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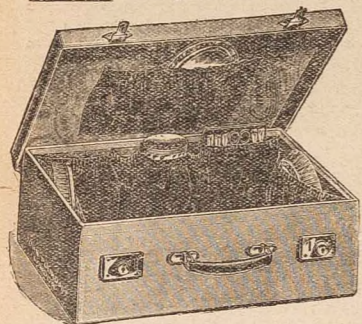
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As Sir Edward Carson is about to establish a new Government in Ulster, the Women's Social and Political Union demands that he shall grant votes to Ulster women. The Union reminds Sir Edward Carson that he and his friends, when they assume the powers of a Government, must accept the responsibilities and obligations of a Government; that is to say, they must give votes to women.

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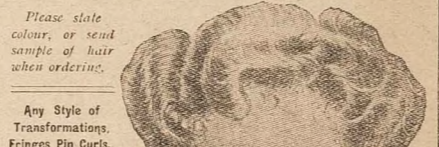
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## A Review of the Week.

### VOTES FOR ULSTER WOMEN.

#### The W.S.P.U. and Sir Edward Carson.

The Women's Social and Political Union, the militant Suffragist organisation, has decided that the time has now come to intervene in Ulster, and to formulate the demand for votes for Ulster women. As Sir Edward Carson is preparing to take over the Government of Ulster, it is to him that this demand for votes for Ulster women will be addressed, and when, in the course of a few days, he arrives in Belfast, a W.S.P.U. deputation will wait upon him. An organiser, in the person of Miss Dorothy Evans, has been placed in charge of the Ulster campaign, and she has sent the following letter to Sir Edward Carson:

THE RIGHT HON. SIR EDWARD CARSON, K.C., M.P.

DEAR SIR,—In view of the fact that you and your supporters are preparing, upon the passage of the Home Rule Bill, to take over the government of Ulster, I write on behalf of the Women's Social and Political Union to ask you to receive a deputation as soon as you arrive in Belfast. The object of the deputation is to demand that women shall have the same rights as men under the Ulster Constitution, and in particular that they shall have the right to vote. It is hardly necessary for me to point out that in assuming the powers of a Government you become subject to the obligations of a Government.

Hitherto we have held the Imperial Government, with Mr. Asquith at its head, wholly and solely responsible for giving votes to women in every part of the Kingdom. But now that you are about to constitute a Government for Ulster, we look to you to grant the vote to the women of Ulster. You and your colleagues and supporters are forming an Ulster Government, and are preparing for armed rebellion, as a protest against being brought under a system of government to which you do not give your consent.

It is on precisely the same principle that the Women's Social and Political Union, the militant Suffragist organisation, refuses to submit to government without the consent of women, either in Ulster or in any other part of the Kingdom. Awaiting your reply informing me at what time and place you can receive our deputation.—I am, Yours faithfully, DOROTHY EVANS, W.S.P.U. Organiser for Ulster.

## Mrs. Pankhurst's American Tour.

The arrangements for Mrs. Pankhurst's American tour are progressing rapidly. As we announced last week, Miss Joan Wickham, who acts as her agent, sailed on Thursday by the "Cedric" for New York. Mrs. Belmont has, with great kindness, arranged to put at Miss Wickham's disposal during the continuance of the American tour, an office at 15, East Forty-First Street, New York, the headquarters of the Political Equality Association. Mrs. Pankhurst leaves Havre by the Compagnie Transatlantique Steamship "Provence" on October 11, and is due to arrive in New York on October 18.

