question.

a preliminary to other legislation, but should operate only to delay the passage of a Woman Suffrage Bill.

A Torturer of Women?

Lord Selborne's remarks concerning militancy were distinctly feeble. One sentence was: "It is so selfish to run the risk of bringing misery or poverty on some poor family by the destruction of one letter in a pillar-box."

G.B.S. on the Speaker's Ruling.

Either Mr. George Bernard Shaw is suffering from defective political eyesight, or he is consciously and deliberately trying to screen the Government.

Labour's Worthless Pledge.

The worthless character of the Labour Party's pledge to oppose a Franchise Bill giving votes exclusively to men, is proved by the statement of a Unionist M.P., Mr. C. S. Goldman.

Mr. Asquith had had his opportunity and had got rid of the woman's question, and he had placed himself in the favourable position of accompanying his Bill with a Redistribution Bill, and this would in all likelihood recommend it to the House of Lords.

Mr. Pease a Cabinet Minister, has, it will be remembered, told his constituents that the Government hope to proceed on the lines indicated by Mr. Goldman.

Mrs. Humphry Ward's Complaint.

Mrs. Humphry Ward, one of the very few women of brains and education who still agitate against the enfranchisement of their sex, is becoming a Suffragist in spite of herself.

Government by Men Only.

If all the four women candidates are elected to the London County Council, what real power can they have as against 133 men?

Enforcing the Law.

There are no international or national duties and responsibilities that are exclusively male. Women share them every one. Even in time of war they help by nursing the sick and wounded and by providing for the well-being of the combatants.

The Referendum.

We object root and branch to a Referendum on Woman Suffrage, partly because it would mean an irresponsible vote, and partly because it would mean inviting the verdict of men who are not directly concerned with the question of votes for women.

Woman's Platform.

To the great surprise of the thousands of women who have become daily readers of The Standard since the inauguration of "The Woman's Platform," this feature of the paper was conspicuous by its absence in the issue of Wednesday, February 12.

Our Next Issue.

Our next issue will contain a special notice by Dr. Ethel Smyth of Strauss' opera, Der Rosenkavalier, which was performed in Vienna on February 11.

"OUR BRAVE AND SPLENDID MILITANTS."

A Message from Mrs. Tuke.

Mrs. Tuke, the hon. secretary of the W.S.P.U., who is away on a voyage of health to South Africa, writes from ss. Durham Castle in a letter dated Thursday, February 6:—

"Yesterday I heard by wireless that many Suffragettes had been arrested. I wonder if, on my arrival at Tenerife to-morrow morning, I shall get a telegram giving me more news.

THE INDIGNATION FUND.

Contributions from Abroad.

The contributions to the fund from abroad are numerous this week. Our fellow member Mrs. Boyd who went to prison last March as a window breaker, sends £50 from Italy, a German comrade writes enclosing 10s., saying "I wish it could be 100 times as much."

E. PANKHURST.

De Montfort would have frowned, and Chatham mourned, To see a people's trust with fraud returned. "No faith with heretics" was said of yore; "No faith with women" rings from Britain's shore.

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JANUARY 22 to JANUARY 29.

Table with columns: Name, Amount, Name, Amount. Lists names and their contributions to the fund, including Mrs. Tuke, Mrs. Boyd, and many others.

SUFFRAGISTS AT CLERKENWELL SESSIONS.

SPEECHES FROM THE DOCK.

On February 7, at the Clerkenwell Sessions, the following Suffragists were brought up before Mr. Justice Wallace:

Miss Mabel Scholefield, for breaking a plate-glass window, the property of the Globe Wernicke Company, valued at £50.

Miss Scholefield said she was sure the jury would not let the fact of her being a Suffragette prejudice their minds against her. She had been a member of the W.S.P.U. for four years, and although she had seen the expediency of militant methods, yet she had stayed her hand and worked in every constitutional way.

Mrs. Brindley's speech. Mrs. Brindley addressed the jury as follows:—

My Lord, gentlemen of the jury,—I stand here not to deny what I am charged with, but to give reason and motive for my action. I am aware that what I say may be called irrelevant, and you may be told that you are not to consider motives. I do not know whether it will be so in this case, for I am not in a police court. This method is not pursued in other cases and other spheres of conduct.

We are supposed to live under a free and democratic government. According to Mr. Lloyd George everyone who obeys the laws ought to have a voice in making the laws, and according to Mr. Asquith, "Taxation without representation is tyranny." Yet we women are governed without consent and taxed without representation.

A DISGRACE TO CIVILISATION. The position of the working woman is a disgrace to civilisation. Thousands have to work from morning to night for starvation pay. Thousands for lack of a living wage are driven on to the streets. We know that the laws are unjust to women. We know that magistrates give light punishments to men guilty of crimes on little children.

The White Slave Bill was blocked 100 times before carried by the House of Commons, as a sop to the Liberal women. Men apparently did not want this infamy. We think it is time that women should have a hand in attacking these social evils which are making the name of Christianity and democracy a mockery.

Mrs. Brindley then traced the history of the Suffrage agitation since the militant movement began to the final breach of faith on the part of the Government, which had led to the present disturbances. "Gentlemen," she said, "you ought to be surprised at our restraint. If we had been men there would have been an enormous extent of property to be destroyed. Did men spare private prop-

erty in 1831 during the Reform Riots? A hundred thousand pounds' worth of damage was done in one night at Bristol. Nottingham Castle was burnt to the ground, a proceeding which Mr. Hobhouse has told us to emulate. Even during the coal strike men did not spare private property. When people have been oppressed and denied representation; when there has been no means of getting grievances redressed except by violence, then many times property has been swept away.

Do you think we enjoy doing these things? Can you not understand the sacrifices we are making? The public is responsible for the government of the country; the public has acquiesced in the withholding of justice to women. What have we done? We have broken a few shop windows. What is broken glass to me called murderers, they were rather a volunteer corps.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and as the defendant declined to give an undertaking to abstain from acts of a similar kind, Mr. Wallace said he was very sorry, but it now became his duty to pass a sentence upon her of three months in the second division.

Mrs. Maud Brindley was charged with breaking two plate-glass windows at the premises of Messrs. F. Lloyd and Co., Ltd., Oxford-street, on the evening of January 28. The damage was estimated at £32.

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SUFFRAGISTS IN PRISON.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Date when Sentenced, Sentence, Date of Release. Lists names like Beckett, Mrs. Ethel, Branson, Mrs. Maud, Cooper, Miss, etc.

Regent-street. The damage was estimated at £20.

SWEATED WOMEN AND WHITE SLAVES.

Miss Hatten, addressing the jury, said:—Gentlemen of the jury,—I am guilty of smashing these windows. I came up from the provinces to make my protest against the Prime Minister's broken pledge to the women of England. Those who suffer most from disenfranchisement are the sweated women and the white slaves. I have no personal malicious feeling against the Prime Minister or any of the Cabinet.

I hope a time will come when men and women will submit to reason and justice, and no longer force us to engage in this terribly desperate fight, making us override our finer feelings and sacrifice all that is dear to us. The destruction of private property is as nothing to the terrible destruction that is going on day and night to human life.

When asked to give an undertaking, Miss Hatten replied, "I am a Suffragette. I shall keep my independence of action as dictated by my conscience." Miss Hatten was then sentenced to three months in the second division.

Mrs. Louise Russell was charged with breaking two plate-glass windows at Marshall and Snelgrove's, value £20.

