THE WOMAN'S

READNOUGHT

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All donations in money or kind should be addressed to the Financial Secretary of the E.L.F.S.:— Miss N. L. Smyth, 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, E.

F.L.F.S. and R.S.P.U. Joint Benefit Concert For BABIES' MILK

Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, at 8 p.m. THE WOMEN'S HALL, 400 Old Ford Road.

Tickets may be had from Mrs. Payne and Nurse Hebbes, 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, 321 Roman Koad, Bow, Mr. J. Bonarius, 89 Wyko Road, Mr. G. Stone, 4 Eglington Road, Bow

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS.

Sunday, Dec, 20th, 3 p.m. -Victoria Park—Mr. J. C. Rowe, Miss Phillips.
Monday, Dec, 21st, 3 p.m.—Bow, Women's Hall—Mrs. Porth.
8 p.m. "Peacock," Preemason's Road—Mrs. Walker.
8 p.m.—Lesbia Rd—Mrs. Bouvier.
Tuesday, Dec, 22nd, 7, 30 p.m.—Limehouse—Burdett Road—Mrs Walker.

The Resolutions to be discussed at the Annual Conference of the East discussed at the Annual Conference of the East London Federation of the Suffragettes, together with Nomination Forms for the Officers and Committee, are now being sent out.

If you are a Member it is essential that you should have these Forms, and if you do not receive them by December 22, please notify me at 400 Old Ford Road, giving your full address.

Members must be sure to attend the

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BOW BATHS.

Monday, Jan. 4th, 1915,

8 p.m.

E. SYLVIA PANKHURST,

East London Federation of the Suffragettes.

CHILDREN'S PARTIES.

Bow Baths,

Saturday, January 2nd, 1915, **3** p.m.

Poplar Town Hall,

Monday. January 11th, 1915, 6 p.m.

Canning Town Public Hall,

January 23rd, 1915.

Admission by Invitation.

Who will send TOYS and CAKES for the Children?

A LETTER TO THE TREASURER.

My sister and I are sending 3s, 6d, for meals for the poor children out of our own money. Marjorie is six and I am seven. Wishing you a happy Xmas, from ELEANOR MAYNE.

CLOTHING STALLS.

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Clothing stalls, where new and second-hand clothes may be bought at very low prices, are open at 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, on Fridays and Saturdays, at 20 Railway Street, Poplar on Mondav at 6 p.m., and at 53 St. Leonard Street on Fridays and Saturdays. We shall be glad it friends can send us any clothes for these stalls. Boots and shoes are very urgently needed.

All parcels should be sent to 400 Old Ford Road, E., addressed to Miss N. L. Smyth.

WORLD'S PANIC AT A GERMAN SIDE STATION.

By Anker Kirbely, of Denmark, translated by Johanne Munter.

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In the same moment we had given the signal for a great mobilisation through Middle Europe, all running railway wheels stopped, and in the stations one tore down the time tables. But at the same time new and wonderful trains commenced to roll towards the frontiers. Cattlecars and waggons de Luxe, sleeping-cars and fourth-class mixed together,



MORE OF OUR TOYS.

MOTHERS AND BABIES.

We lend necessitous mothers outfits for their babies, for the first months.

With the money subscribed for finding employment, we are getting baby clothes made, and paying unemployed women for making these things. Those who would give money and materials for making baby clothes would help in one of the best possible ways. Gifts of baby clothes can be made good use of, also nightdresses, quilts, blankets and sheets for the mothers. Even old sheets can be cut up for babies' napkins.

Each baby's outfit should con-

For BABY.

For gowns, four barrows, two flannel bands, twelve napkins, three vests and a cot blanket.

ot blanket.

FOR MOTHER.

Two nightgowns, a woollen shawl, three owels, two sheets and one pair pillowcases. Our milk bill increases weekly. We urgently need subscriptions towards it; also gifts of:—

ARROWROOT, BARLEY & RICE, BORACIC POWDER, BORACIC LINT, VASELINE, ZINC OINTMENT, COD LIVER OIL AND MALT.

Nurse Hebbes has prepared us a chart for infant feeding, and this is published as a free leaflet. Mothers who wish to have it can obtain it at

PLUM PUDDINGS, 1s. and 8d. per Ib., from 400 Old Ford Road. Bow, and 20 Railway St., Poplar

Nurse Wolfe reports that since she began work in Poplar she has made home visits to 200 cases, and that about 79 come to her for medical attention every afternoon; also that 110 babies come regularly to see the doctor each week.

Who will help at the Milk centres in Christmas week, in order to give our regular helpers a rest P

Who will pay to put us in tele-phonic communication with our factory P

filled with soldiers and horses, carriages and guns. All were adorned as for a feast with green branches, and the sounds of songs or mouthorgans flew out of the open doors and windows. The trains were loaded with splendid humour, and one could very well believe it was a school on a trip to the forest. It was an army going to the war!

The sides of the waggons were covered with drawings in chalk, just as the enclosures of planks, remembered from childhood; there were both Generals, men of war and Zeppelin airships. On these carriages rolling in an easterly direction, you might read: "Express train for St. Petersburg." On these driving to the west you saw: "To the setting sun; do not stop before getting to Paris!" On the Railway Station the young girls of the town were standing behind the buffets. ("Served without cost." was written therek. They were running along the waggons having Café and milk in pails, which they served for the soldiers. At Horst one even had to take flower-covered chamber-pots; but when a little white-dressed girl graced the pocale for the time, what "Jens" would not feel thirst?