### The American Anti-Suffragists.

The American Anti-Suffragists are trying to induce the Government to refuse to allow Mrs. Pankhurst to enter the United States. With regard to this, an interesting precedent is supplied in the case of Mr. William O'Brien, M.P., and Mr. John Dillon, M.P. These two gentlemen were arrested in the year 1890 for inflammatory speeches made at Tipperary. On going before the magistrate they were remanded and released on bail, but they broke their bail, and went to the United States, to which country they were admitted. There they remained for a year before returning to this country. With respect to the possible visit of Mrs. Pankhurst to Canada, Mr. Blair, the Acting Superintendent of Canadian Immigration, interviewed at Ottawa, is reported to have said that he does not think that Mrs. Pankhurst has been guilty of moral turpitude, and that she certainly will be permitted to enter Canada. The American Anti-Suffragists should remember that France has freely accorded admission to Mrs. Pankhurst.

### Greetings and Welcome for Mrs. Pankhurst.

We reproduce in full on another page an article of welcome to Mrs. Pankhurst which appears in the "New York World." In the course of this article appears the following: "We are told that Mrs. Pankhurst, the determined, fighting Englishwoman, is coming to America. Good news! This country will be glad to see her, to welcome, and to honor her. Mrs. Pankhurst, a frail woman of middle age, has proved by her own courage and her own acts, the folly of those that object to Woman Suffrage. She has demolished the "arguments" that prejudiced men and milk-and-water "clinging vine" women offer against justice to women. They said that women ought not to have the vote because they had not the courage to go to war, they didn't have the warlike qualities of men. Mrs. Pankhurst showed them that she had the courage to go to jail. When she came out of jail, too feeble to walk, she had the courage—splendid, moral, spiritual courage—to continue her fight for women's rights and her denunciation of injustice. Mrs. Pankhurst and her daughters, and the good women associated with them in the English movement, have proved that they understand public questions, and know how to control public questions."

Many other greetings and expressions of welcome have reached Mrs. Pankhurst, and the Women's Political Association proposes to hold a banquet in her honour. Some of the English newspapers are speaking of a truce which will be continued during Mrs. Pankhurst's absence from this country. It suffices to say that as no truce has been made, there is no truce to be continued.

### The Government's Cat-and-Mouse Policy.

A strong protest is made by the "Preston Herald" against the Government's treatment of Mrs. Rigby, the Preston Suffragist, who, when the King was in Lancashire, lit a beacon to remind him and the men of the country that women demand the vote. The "Preston Herald" says: "Mrs. Rigby has been released from prison a third time after a few days' hunger strike. The public are now asking if there is a different sort of treatment for Suffragettes in the North to that accorded to their confreres in London and the South? We have seen how Mrs. Pankhurst has openly referred to the fact that although her licence of release had expired, the London police made no attempt to arrest her. Obviously, if there is a disposition on the part of the Government to deal leniently with Suffragists in this way, there should be no sort of discrimination or preference shown to any of them. Mrs. Rigby in Preston is entitled to the same consideration as Mrs. Pankhurst in London. If not, we should very much like to know the reason why. In a matter of this sort the police should not be allowed to exercise discrimination, neither should instructions be given for one method of treatment of the prisoners in London and another in Preston. If no such instructions have been given, how comes it about that Mrs. Pankhurst is allowed to escape and Mrs. Rigby is arrested? Have the police acted off their own bat? And are the police in the Metropolis less disposed to enforce the Act than in Liverpool? Whatever the attitude of the police and the Government, the effect is strikingly different, and the public are justly entitled to know the reason why. Will Mr. McKenna explain?" To the great indignation of her friends Mrs. Rigby was again arrested last Tuesday.

## Greater Leniency for Men than for Women.

Other Suffragists lately rearrested under the "Cat-and-Mouse Act" are Miss Kathleen Jarvis and Miss Annie Bell. Miss Jarvis was released on Monday after six days' hunger and thirst strike. That she was kept so many days under torture is a fresh proof of the Government's brutality. In striking contrast to the Government's treatment of these women is their treatment of the Rev. James Wilson McKenna, formerly vicar of Whitwick, Leicestershire. On March 13, the Rev. James Wilson Alexander McKenna was convicted in the Isle of Man on a charge of uttering what purported to be a promissory note for £300 from the late Miss Murray, matron of Ramsey Isolation Hospital, to himself, knowing the same to be forged, and was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. After serving six months of this sentence he has been released from gaol under an order of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man. The reason for his release is said to be ill-health, but it is not announced that he is to be rearrested when his health improves, and apparently the authorities are prepared to relieve him of the remainder of his sentence.