Mrs. Russell said,—I came up to London on the Working Women's Deputation to Mr. Lloyd George. I am the wife of a working man and the mother of seven children, and in claiming woman suffrage I am demanding that my girls shall have the same right of citizenship as my boys. It is my duty to defend the laws of the country, and I feel that Mr. Lloyd George and other members of the Cabinet should be

standing in my place. It is the treachery of the Cabinet that has caused rebellion among women. I also deny, my Lord, the right of this or any other court to punish women for a breach of the laws in the making of which they have no voice.

When asked if she would give an undertaking, the prisoner very reluctantly, for the sake of her children, consented, and was bound over for twelve months.

Mrs. Mary Louisa Miles was sentenced to three months for doing damage to the amount of £15 at the Allan Line Steamship Company's office in Cockspur-street.

Mrs. Miles said: "I did it as a political protest."

MRS. COHEN ACQUITTED. Mrs. Cohen was accused of unlawfully and maliciously doing damage to a glass case in the Tower of London.

Alfred Ellis, yeoman warder of the Tower, said he was on duty at the Jewel House at 10.30 on February 1. He is not now on hunger-strike. It will be remembered that the four women, who were sentenced to one month's hard labour for breaking fifteen windows in the yard of Dublin Castle, petitioned the Lord Lieutenant for first-class treatment. This was refused, but certain ameliorations were granted them.

Mr. Wallace said the question for the jury to determine was whether the glass case exceeded £5 in value. If

they had any doubt they should give the defendant the benefit of the doubt.

The jury disagreed, and a verdict of not guilty was returned.

Mrs. Cohen was therefore acquitted. The last case was that of Miss Beckett, who was charged with breaking the windows of His Majesty's Postmaster-General in Dover-street, the damage being £8.

The defendant said,—I feel justified in my action because I have no constitutional method of expressing my utter disgust at the dishonest betrayal of the women by the British Cabinet. I believe it is the best instinct in women which is prompting them to these violent actions. It is the mother instinct which is rising in revolt all over the world against an unnatural civilisation, unnatural because it holds womanhood and motherhood so cheap.

All through nature we see the female ready to fight to the death to protect her young, and now civilised man dares to crush the mother instinct out of us. I know of no power in the world which it is more worth while to preserve. In threatening that you threaten the very existence of the world.

Miss Beckett was sentenced to three months in the second division.

SUFFRAGISTS RELEASED. The following Suffragists were released from Holloway Prison at the expiration of their sentences:—

Miss Robina McLeod, Miss Gracie Williams, February 7; Nancy Evans, Miss May Grey, Miss Charlotte Hay, Mrs. Elsie Holten, Mrs. Nancy Norton, and Miss Isabella Scott, on February 11; Miss Florence Hull on February 12.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL. The following have been committed for trial at Clerkenwell Sessions on Wednesday next, February 19:—Miss Clara Lambert, Miss Pleasance Pendered, Miss Jane Short, Miss Ethel Warwick Ball, Miss Benett, Miss Margaret Haley.

PRISON NEWS.

We are informed that Miss Margaret James, who was sentenced at the Old Bailey on Wednesday, February 5, to six months' imprisonment in the second division, has been subjected to the gross indignity of having her finger-prints taken, in spite of her determined resistance.

ON HUNGER-STRIKE.

News has been received that Mrs. Branson and Miss Marie Neill are on the hunger-strike. Up to the time of going to press no news has been received of Miss Louise Gay, who was said to have started the hunger-strike on Sunday, February 2.

Miss Margaret Haley, who was arrested on Saturday for breaking a window at Smith's Union Bank, and who refused to accept bail, was released on Tuesday, as the result of a hunger-strike.

Questioned in the House of Commons, Mr. McKenna replied that no prisoners were being forcibly fed, but from previous experience this does not lead to complete reassurance.

THE IRISH PRISONERS.

On Sunday last the Irish women imprisoned at Tullamore were accorded the privileges of political offenders, and, consequently, a nobler race of men and women. It means the abolition of White Slavery. It means a living wage for wives and mothers. We are taught that men and women are equal before God; why should they not be equal before the law?

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PRISONERS' FUND.

All members interested in the prisoners in Holloway are urged to support the Prisoners' Fund. It must be remembered that day by day fresh arrests take place, and increasing demands are made upon the Fund.

In the case of a hunger-strike, or in the case of illness, the prison officials communicate the impending release of a prisoner to her friends or relatives. These are asked to forward the information to Lincoln's Inn House without delay, as the Union has no other means of getting the news.

Hearty thanks to Mrs. Lowy, Mrs. Pakenham Lawrell, and Mrs. Carl Hentschel for the help they have given with prisoners' hampers. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss E. Hewitt, 2s. 6d.; Miss Shaw, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Casey, 5s. All contributions and communications relating to prisoners should be addressed to Miss Joan Wickham, at Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway.

MISS MORRISON RELEASED.

Miss Morrison, who was sentenced on February 3 to thirty days' imprisonment in connection with a disturbance outside Mr. Asquith's meeting at Leven on January 29, was released on February 6 after seven days' hunger strike. It will be remembered that Miss Morrison was remanded on January 30. The following is an account of her prison experiences:—

At Dundee the Governor promised that I should receive the full privileges of an untried prisoner, but I found I was required to receive my friends in the same fashion as ordinary prisoners receive theirs. I sent word to the Governor that I objected to seeing my friends in this fashion, but on another friend calling that day we were again placed in the pens, whereupon I felt obliged to make a strong protest, and broke four panes of glass.

Lately the W.S.P.U. treasurer has received subscriptions which are the proceeds of the sale of jewellery. A great many women have jewellery that they no longer wear, or are at any rate willing to part with for the good of the movement, and this is a method of self-denial that many will decide to adopt.

In former years most touching gifts have been made by women who have denied themselves tram rides and small luxuries—necessities sometimes—in order to swell the Self-Denial Fund. It is this same spirit that turns W.S.P.U. members into pavement artists, organ grinders, street musicians and the like during Self-Denial Week.

A little while ago a member of the Union sent to the funds the sum of £5 10s., the profit upon a performance of the Suffrage play, "How the Vote was Won," given in a small village. Concerts and dramatic entertainments might well be organised in other villages for the amusement of the inhabitants and the benefit of the Self-Denial Fund. Cake and sweet sales, sales of work and jumble sales are being organised in various districts and are expected to realise a substantial sum of money.

MONEY - RAISING.

SELF-DENIAL WEEK MARCH 1 to 8.

WHY YOU SHOULD HELP.

SCHEMES FOR RAISING MONEY.

A very important event in the W.S.P.U. year is Self-Denial Week. During that week militant Suffragists devote themselves to money raising in all its forms.

The largest sums are raised by means of collecting cards. On Wednesday, February 20, all members and friends on our lists will receive the collecting card for the forthcoming Self-Denial Week. On the card are printed the following words setting forth the reasons why the Self-Denial Fund is needed.

The enfranchisement of women means a higher standard of morality, and, consequently, a nobler race of men and women. It means the abolition of White Slavery. It means a living wage for wives and mothers. We are taught that men and women are equal before God; why should they not be equal before the law?

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The Union calls upon every woman to express her indignation at the Government's dishonourable tactics, and to show that she wants the Vote, and all it stands for, by contributing to the Self-Denial Fund.

Holders of collecting cards will find that very few of their friends and acquaintances will refuse to give them a contribution in gifts or money for friendship's sake if not for the sake of the cause. The militants will levy toll upon everybody on this occasion. The Government's betrayal has made a great impression upon the public mind, and therefore outsiders to the movement will this year be more than ever inclined to give to the Self-Denial Fund.

An excellent way of getting contributions is to give Self-Denial teas, soirées, or drawing-room meetings at which Self-Denial collections are taken. Let as large a company as possible be gathered together, and let each member of it be asked to give his or her gift of money.

Teachers, students, clerks, and all whose daily work brings them into touch with a number of other people have special opportunities for collecting money.

PAVEMENT ARTISTS.

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There will be open-air stalls at markets and in other suitable places where THE SUFFRAGETTE will be sold and self-denial contributions will be invited. Recitations, plays, games, palmistry, tea, music, etc. (each item to be charged for). Lantern show (1s. tickets). Home-made sweets to be sold outside the Flower Market both Saturdays in Self-Denial Week. Cambridge also send the following suggestions:— Stall in the market on both Saturdays. Jumble sale. Lantern lecture (arranged by March members). Whist drive. Collecting boxes in the streets three days. Newnham members are arranging an entertainment on one of the Saturdays in Self-Denial Week. Girton members are also making plans which will shortly be communicated to the Organiser. Birmingham has the following plans:—

GREAT SCHEME FOR LONDON.

In London a very important scheme is afoot. This consists in having Self-Denial Collecting Stations at various points, such as Charing Cross Station, Oxford-circus, the Marble Arch, and so on. Many collectors are needed to make this scheme successful, and volunteers should at the first possible moment send in their names to Mrs. Drummond.

SELF-DENIAL IN 1909.



Mrs. Drummond turns an organ to raise money for the Cause.

Mrs. Drummond will also be glad to have letters from members letting her know of any plans they intend to carry out to raise funds, such as some piece of self-denial to be practised during the week, or some special scheme for collecting money.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

On Monday, Feb. 17, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Pankhurst will be pleased to meet members in the Central Hall, Lincoln's Inn House, to discuss with them plans for Self-Denial Week. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend.

SCHEMES FROM THE PROVINCES.

Already news has been received from different parts of the country of schemes which are afoot for making the 1913 Self-Denial Fund the greatest on record.

Spwisch and the district is to be very busy. We hear that the members there are carrying out the following special plans:— A special shop sale. Jumble sale. Whist drive to be arranged by Felix-stova members.

"At Home" to be given by several members at the Co-operative Hall.

"THE QUEERING OF THE GREEN."

(With apologies to the Nationalists.)

O Asquith, dear, and did you hear, the news that's going round? The Gaffer is forbid to play his game on English ground; His holiday no more he'll keep, his caddies won't be seen. For there's a bloodless movement for the queering of the green. I met with Mrs. Pankhurst and she took me by the hand. And she said, "How's poor old England, and how does she stand?" She's the most distressful country that ever yet was seen.

O queering of the green, O queering of the green, My native land I cannot stand, For queering of the green.

But if our royal game should thus be torn from England's heart, Her sons will chuck and brassie from the dear old side will part; I've heard a whisper of a country, where England's night is day, Where the sun and life stand equal at the polls to have their say. O England, must we leave you, driven by a mix's hand, To scatter and to bunkers in a strange and distant land? Where the Suffragette of England shall never more be seen. And where, please God, we'll live and die still golfing on the green.

O shearing of the green, O smearing of the green, My native land I cannot stand, For wigs upon the green.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE.

In the House of Commons on Monday last, Sir Arthur Martin asked the Postmaster-General whether any postmen have been burnt at Dundee owing to militant suffragists having placed chemical in pillar-boxes; and, if so, will he say the nature of these injuries?

Mr. Herbert Samuel: I am sorry to say that five postmen in the sorting office at Dundee suffered painful injuries from flames caused by chemicals which had been placed in thin glass tubes among the correspondence in the letter-boxes. For several of the injuries were not serious, and the men were able to resume duty after the burns had been dressed. I regret to say that slight injuries had been caused in a similar manner a few days previously to two postmen at York.

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Mr. F. Hall: Is the House to understand that these women are able to laugh at or share their sentences by simply abstaining from food?

Mr. Herbert Samuel: Not entirely so that. It depends on the prisoner's state of health. If she is in such a state of health that she can be forcibly fed without danger, she is forcibly fed.

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In the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr. Ginnell asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland whether the suffrage prisoners in Tullamore Prison have refused to take food, if so, when and on what grounds, as stated by themselves; and, if they are to be fed forcibly through the nose, will he give a reference to the legal authority for this practice?

Mr. Birrell: These prisoners have refused food for several days on the ground that they have not been accorded the full privileges of "political prisoners," a category unknown alike to the law and to the prison regulations. I have already informed the hon. Member the extent to which the regulations have been relaxed in their favour. No forcible feeding has been resorted to in the case of these prisoners, and as regards the last paragraph of the question, I would refer the hon. Member to the reply given to the question asked on this subject by the hon. Member for the Mansfield division on the 5th instant.

Mr. McKenna: No Suffragist prisoner is being forcibly fed at present.

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Above the Law.

The Government can no longer enforce the law. The militants, because they have not yet won the vote, cannot make the law, but they have done the next best thing by raising themselves above the law. The attempt to coerce them has been a ghastly failure. The Government are absolutely powerless to prevent the attacks on property, and other breaches of the law which are now being committed by the Suffragettes; and the reason why they are powerless is that the spirit of women is stronger than all the material force at the disposal of the State.

Mrs. Pankhurst is still preaching revolution without let or hindrance. But even if the Government arrest and imprison her, they cannot stop her doing that, for just as on the platform she by her words incites to militancy, so, from inside a prison cell, she, by her deeds, will give the same incitement. While the Government are considering whether or not, by means of a prosecution, to try conclusions with Mrs. Pankhurst, other women are carrying her militant advice into effect. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred they elude the pursuit of the enemy, and "live to fight another day." When, on the hundredth occasion, a militant is captured and imprisoned, the price she pays, whether it consists in months of imprisonment patiently and bravely served, or whether it consists in the quick challenge of the hunger-strike, with the ensuing torture of forcible feeding, that price, we say, simply inspires others to follow the example she has set.

What does all this mean? It means the working out, in actual present-day experience, of the long-accepted truth that government rests upon the consent of the governed. If the powers that be cannot win the consent of the people, neither can they govern the people. They may imprison them, they may kill them, but they can never compel their obedience. And just as the Government cannot compel the obedience of the many, neither can they compel the obedience of the few; no, not even of one single soul.

It is sometimes objected that the militant women are a minority of their sex. The advance-guard, we may point out, always is a minority. And we would further point out that nearly always in the history of the world it has been left to minorities to defend the liberties of the people as a whole. The militants regret that great numbers of their countrywomen are not yet ripe for rebellion, are

not yet prepared to refuse their consent to a system of Government which gives them no citizen rights; but that state of affairs is no reason why the militants should hold their hand. On the contrary, it is a reason the more why those women who are free and strong enough, should vindicate the honour of their sex.

The truth is that the militant women concern themselves very little about this question of mere numbers. Call the militants few, if you will; but you cannot deny that they are powerful. In fact, they are now more powerful than the law itself.

One thing the militancy of the past few years has brought to light. It is that women are kept in political subjection wholly and solely by means of physical force. That subjection depends in the last resort upon what the Recorder, Sir Forrest Fulton, has publicly described as torture. What we mean is this. Women, first of all, ask mildly for relief from their subjection; in other words, for the Vote. For answer, they have the blank indifference of the politicians. More vigorously, but still peacefully, they ask again. This time the answer is a hollow profession of sympathy, and treachery of all kinds. Then comes the inevitable resort to militancy. The answer to that is violence, in the shape of arrest and imprisonment. When these women, whose demand is for political freedom, refuse to accept as its substitute imprisonment, then comes forcible feeding, which—again to quote Sir Forrest Fulton—is torture.