### Miss Davison's Sacrifice.

A correspondent writes to tell us that when staying at a small town on the frontier of France and Italy, she saw an announcement of a cinematograph representation of Miss Emily Wilding Davison's last protest and funeral procession. To this she went, and found a crowded audience. The pictures were shown, and an address in Italian was given, explaining the meaning of the protest. The people present looked and listened with grave sympathy, and many were moved to tears. They were told that the pictures would be shown, and the explanatory address given, all over Italy. An announcement of something on the same lines comes to us from South America. The sympathiser who sends it writes that he has succeeded in getting shown upon the screen the words of the memorial leaflet sent to him by a London member of the W.S.P.U. This Miss Davison's message is being repeated over and over again throughout the world.

### Mr. Asquith's Dignity.

In Liberal circles the talk now is that the Prime Minister has made a great mistake in waging war against the Suffragettes instead of conceding the vote. The line which Mr. Asquith's partisans are now taking is that having so deeply, though mistakenly, committed himself to opposing Woman Suffrage, he should now make a great concession to the Suffragettes. This is a line which Mr. Asquith's partisans are now taking is that having so deeply, though mistakenly, committed himself to opposing Woman Suffrage, he should now make a great concession to the Suffragettes. This is a line which Mr. Asquith's partisans are now taking is that having so deeply, though mistakenly, committed himself to opposing Woman Suffrage, he should now make a great concession to the Suffragettes.

frage, he cannot now, without loss of dignity, change his policy and give women the vote. This, in conversation with Suffragists, they seriously urge as a reason why they must wait still longer for victory.

Violence as an Argument.

There are, we believe, some prominent Unionists who have the impertinence to declare their disapproval of Suffragist militancy, while at the same time they hail the use of violence in Ulster as a legitimate argument against Home Rule.

The Penalty of Ruining Girls.

In California, where women have the Vote, a very serious view is taken of offences against young girls. That this is so is proved by the sentences imposed upon two wealthy married men—Maury Diggs and Drew Cammett.

this may be doubtful, but if it had been had stolen, then he would have little to fear under our man-made laws as administered by men.

The Responsibility of Official Labour.

For the killing of men in Dublin, and the bludgeoning of women and children, the Government are, of course, primarily to blame.

An Announcement.

Our readers will be interested to know that the articles on venereal disease and social purity by Miss Christabel Pankhurst, which have appeared in the SUFFRAGETTE, will, with other articles by her on the same subject, be published in book form by Messrs. David Nutt.

WOMEN IN FICTION.

We have to announce, in addition to the articles on Venereal Disease and its Prevention now appearing, a new series of articles on Women in Fiction. Week by week the works of modern novelists will be reviewed with special reference to their portrayal of women.

The Ulster Campaign.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER.

All readers of the SUFFRAGETTE will feel the deepest interest in the announcement that the W.S.P.U. has undertaken the task of insisting that Sir Edward Carson and his associates shall provide for Votes for Women in their Ulster Constitution.

The £250,000 Fund.

Contributions July 31 to August 11.

Table listing names and contribution amounts for the £250,000 Fund. Includes names like Mrs. S. A. Swift, Capt. Oliver, Frederick W. Fletcher, Esq., etc.

THE DANGERS OF MARRIAGE.—I.

By CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

Women have always known that marriage viewed as a spiritual union is not without its risks; that either on the man's part or the woman's part love may fail, or that the clash of temperament or opinion may threaten happiness.

But what women have not known is that marriage as a physical union is a matter of appalling danger to women.