There are people who say that they do not approve of methods of violence. Neither does the W.S.P.U., but violence must sometimes be met by violence, and that is why militant methods have been adopted by this Union. The women's militancy is simply adopted in answer to the militancy of the Government. What those who deny votes to women have got to learn is that "who takes the sword shall perish by the sword." It is by violence that the subjection, either of women or of men, is maintained. Has anybody ever discovered a way other than violence whereby such subjection can be swept away?

Anti-militants may carp and criticise as they will, but they cannot in their heart of hearts deny that it is the militant women who are at this time playing the noblest part in our national life. There is, indeed, nothing to match the spirit of the militants, unless it be the spirit shown by Captain Scott and his brave companions. There is universal mourning for these dead heroes, but it is only the militant women who really understand and share the spirit that moved them in their work and in their death. Captain Scott and his band in the Antarctic, the militant women at home, standing at danger-point, have shown the same indomitable courage; and when we say this, we pay the highest tribute that has yet been paid by any to the memory of these men. There was Captain Oates, of whom one paper very truly says: "We have never heard of greater heroism than his, not even among the ancients, who made an art of dying nobly." "I am just going outside, and I may be some time"—what wonderful words! Every militant's heart thrills at them. Yet that, in effect, was what Miss Wallace Dunlop said when she entered upon the first hunger-strike.

Take Captain Scott's grand farewell message. "For my own sake, I do not regret this journey, which has shown that Englishmen can endure hardship, help one another, and meet death with as great a fortitude as ever in the past." Those words might have been written by Lady Constance Lytton when, as Jane Warton, she exposed herself to a fate which, for all she knew, would mean her death. They might, too, have been uttered by May Billinghurst, the crippled woman who lately offered herself for torture for the sake of other women. It may be—some fear it will be—that before this Suffrage struggle is over, a woman will lose her life in prison. It is a message such as this that she will leave behind her.

Captain Scott's battle is ended, and he and his mates are already enshrined in the heart of the nation. At such a time, the eyes of the people should be very clear to see a gallant struggle that is still in progress, and a spirit they are still privileged to have amongst them in living human form. CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

DEEP SEA FISHING IN MALE MENTALITY.

By ETHEL SMYTH, Mus.Doc.

If anyone should care to know what seems to me the most amazing feature of recent events, it is that collective humbug should be possible and unpenalised on this gigantic scale. The alliance of a dozen unprincipled individuals in a Cabinet is a thing one can understand; but what, in the name of goodness, is the quality in hundreds of decent men that guarantees scoundrels immunity from exposure and disgrace? Why, when men like Sir J. Simon are publicly endorsing their colleagues' faith in our speedy triumph, is it a moral certainty that no one will get up and say, "You are lying, the whole thing is a fraud?" Every Suffragist in the House of Commons knew what was going on; but if a first-class measure has gone to pieces on Woman Suffrage it is because, while other women were cooing faith and hope, the remorseless searchlight of Lincoln's Inn House was sweeping lobby and smoking-room, so that finally the Speaker's bomb, no doubt a surprise to many, had to be exploded prematurely. Or again, to turn to the debate, why did everybody think it necessary to testify to Mr. Asquith's integrity, and not one single soul blurt out what the whole country is saying, that to give a solemn pledge unless certain you can redeem it is a disgraceful action?

MENTAL DEBILITY.

But a thing even more surprising than the moral ill-health of these gentlemen is the mental debility which manifests itself as soon as they are called upon to tackle problems of a certain kind. An experience familiar to all women in their Suffrage dealings with even intelligent men is suddenly to find themselves exercising patience and indulgence as with small children. Where you looked for rock you find shifting sand; logic, memory, sense of humour, sense of proportion have disappeared, giving place to muddle-headedness, pomposity, superficiality, enslavement to theories and catchwords a thousand times disproved and discredited,—an ignorance and silliness, in short, which if you happen to like men is distressing and alarming.

In one single debate I find all these symptoms. Take Lord Robert Cecil, for instance, a lawyer whose Conciliation Bill experiences must have taught him what Mr. Balfour said at last learned, what Mr. Balfour has often said in private and now has stated in public; that a Private Member's Bill, if *controversial*, has no earthly chance of becoming law. Does Lord Robert get up in his place and say, "This new offer is a fraud and we all know it"? Not at all; he merely remarks, that if members kept their pledges all would be well, which is self-evident, and then falls to wondering why those who break them have the whimsical habit of still calling themselves Suffragists,—a conundrum the youngest tylist in the W.S.P.U. office could answer. Look at Lord Hugh Cecil, maintaining that by this absurd offer women are put "in a position of great advantage." Or at Messrs. Keir Hardie and Henderson, who admit the fraud but cannot resist unctuously acquitting Mr. Asquith of blame in the matter of the collapsed pledge. (Why a man who cheats on Tuesday should be presented with a gratuitous testimonial as regards Monday it is hard to say; but surely Labour hypocrisy is the least attractive of the many brands stocked in the House of Commons.) Or, as an instance of the way man's mind seems unable to run true for three consecutive minutes on this theme, look at Mr. Lyttelton, lawyer, sportsman, and champion of fair play. If a horse, habitually maltreated by a groom, should one day throw and "savagely" his rider, Mr. Lyttelton would be the first to say, "Serve the blackguard right." Yet, in expressing equal horror at militant acts, and deeds of retaliation,—a strange sentiment surely, since the latter include forcible feeding and indecent assault—the only allusion this advocate of fair play makes to the cowardice and treachery that have begotten rebellion is a gentle exhortation to Statesmen to pause and think.

As for the "Suffragist" ministers, they seem to have thrown overboard, as mental degenerates will, an adage no one can safely dispense with:—

Would you have your tale held true, Keep probability in view.

Look at Mr. Lloyd George in an outburst of that genial frankness that wins him other men's absolute confidence, congratulating Mr. F. E. Smith, of all people, on the novel idea of a Conciliation Bill! Behold him and Sir E. Grey, again in confidential mood, allowing that for some time past—(how long ago did Sir J. Simon speak?)—they had perceived their craft was doomed on the rocks of intrigue, and forthwith offering us something that invites intrigue not only at the early stages of its career, but from start to finish! Look at the brave resolution to do nothing, passed at the Labour Conference, by way of showing "sweating zeal" and earning further subsidies.

LACK OF BRAIN GRIP.

What shall be said of these brains? "Parts of the egg are very good, my lord," is as far as politeness can conscientiously go, for unfortunately it is not only on themes such as Votes for Women or the White Slave Traffic that this sort of work is put in. Take any question you please which involves a moral effort and possible interference with man's ease and comfort; "Si je connaissais l'histoire, je pourrais vous en citer mille exemples." But the case of the miners will do.

The miners excuse themselves for trying to steal the women's job by allusions to impure language at the pit-head (none at home, of course!). Politicians propose legislation whereby girls, whose fathers may lawfully turn them adrift at sixteen, are to be prevented from selling anything in the streets, except their own bodies, until they are eighteen; meanwhile, a few hours later these same philanthropists are throwing out for the 125th time a bill for the raising of the age of consent! Surely this is hypocrisy carried to imbecile lengths?

Pondering these matters, and not for the first time, I have come to the conclusion that this lack of brain grip, this incapacity for thinking to the quick which leads to over-indulgence in the compromise habit, and hypocrisy, are symptoms of serious moral disease. Moral and mental health are linked together, and the indispensable condition of both is habitual and fearless contact with reality; but there are hosts of subjects (Woman Suffrage being one) which man obstinately refuses to face; perhaps because one of his tap-roots is the brothel.

A HUGE SHAMEFUL SECRET.

Complicity with all other men in a huge shameful secret can hardly make for courage in facing moral problems, least of all can it fit you for dealing sanely and decently with the woman's movement, the greatest moral revolution the world has ever seen. And so it comes, that inside the House of Commons you get the type of man who cades for our help and afterwards boasts of having dishd the women; and outside it youths, the photographic record of whose deeds is barred by the Censor.

A few genuine friends we have in the House—very few, and none big enough for the theme. Think how Charles Fox would have handled it! For the bulk of the "Suffragists" there, as far as such men are capable of registering any instinct at all save those of the most elementary and animal order, perceive that women are in earnest. They themselves are not, and consequently they dread and loathe the notion of our enfranchisement even more than the "Antis," whom circumstances have brought into less close contact with the danger. And the more they come to think of it, I fancy, the less will they like it.

Given these things, it seems to me impossible, intolerable, that any woman should associate herself with pending proceedings in the House of Commons. Mr. Lyttelton has warned members that their attitude towards the question has

become a scandal, that something must be done. Let them do it, then, but without our help. Apart from the gain of dignity, if may perhaps have a steadying effect on the levity of these gentlemen when they come to realise that the measure of women's distrust and contempt is full, that we are too busy working against them elsewhere to take part in their private theatricals at Westminster. We now know that the vote will never be a free gift; it will be reluctantly yielded because it is impossible to withhold it; and as most of the societies are now demanding a Government measure, which, as even the London correspondent of a Viennese paper notices, has "greatly surprised and disgusted the Government," I hope our women are now relieved from the most distasteful part of their task.

Of course, the one weak spot is the W.C.U.F.A. Reading certain little compositions *tranquillo senza espressione* that appear from time to time in the "Woman's Platform" of *The Standard*, signed by the president, in one of which, by-the-by, a future Conservative Government is practically invited *not* to give us a Government measure, one feared the worst. And true enough, even with the splendid example of the Swedish Conservative women before them, whose courage and political insight in putting the Suffrage before everything else has made the vote a certainty for 1915, these English Conservative women have learned nothing. And so we have a feeble "resolution" which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald himself might have drawn up, and a leading member of the League is already urging women to "induce" candidates graciously to mention the subject in their electoral addresses! O the shame of it! Was it for this that scores of high-born ladies, who never scrupled to rail at the Women's Liberal Federation left the Primrose League? The manners of Mrs. Drummond's working women may not have "the repose that stamps the class of Vere de Vere"; but if dignity and independence are the keynote of true aristocracy we know where to look, and where not to look for it.

P.S.—From the *Neue Freie Presse*, which has astonished the oldest inhabitant by giving telegraphic *résumés* of Mrs. Pankhurst's speeches, guerrilla warfare and all, with the comment, "the logic is unanswerable." I learn that Lambeth Palace has been attacked as a protest against the Archbishop's supineness in the matter of votes for women.

I hope the report is true, but at the same time let us remember, in common fairness, that we are fighters, and so profoundly—nay, passionately—does the Archbishop feel about war, that on the outbreak of Balkan hostilities he actually added with his own hand several semi-colons and dashes,—pauses for special application—to the official Prayers for Peace. Now this, on the part of the Head of a State Church and "Liberal" prelate—Mr. Asquith's spiritual spouse, so to speak, whose place it is never to forget her politics for one moment, was a strong step to take, and testifies to the Archbishop's spiritual initiative and courage.

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GLASGOW ISOLATED FROM LONDON.

"Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin!"

FLAMES IN A SORTING OFFICE.

Scene in the House.

The Government's betrayal of the Woman's Cause has resulted in widespread disorder. In various parts of England women have testified by their actions that they will no longer submit to government without consent.

In New Gardens damage to the extent of hundreds of pounds has been inflicted on plants in the orchid houses.

A number of telegraph wires have been cut in Glasgow and Birmingham, the telegraphic communication of the former city with London being entirely destroyed for several hours.

In Pall Mall and Piccadilly the windows of many clubs have been broken.

Cabinet Ministers have received mysterious packages by post, which on being opened were found to contain a mixture of pepper and snuff.

Pillar-box raids have occurred in various parts of England, in one instance gunpowder being inserted amongst the letters. Inflammable materials have been largely used, in consequence of which the letters in the Dundee Sorting Office burst into flame.

In Edinburgh the Museum has been closed owing to damage inflicted on a glass case.

GREENHOUSES SHATTERED AT KEW.

VALUABLE PLANTS DESTROYED.

According to The Daily Chronicle, "the perverse ingenuity of the militant Suffragettes has discovered a new way of making the life of the public unendurable." In the early hours of Saturday morning severe damage was done to a number of plants in the orchid houses of Kew Gardens.

Three of the houses, to which the Kew Garden authorities had drawn special attention on their notice boards, as containing notable blooms, were selected for the attack. The gardens are patrolled at night, and in an inspection at 1 a.m. nothing was discovered amiss. On making another visit between three and four o'clock the night watchman was started to find the glass in the fronts of houses 14, 14b, and 14c shattered to fragments. The night was very stormy, with a high wind blowing, which prevented the smashing of glass from being heard at a distance.

On entering one of the houses he found orchids scattered about in all directions, hanging baskets were wrenched from their hooks and dashed to the ground; specimens that had taken eight or ten years to bring to perfection were damaged almost beyond recognition. On a further examination it was found that thirty-seven panes of glass had been broken, admitting the cold night air to the other greenhouses, and causing a number of the plants to droop.

particularly exasperating item, from the gardener's point of view, was the fact that a large number of the name labels had been removed or destroyed. This act will create great difficulty in the identifying and the re-arranging of the plants. In some cases those responsible for their culture will have to wait until the bloom reappears before they will be able to rename them. The actual amount of damage done is variously estimated at anything between £200 and thousands of pounds. It is thought that access was gained to the Gardens either by the riverside,

day on which Mr. Birrell was due to speak.

The discovery was made at six o'clock on February 7, when the charwomen went to the Town Hall to begin their duties in the various offices in the building. Walking through the Town Hall their eyes were instantly attracted to the windows, the lower panes of which were covered up with sheets of brown paper which had been stuck to the glass with liberal splashes of golden syrup.

The electric lights were immediately switched on, and the cleaners recognised at once that the Suffragettes had been in the hall during the dark hours of the morning, for each of the elevation walls was splashed up with white enamel.

"Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin!"

It is interesting about how deep the words "Votes for Women," "Justice," and "Tyranny" were roughly painted on the west elevation wall, whilst immediately opposite was the Biblical expression: "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin" ("God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it; thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting").

The lettering on the walls did not appear to have been done hurriedly, the surmise being that the Suffragettes had been in the building the greater part of the night, and had taken time over their task. The police were informed, and two officers, accompanied by a constable, searched every hole and corner in the Town Hall. It was a vain quest, for no one could be found.

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TELEGRAPH WIRES CUT.

GLASGOW ISOLATED FROM LONDON.