The danger of marriage is due to the low moral standard and the immoral conduct of men. Men before marriage and often while they are married contract sexual disease from prostitutes and give this disease to their wives.

Statistics show that the majority of men who marry have contracted disease, and that many are the bearers of contagion to the women they marry.

What women must realise is that sexual disease communicated to them by their husbands is the cause of the special ailments and the poor health by which so many women are afflicted.

The unmarried woman, whereas now she is well and strong, may within one day of her marriage lose her health for ever. This is a hard saying, but it is true, and women have a right to the protection that knowledge gives.

Never again must young women enter into marriage blithely. From now onwards they must be warned of the fact that marriage is intensely dangerous, until such time as men's moral standards are completely changed and they become as chaste and clean-living as women.

The conditions created by the marriage relation render the wife a helpless and unresisting victim. The venereal miasm is a chain which binds and fetters the woman completely, making her the passive recipient of any sexual disease her husband may harbour.

It is not only the men notoriously and obviously immoral who are dangerous as husbands. As Dr. Morrow says: "Who are responsible for the introduction of venereal diseases into marriage and the consequent wreckage of the lives of innocent wives and children?"

In the tertiary stage of syphilis any part of the body may be affected—nose, lips, tongue, throat, lungs, joints, digestive organs, heart, sex organs, eyes, and ears. Above all, the brain, spinal cord, and nervous system are liable to be affected.

That syphilis causes loathsome skin diseases is well known. Sometimes it manifests itself in the form of ulcers resembling lupus, but more rapidly destructive in their effect.

The frequency with which married women are infected by sexual disease is very great. Noeggerath, the great authority, stated that three out of five married women are infected by gonorrhoea.

A great many men claim that before marriage they are cured of the sexual disease they have contracted, but this, as we have said, is more than they can prove and more than any doctor can certify.

In this connection Marshall says: "The duty of the medical man ends after pointing out to his patient the possible eventualities in case of his marriage."

The point vitally important to women to bear in mind is that unless their husbands are completely chaste and faithful to them after marriage, this same danger that they themselves will be infected arises.

Unfortunately, as Dr. Prince Morrow says, in many cases it is the unfaithful husband and father who receives the poison from a prostitute in an extrajudicial adventure, carries it home and distributes it to his family.

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That syphilis causes loathsome skin diseases is well known. Sometimes it manifests itself in the form of ulcers resembling lupus, but more rapidly destructive in their effect.

Syphilis is an important cause of anaemia, as it acts on the blood by diminishing the number and power of the red blood corpuscles, and by increasing the proportion of haemoglobin, and by increasing the number of the white corpuscles.

Syphilis is also a very important cause of heart disease. Says Marshall: "Syphilitic disease of the heart is more common than is generally supposed; in fact, syphilis must be regarded as the chief factor in heart disease, apart from rheumatism. It may be insidious in onset and remain latent a considerable time without giving rise to symptoms, and then cause sudden death in persons apparently in the prime of life."

Probably no disease is more productive of arterial degeneration than syphilis," says Moffatt. The veins and the glands are particularly subject to damage by syphilis.

There are syphilitic forms of pneumonia and pleurisy. That syphilis is a predisposing cause to tuberculosis is now admitted.

Syphilis is now known to be the cause of Bright's disease, diabetes, hysteria, eye trouble, producing blindness. It is also recognised as a predisposing cause of cancer.

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GYPSY TOUR IN THE LAKE DISTRICT.

This week we have to record incidents in the delightful holiday campaign which has been undertaken in the Lake District. Each of the picturesque spots so well known to tourists has been visited by the Suffragettes, and most enthusiastic meetings held. So great was the interest at the first meeting held in Keswick that Miss Leonora Tyson found it necessary to arrange a further meeting, the demand was so pressing. The "Suffragette" was sold out, and Miss Tyson writes: "Sympathisers came up after the meeting to express their appreciation, and many told us that they had never before seen a real live Suffragette."