On Saturday telegraphic communication was entirely cut off between London and Glasgow for several hours, with serious results to the commercial men of the latter city. The destruction of the aerial wires was at first attributed to the gale, but when it was discovered that the underground cables were also out of order, inquiries were instituted, and it was found that fuses-boxes in connection with the underground communication had been blown up.

The aerial wires had been cut through with scissors. "There is no question," says The Daily Telegraph, "but that the damage was done by Suffragettes. Indeed, at the Glasgow Suffragists' headquarters no denial was given to the allegation." During market hours Glasgow stockbrokers did not get through a single wire from London.

On the morning of Friday, February 7, it was discovered that between twenty and thirty telephone wires, including some trunk wires, were cut on the public highway near Dumfries.

A notice was found affixed to a post with the inscription "Votes for Women" upon it.

Wires Cut in Birmingham.

When the Birmingham and Coventry telegraph departments applied the usual daily tests to wires between the two cities yesterday morning, the discovery was made that communication was broken, and that several telegraph wires between Coventry and Birmingham had been severed, and damage done to the extent of about £10.

It is supposed that the wires were cut with long-handled clippers, such as are used in trimming trees.

The police are making inquiries, but so far they have no clue to the identity of the persons responsible for the damage.

They are satisfied, however, that it is the work of Suffragettes, and a woman's footprints have been discovered in the turf immediately below the broken wires.

THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

"WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE AND FOUND WANTING."

In spite of elaborate precautions, Suffragettes mysteriously invaded the Town Hall at Newcastle-on-Tyne on the

seven that morning she heard a noise of breaking glass, and on going to see the cause saw the accused from St. James's-square throw pieces of lead at the windows at the rear of the Club. She broke three panes. The witness called another housemaid, Florence Thomas, and they detained until the arrival of P.C. Foster, 85A.R. Henry Brown, engineer at the Club, gave evidence of the damage, and said the value of the three panes of glass was 3s. each.

Asked if she had anything to say, the accused said: "I say I did it as a Suffraget, and one who protests against the Government of the country by men only." She went on to denounce the conduct of magistrates in convicting women on the unsupported evidence of police-constables, but was cut short by Mr. Denman asking if she had anything to say to the charge.

PEPPERS BY POST.

SNEEZING MINISTERS.

On Tuesday, February 4, each Member of the Cabinet received at the House of Commons an unstamped letter marked "Private." On investigation the mysterious envelopes were found to contain red pepper and snuff.

By an ingenious arrangement these powders were enclosed in a paper that

was stuck in the envelope, so that when Ministers gave an extra tug to get this out they whisked the pepper in their faces. The paper—when their smarting eyes permitted them to read it—demanded "Votes for Women."

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A PRESS COMMENT.

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"Pictures of sneezing Ministers are in the vision of the whole Empire. The effect on Ministerial noses, the smarting of Ministerial eyes are part of everybody's consciousness. The evening Press is profuse in detail. A touch of pepper has made the Empire king, and really united the Three Kingdoms at the heart of it."

"It is very chastening to idealists: journalistic, political, spiritual, and otherwise. Ministers and men, after all the culture and philosophy of the ages, are stirred and moulded by very old and primitive simplicities still. The childhood of humanity persists even into the twentieth century."

"However, it is more or less to the good to know definitely that there is something which can move Ministers and Departments. Ideas and arguments may fail, but pepper goes home."

MANY WINDOWS SMASHED.

RAID ON CLUB LAND.

The peace of Pall Mall was disturbed in the early hours of Monday morning by Suffragettes, who made an unexpected raid upon that quarter.

The Suffragettes are becoming more daring," complains The Pall Mall Gazette. "The destruction of golf greens was calculated to rouse the ire of more men than its most irritable stage; but now they have penetrated—by means of missiles—man's safest harbour of all, the West-end clubs."

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DUBLIN APPEAL CASE. UNFAVOURABLE DECISION.

In the King's Bench Division, Dublin, before the Lord Chief Baron, Mr. Justice Gibson and Mr. Justice Madden, a motion came on in reference to the cases of Mrs. Mary Leigh and Miss Gladys Evans. The matter came before the Court in a case stated by Mr. Macinerny, K.C., one of the divisional police magistrates of Dublin, in which a point was raised as to the liability of the defendants to notify their residence to the police after release from prison on licence.

Mr. Henry Hanna, K.C., and Mr. Hubert O'Connor (instructed by Mr. Gerald Byrne) appeared for Mrs. Leigh and Miss Evans. The Solicitor-General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Horan (instructed by Sir Malachy Kelly, Chief Crown Solicitor) represented the Crown. Mrs. Leigh and Miss Evans, who were sentenced on August 7 last to five years' penal servitude, were released on licence on October 10, on account of ill-health, consequent on a hunger-strike and forcible feeding. They were convicted by Mr. Macinerny in December for non-compliance with the conditions of their licence, and were sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment.

The defendants' solicitor contended that no offence had been committed, as there was no breach of any condition endorsed on the licence, and, further, that the obligation to notify a change of address was dispensed with by the omission of any reference to it on the back of the licence. The endorsement on the back of the licence was as follows:—"The holder shall abstain from any violation of the law. If her licence is forfeited or revoked in consequence of the conditions on the licence, she will be liable to undergo a term of five years, which remained unexpired when her licence was granted—namely, four years and 301 days."

It was contended by Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Hanna, on behalf of the defendants, that there had been no breach of the conditions on the licence. The type-written certified copy of the licence given to the defendants differed from that usually given to convicts when released.

There had been a breach of a statutory obligation to notify residence, but this statutory obligation was dispensed with by the order of His Majesty by the licence itself. The fact that the condition of notifying residence was omitted from the copy given to the prisoners about to be released on licence showed conclusively that the Crown never intended them to notify.

It was submitted that when Mary Leigh was admitted out under this condition the Crown could not now turn round and say she was subject to other conditions.

The Lord Chief Baron stated that he was of opinion that the judgment of the magistrate was critically correct. These proceedings were brought for non-compliance with Section 5 of the Prevention of Crimes Act, 1871, the penalty for which was either forfeiture of licence or imprisonment for not more than one year.

Having read the provisions of that Section, his Lordship said that non-compliance did not amount to a breach of any condition in the licence, but it amounted to a substantial criminal offence, and if a person was prosecuted and found guilty the magistrate might declare the licence forfeited as distinct from the licence being forfeited by reason of the conditions. Then came the question upon the Act of 1871, and that was expressed in very accurate language—"Her Majesty may by order under the hand of the Secretary of State remit any of the requirements of Section 5 of the Prevention of Crimes Act, either generally or in the case of a holder of a licence." The question they had to determine was whether the document was an order remitting any requirements of Section 5 of the Act of 1871. He would have been better pleased if when notice of this section was not given to these ladies as it usually was in the case of ticket-of-leave persons, that a nominal punishment was given instead of a punishment of fourteen days. In his opinion the question, "Is the magistrate right in his determination?" should be answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Justice Gibson concurred. Mr. Justice Madden also concurred, and stated that a more technical offence than non-reporting he could not conceive. No order was made as to costs.



Some of the Damaged Orchids at new.

Programme of the Week.

Table listing events for Feb. 14-21 across various districts including Chelsea, Clapham, Fulham, and others, with names of organizers and times.

Campaign Throughout the Country.

Members' Plans for Self-Denial Week.

Articles detailing campaign plans for various districts: London, Balham and Toxted, Hendon, Golders Green and Finchley, Bexhill-on-Sea, Brighton and Hove, and others.