The appearance of a Suffragette selling her papers, of course, set everyone talking about the question, and coaches would drive off after an encounter with all the passengers in lively discussion.

Penrith and Cockermouth were next visited, and again excellent meetings were held, especially at the former town, when the supply of "Suffragettes" unfortunately proved quite inadequate to the demand.

With the kind assistance of the Co-operative Holidays Association

a spirited little lunch hour meeting was arranged at Buttermere, at which villagers and passing visitors joined the members of the Stair Guest House, and "Suffragettes" were once more sold out.

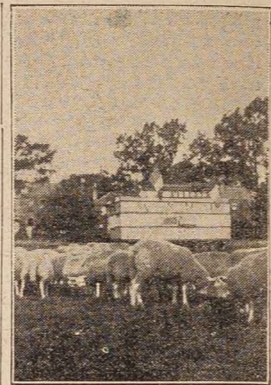
The Wanderers were all very sorry to say good-bye to Ambleside, where they had been most kindly received by townfolk. Quite the most successful meeting of the tour was held in Windermere village, where the crowd listened in rapt attention for over an hour. A good collection was taken at the close of Miss Tyson's speech and the entire supply of "Suffragettes" sold out.

Rylands for their kind hospitality on this occasion. Also to Miss Winifred Holiday for helping to advertise the meeting held in Hawkshead, and to Mr. and Mrs. Seabrooke for working up another in Great Langdale. Owing to the considerate kindness of Mr. Alfred Fleming the campaigners drove home in a motor car after this meeting, and were thus saved a long and tiring tramp. On other occasions it had been their practice to march home after meetings, singing "The Women's March," "The Marseillaise," and other Suffrage songs to shorten the miles.

The Suffragettes have been cordially received wherever they have wandered in the Lake District, and when the time comes to return home they will feel that their summer holiday this year will be remembered as one of the happiest ever spent.

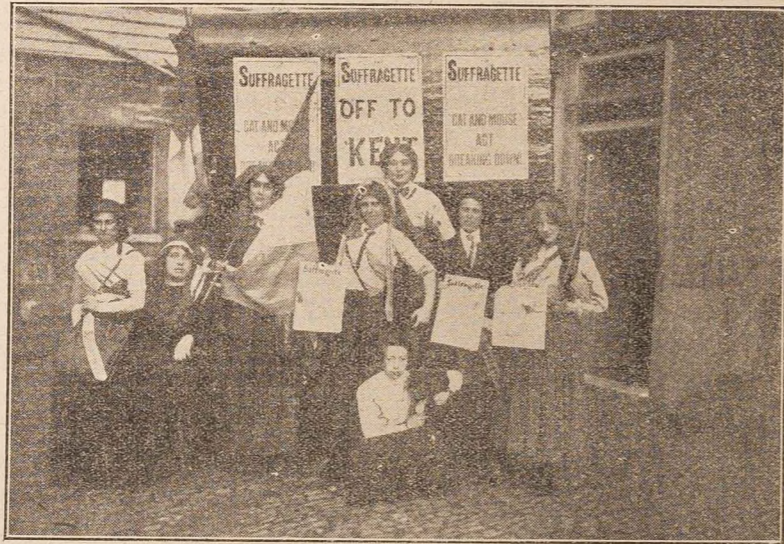
A PICNIC ON THE SHORES OF KILLARNEY.

From the Lake District in England to the Lakes of Killarney is a long stretch, but as our holiday pages have shown week by week



EARLY MORNING ON A SCOTCH MOOR.

badge pinning the narrow ribbon in the colours. On landing for a picnic under the trees, we heard that one of the party was anxious to present the Suffragettes with a bunch of heather, meadow-sweet, and ferns, with trailing grass, and in doing so made a request that an impromptu meeting should be held. And here amidst the peaceful hills and dales of heavenly Killarney the light was spread.



AN ECHO OF THE KENT GYPSIES.