Continuation of campaign reports from districts: Southend-on-Sea, Tunbridge Wells, Home Counties, Bournemouth, Brighton and Hove, and others.

Advertisement for Borden's Marie Rochford hats, featuring an illustration of a woman in a hat and text describing the quality and variety of the hats.

Advertisement for William Owen's 'The House Famous for Good Value', featuring an illustration of a large building and text describing the property and its features.

Pottories (Staffs). With Self-Denial Week comes everyone's opportunity for showing what she can do. The organiser will be pleased to consider any suggestion. This is the first time Self-Denial Week has been brought to the notice of these towns, so all must do their best to make it a great success. Arrangements are being made to produce two Suffrage plays in Hanley. Will any member who can act, or who has friends of either sex interested in amateur dramatic work, kindly communicate with organiser? Please volunteer to sell papers at open-air meetings (see programme). (Org., Miss Hilda Burditt, 9, Church-street, Hanley.)

WEST OF ENGLAND.

Bath. Miss Clarence addressed meeting at shop Friday evening, and there were satisfactory results in promises of work. There will be poster parades to advertise lantern lecture, Feb. 20. Volunteers are requested to send in their names. Gratefully received: Mrs. Mansel, 21, 22, 6d.; Hon. Mrs. Hamilton Russell, 10s.; Miss Poacher, 2s. 6d.; G. B., 7s. 6d.; Miss Taffs, 2s.; A. E. T., 1s. Gifts for shop, Mrs. Sear, 1s.; Misses Tollenache, Shop, 12, Walcot-street.

Bristol.

The first of a series of social meetings will take place at 31, Cornwallis-crescent, Clifton, Wednesday, Feb. 26, 8 p.m. Hostesses, the Misses James. Speaker, Miss Kathleen Jarvis. Music, discussion, &c. Members are cordially invited. Miss Jessie Smith, assisted by local members, held several successful out-door meetings last week. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Stephens, 4s.; Mrs. Paul, 2s.; Miss Platt, 2s.; Miss D'Arcy, 7s. 6d.; Mrs. Fowler (for cakes at sale of work), 3s.; Mrs. Trafford, 1s.; Mrs. Kipple, 1s.; Mrs. Stephens, 1s.; Mrs. Milton, 1s. Surplus from Deputation Fund, 21 9s. 10d. (per A. M. Walker). (Org., Miss E. M. Pridden, Shop, 37, Queens-road, Clifton.)

Chiltenham.

A public meeting will be held in the large drawing-room of the Town Hall on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. Speaker, Miss Kathleen Jarvis. Will members volunteer as stewards and paper-sellers? (Hon. Sec., Miss E. L. Andrews, 2, Victoria-walk.)

Plymouth.

Mrs. Pankhurst has promised to visit Plymouth, and the Guildhall has been taken for Tuesday, April 8. The organiser will do "At Home" to members and friends at Goodbody's Cafe on Tuesday next, Feb. 18, 7.30-9.30 p.m. Future plans will be discussed; it is hoped there will be a good attendance. The following members have promised monthly subscriptions: Miss Hobbay, 2s.; Miss Keen, 2s.; Mrs. Pewins, 1s.; Mrs. Orchard, 1s.; and donations received (for meeting): Mrs. Blouey, 1s. (Org., Miss Mary Phillips, 11, Alfred-street, The Hoe.)

WALES.

Cardiff and District.

The sale of THE SUFFRAGETTE is steadily increasing. Miss Lettice Floyd and Miss Whitehead sold several copies in the streets on Saturday morning. Some members are showing small posters advertising Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting in their windows. Will others do the same? Bills can be had at office. The organiser will gladly post bills and tickets (balance 1s.) to applicants. Will all who have undertaken to steward at Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting be at Cory Hall on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.? Miss Floyd would be glad to have four more volunteers. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Oram, 2s. 6d.; Miss Mary Floyd, 4s. (towards Indignation Fund). Collected by Miss C. Speed, 21, Charles-street, Cardiff.

EASTERN COUNTIES.

Cambridge and District.

Mrs. Pankhurst's reception will be held on Tuesday, March 4. Will members give organiser the names of friends to whom they would like invitations sent? A record sum must be raised in Self-Denial Week. A stall, at which home-made cakes and sweets will be sold, will be held in Market Place on Saturdays, March 1 and 8, Thursday and Friday, March 6 and 7. Meetings are being arranged at which Miss Macaulay will speak. It is hoped to hold a what drive on Wednesday, March 5. Each member must do her best to make plans successful. Further ideas welcomed. Gratefully acknowledged: A Friend, 1s.; Miss Valentine, 2s. 6d. (Org., Miss O. Bartels, 73, Clarendon-road.)

Ipswich and District.

Members are reminded that it is individual effort that will make Self-Denial Week an unequalled success. Now that Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting is over, all are asked to concentrate on this very important work. Miss King hopes that members and friends will let her know as soon as possible if they can help in any of the following ways: (1) By sending home-made sweets, cakes, jams, and fancy articles of all kinds to special shop sale; (2) by sending in jumbles for sale (Saturday, March 1, 3 p.m.); (3) by taking tickets, price 1s. each, for lantern lectures (St. Nicholas Hall, Tuesday, March 4, 8 p.m.). Schemes will be heartily welcomed. Further plans will be announced next week. Thanks to members, 250 copies of the special number of THE SUFFRAGETTE

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NORTH-EASTERN COUNTIES.

Harrogate.

It is to be hoped that members and their friends will attend well to-night (Friday) to hear Miss Macaulay speak at Spira Private Hotel (next door to office), 8 p.m. Many thanks to Miss Lucy Wood for gift for shop. (Hon. Sec., Miss M. Hughes, Shop, 18A, King's-road.)

Leeds.

Miss Glidewell is now organising for Leeds. It is hoped that all members will rally round her and give her their support. Members are asked to bear in mind Self-Denial Week. Suggestions towards making money will be welcomed. Tuesday, tea, 3.30 to 5.30. (Org., Miss Glidewell, Offices, 5, Cookridge-street.)

Newcastle.

The sales of THE SUFFRAGETTE are going up steadily, door-to-door selling is proving successful. Members are urged to bring friends to Wednesday afternoon meeting (see programme). Canvasers are wanted for Gosforth meeting, and for Thursday's meeting at Chester-le-Street. The organiser asks every member to do her utmost to answer Mrs. Pankhurst's appeal for Self-Denial Week. A jumble sale will be held Saturday, March 1. Goods may now be sent to office. Org., Miss L. Mitchell, Office, 77, Blackett-street.

Sheffield.

Whist-drive, kindly given by Miss Corbett, great success and most enjoyable. Jumble sale, Nether Chapel Schoolroom, to-morrow (Saturday), 3 p.m. More helpers needed. Volunteers wanted to canvass members and more regular subscribers, as expenses are growing. Tea and sewing meeting every Tuesday, 3 p.m. (Hon. Sec., Miss Schuster, Shop, 25-28, Chapel-walk.)

York.

Members are asked to be responsible for getting new members and subscribers for SELF-DENIAL. Invitations for Tuesday's meeting can be had at office. An American supper will be held March 3. Members are reminded of Self-Denial Week, March 1-8. (Org., Miss Key Jones, Office, Colby Chambers, Copper-gate.)

NORTH-WESTERN COUNTIES.

Barrow-in-Furness.

The organiser will shortly call a members' meeting to discuss plans for Self-Denial Week. Everyone is asked to think out schemes and ideas. The sale of THE SUFFRAGETTE is steadily increasing. Many thanks to Mrs. Singleton for taking eighteen weekly to canvass Vickerstown. (Org., Miss Grew, 180, Blake-street.)