In Bowness-on-Windermere an even larger crowd assembled on the sand-wharf, and many questions, chiefly relating to militancy, were asked and answered. Within an hour after arrival in the morning over 100 "Suffragettes" were sold, and the sale for the entire day far exceeded expectations. Cordial thanks to the Rev. and Mrs.

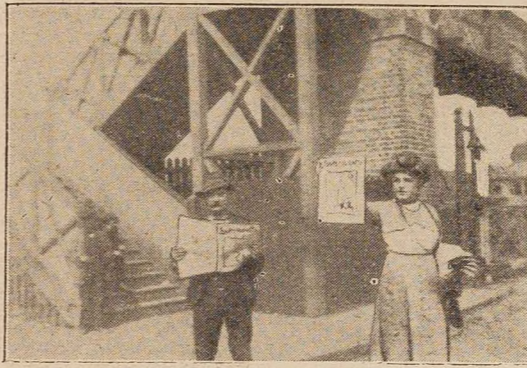
that Suffragettes are everywhere, it will come as no surprise to our readers to find the peaceful and beautiful Lakes of Killarney a resting place for Suffragettes.

Amongst a large party who set out from the hotel on an excursion across the Lake to Denis Island were several Suffragettes, and much curiosity was aroused by the prison

ECHO OF THE RHONDDA CAMPAIGN.

With regard to the splendid work carried on in the Rhondda Valley we cannot do better than quote the following which appeared in the "South Wales Worker":

"The Women's Social and Political Union, the Militant section of



INTERESTED DOCKER AT AVONMOUTH.

the Suffrage movement, have carried on a successful campaign throughout the Rhondda during the past fortnight. The whole series of meetings have been successful from every point of view, and cannot but succeed in producing a great effect upon public opinion. From conversation with several who attended the meetings their attitude towards the Women's Movement has completely changed. It has dawned upon the minds of hundreds of workers that to secure their emancipation without bringing along the women is hopeless. The result of the campaign must be productive of good, and the leaders were well advised when they decided upon this line of propaganda. Prejudice and ignorance were the two factors which militated against the Women's Movement. We rejoice to know that the campaign has somewhat helped to remove these two obstacles. Even if it only accomplished the fact of raising the women in the minds of the public it was well worth the effort of the meetings being held."

HORSE SHOW WEEK IN DUBLIN.

Those who know Dublin in the week of the Horse Show will be interested to know that record sales of the "Suffragette" are reported. Miss Rhoda Earl writes: "I should like to tell you how well the 'Suffragette' sold in Dublin during Horse Show week. In Grafton Street and at the Horse Show three members of the W.S.P.U. sold over 200 copies of the paper. People showed the greatest interest, and many asked if meetings were being held."

THE DOCKERS AT AVONMOUTH.

Great interest has been roused amongst the dockers in this district



SUFFRAGETTES IN THE LAKE DISTRICT.

SUFFRAGETTE WINS HEARTS WITH SMILES AT ADELBODEN.

SOFTLY SHE CAME AND SHED HER TRACTS AND THEN LEFT IN A BURST OF SUNSHINE.

Under these headings the "New York Herald" publishes the following report of a Suffragette's visit to Adelboden:

"We have had a novelty still to those of us who have not been cast in politically-orientated Albion—our Suffragette, a real one, with frankly-avowed militant principles, a decided mouth and a large badge bearing the words 'Votes for Women' pinned courageously on her breast.

"To most of us the Suffragette has been a great and astonishing revelation, as we had in our mind's eye a vision of masculine attire, closely-cropped hair, and aggressive manners, and the reality proved so different that we have not yet recovered from the shock. Fancy a slight, elegant person, dressed in irreproachable taste, with a low, well-modulated voice, an attractive, almost pretty face, intelligent eyes, a charming smile, a general air of reserve and good breeding, and you have our Suffragette. . . . Before she left she distributed among us an incalculable number of reports

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