Bradford.

All members are urged to attend Monday's tea to discuss plans for Self-Denial. It is suggested to have cake and candy sale Monday, March 3 and 10. Members are requested to send contributions. Orders taken by Mrs. Potter from now onwards for caramel toffee and marzipan. Mrs. Newton will take orders for sponge cake. Gratefully acknowledged: Deputation Fund, Miss Symes, 5s. General Fund, Mrs. Bernhard, 10s.; Miss Newton, 5s.; Miss Symes, 5s.; Miss Kemp, 2s.; Miss Mitchell, 2s.; Miss Knight, 2s. 6d.; Miss Moss, 2s.; Miss Green, 1s.; Miss Horsman, 1s.; Miss Lennon, 1s.; Mrs. Newton, 1s.; Mrs. Potter, 2s. 6d.; Miss Armes, 2s.; Mrs. C. Child, 2s.; Mrs. J. Child, 1s.; Mrs. Holmes, 6d. Advertisement Fund: Mrs. Child, 6d.; Mrs. Harding, 1s.; Miss Newton, 5s.

Liverpool.

Lime-light lecture, Hope Hall, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Speaker, Miss I. Green. Volunteers wanted for lantern poster-parade every evening that week. A poster-parade advertising THE SUFFRAGETTE leaves office 12.30 every Saturday. Will more members join? Self-Denial Week first week in March. More volunteers for street-collecting wanted. Members are asked to do their utmost to raise a record sum. American tea, Saturday, March 6, 4.9 p.m. Each member is asked to bring and buy eatables or flowers. Weekly sewing meeting, for sale, Wednesday, 8.9 p.m. Tea-room open daily, 5.6 p.m. More regular subscribers to office fund wanted. Library now open. Gratefully received: £2 from Southport for new office. (Org., Miss Jollie, Office, Canning Chambers, 2, South John-street.)

Manchester.

Members and friends are reminded of "At Home" to welcome Mrs. Williamson Forrester on her release from Holloway, to be held Onward-buildings, Deansgate, to-night, 7.30 p.m.; speaker, Miss Kathleen Jarvis. Mrs. Ratcliffe will preside. Admission free. (Org., Miss K. Wallwork, Office, 32, King-street West.)

Preston.

Will all members and friends who want to help to advertise Mr. George Lansbury's meeting attend meeting at the Church Socialist League Rooms, 1, Liverpool-street, Wednesday, February 13. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Rivley, 28, Winkley-square.)

Walsley.

Gratefully acknowledged, additional donations towards deputation expenses—Anon., 1s.; the Misses Sangers, 2s.; Miss Francis Robinson, 2s.; Miss Craig, will speak at the Church, Mainwaring-road, Seacombe, on February 17, 8 p.m. It is hoped that Mrs. Hall will preside. Will each member attend and bring friends? (Hon. Sec., Miss Lee, 58, Belvedere-road.)

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R.S. 30a. BOUDOIR CAP in spot muslin, trimmed Swiss entre-deux threaded satin ribbon ... 7/8 Peter Robinson's of Regent Street. Peter Robinson, Ltd.

Walsall.

Mrs. Barnard's drawing-room meeting, at which Miss Gladys Revell and Mrs. Burman spoke, was a great success. The room was literally packed, and four new members joined. Members are asked to bear in mind that Self-Denial Week will soon be here. Suggestions will be acceptable. (Hon. Sec., Miss F. Ward, Office, 15, Leicester-street.)

SCOTLAND.

Aberdeen.

Miss Marion Pollock spoke in Central Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 4. The meeting was most enthusiastic. Miss Pollock addressed a large and interesting meeting in Peterhead, Feb. 5. Mrs. Napier presided, and much interest was shown. Members are asked to report arrangements for Self-Denial Week. Suggestions are invited. (Sec., Miss I. Leitch, M.A. Shop, 7, Bon-Accord-street.)

Dundee.

Dundee members were greatly relieved to hear of Mrs. Morrison's release. A large audience gathered to hear the debate on military in the West Forester's Hall, Miss Macaulay, it is hoped, will speak on Feb. 22 and 23. Members are urged to exercise their ingenuity and invent new ways of raising money during Self-Denial Week. (Org., Miss J. Parker, Office, 61, Nethergate.)

Edinburgh.

The social meeting in New Café was a distinct success. For Self-Denial Week, March 1 to 8, the Edinburgh Centre will organise an Art Union drawing, which will include some beautiful pictures given by artist members, the drawing for which will take place in the office on Saturday afternoon, March 8. Members are asked to contribute cakes, scones, flowers, &c. for tea. A charge of 6d. will be made for it. A card chantant will also be held in the New Café, St. Andrew-square, on Thursday, March 6, at 8 p.m. An interesting programme, including a play, is being arranged by Mrs. Crawford. The co-operation of members is earnestly requested to make this year's Self-Denial Week a record one. (Hon. Sec., Miss A. S. Macdonald, Office, 27, Frederick-street.)

Glasgow.

Self-Denial Week is fixed for first week of March. Tickets, price 2s. 6d. each, for party at Langside Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 19, can be had at office, profit to go to Self-Denial Fund. Please suggest and carry out other ways of raising money. Mrs. Lawrence Henderson, with two or three other ladies, has made herself responsible for a meeting at Burgh Hall, Pollokshields, on Feb. 27, at 5.30, at which Miss Macaulay will speak. Miss Allan will preside. Admission free, but it is hoped that a large collection will be taken for Self-Denial Fund. (Org., Miss Laura M. Underwood, Office, 52, Sauchiehall-street.)

Speakers' Class.

Hon. Elocution Mistress, Miss Rosa Leo, 45, Ashworth-mansions, Edgimont-avenue, W.; Hon. Sec., Miss L. Blundell, 47, Moscov-court, W.

Speakers are needed more than ever during the present crisis, and it is hoped that many members will avail themselves of the opportunity offered them of joining the above class. Miss Leo's private classes take place every Saturday at 41, Norfolk-square, W., at 4 p.m., by kind permission of Mrs. Arton. All communications concerning these should be made to Miss Leo, and those about the public classes to Miss L. Blundell.

REPORTS OF OTHER SOCIETIES.

Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage. A full week's activity has again to be recorded. Warm thanks to those members who helped in connection with Queen's Hall meet-

ing, Feb. 5. Outdoor meetings have attracted large audiences. A general meeting is probably being summoned for an early date. Urgent business will come up, and every member should make a point of being present. A demonstration will probably be held on Monday, March 17. Particulars will be announced later. All members and friends are asked to keep this date vacant. (Hon. Sec., Victor Prout, 23, St. Paul's Chambers, Ludgate Hill, E.C.4.)

Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement.

A large and interested audience listened to Miss N. Lightman and Mr. Sykes in Hyde Park on Sunday. Members and friends are urged to help with forthcoming public meeting on Friday, Feb. 21, in the Town Hall, Lower Edmonton, at 8 p.m., the speakers will be Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Mr. Victor Duvall, and Mr. Reginald Pott; the Rev. Eton in the chair. Tickets, 1s. and 6d.

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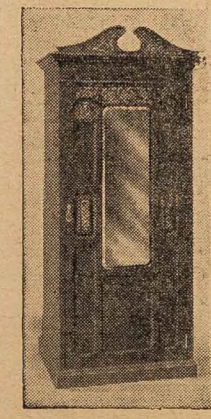
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