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Those minutes the train had to wait might very well have been two hours, and in that little station were made friendships for life. Is any woman more beautiful than when she fixes the "Rose de Conge" on the jacket of the departing soldier? and who says "no" to a man who is going to a distance, perhaps to die for his country? Did the small German girls think, that they perhaps would stand in the same station in some weeks, and wait with their pails, and a train should glide in slowly from the opposite direction—that of the wounded? And again they will run from the one waggon to the other, where the white faces appear on the bloody straw, and perhaps they will recognise faces, which now are smiling, stiffened in the grimace of deadly cramp. No—we will not think on these things! We

must be off. The girls throw the last roses, and while the train is rolling away, the young men are singing that charming little song, you never could leave off singing, if you have ever commenced it, and which they have now been singing three or four days.

Muss ich denn, muss ich denn Zum Stadtele hinaus.

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Muss ich denn, muss ich denn Zum Stadtele hinaus
Stadtele hinaus
Und du mein Schatz bleibst hier.
Wenn ich komm, wenn ich komm
Wenn ich wiederum komm
Kehr ich ein mein Schatz bei dir.
In the midst of these military trains some waggons for mail and private passengers might be coupled up. In small and narrow spaces, people were here densely crowded together, and standing on their feet for days and nights, and being seasick on one another. During four days and nights I have myself spent rolling round in the railways between the fugitives who sought the frontiers. Amongst my fellow travellers were all nationalities of Europe. Living now in a foreign country they had seen the new home suddenly fall together, and had had to save themselves in the old native country. The war of the world had initiated a migration of nations.

Christmas Number PRICE ONE PENNY,

Will be published on Wednesday, December 23rd, and will contain articles by :—

Mrs. COBDEN SANDERSON. GEORGE LANSBURY, Mrs. MANSELL-MOULLIN, CHRISTOPHER ST. JOHN, SYLVIA PANKHURST. and others.

Be sure to buy it early.

In this moment all ordinary means of communication ceased to work, and the newspapers were silent, so we felt ourselves suddenly put back to the Middle-Ages, and in the darkness of our ignorance the most fantastic rumours were hatched, which were circulated from the one to the other with the quickness of a prairie-fire. They ran with the trams, they rounded the corners, they flew up the staircases, they hurried from townto town. Neither Telephone nor Telegraph can compete with the slander, and soon the whole Middle-In this moment all ordinary means the staircases, they hurried from townto town. Neither Telephone nor Telegraph can compete with the slander, and soon the whole Middle-Europe burned in the flames of the wildest fancies. "Have you heard it?—Poincaré is murdered! And Viviani! And of course Caillaux, too! And the Servian Crown Prince. You know he, Alexandre, is imprisoned by the Austrians together with 20,000 Servians. I know it from a waiter. And French Aeronauts have thrown bombs in Nürnberg, and the Doctors in Elsass have thrown bacillis of cholera in the wells; and a Dane has thrown a bomb in the toiletpipe, when the train passed the Kiel Canal by the bridge. Of course he was immediately shot. Is it not horrible? In Limières an innkeeper has exploded a tunnel, and in Stuttgart bombs were thrown in the Telegraph Station. And everywhere spies are to be found. In Dresden they have shot twenty. Look at the gentleman there! Does not he look like one? And don't you know there is a French Auto driving through (Continued on page 159, col. 1.)— (Continued on page 159, col. 1.)

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DISTRICT REPORTS.

BOW & BROMLEY.

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Organiser—Mrs. WATKINS.
378 Roman Road, Bow, E.

Miss Fox's Concert on Saturday, Dec.
12th, was a great success, and many thanks are due to all the entertainers. We have lots of dolls dressed for our Children's Party on January 2nd, but there will be a least 2,000 Children to find presents for. We shall be very grateful for anything in the shape of fruits, sweets, toys, and garments to keep the little ones warm. Members should apply early for their children's tickets for the Party. With the new year should apply early for their children's tickets for the Party. With the new year stokets for our Annual New Year's Party early. Remember the date! Bow Baths, Jan. 2nd, 8 p.m. Also be sure to attend the Annual Conference on Jan. 4th, at Bow Baths, 8 p.m.

Dreadnoughts sold week ending Dec. 11:—

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Bow 206. Mrs. Watkins, 56.

Distributed—Mrs. Connell and Mrs. Moore, 250; Mrs. Savoy, 250; Mrs. Carlisle, 200; Mrs. Morris, 200; Mrs. Clarke, 200; Mrs. Harmsworth, 50; Mrs. Pacce, 100; Mrs. Lake, 100. Mrs. Knudson, 175.

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Mrs. Lake, 100. Mrs. Knudson, 175.
POPLAR.
THE WOMEN'S HALL, 20 RAILWAY ST.
DRRADNOUGHT Secretary, Mrs. BIRD,
All members should remember the E. L.F.S.
Annual Conference on Monday, Jan. 4th, at
Bow Baths, 8 p.m.
At the Tuesday evening meeting Miss E.
Lagsding and Miss D. Morley were elected
to represent Poplar on the Social Committee.
Mrs. Scurr kindly took the place of a speaker
who was unable to attend the Friday meeting.
Will members please note that the E. L.F.S.
are to be at Hyde Park every alternate Sunday
afternoon at 3 o'clock.
Do not forget Joint Concert on Dec. 22nd.
Tickets, 3d. each, from secretary or in office.
Remember Annual New Year's Party at Bow
Baths on Jan. 2nd, 8 p.m., tickets 3d. each,
Members should also apply for their children's tickets for the Party in Poplar Town
Hall, Jan. 11th, 6 to 9 p.m.
Dreadnoughts sold during week ending
Dec. 11th—Mrs. Schlette 53 (24 in office).
Distributed — Mrs. Schlette and Master
Crutchfield 700, Mrs. Rouss 200, Mrs.
Cressall 200, Mrs. Gavino 100, Mrs.
Bettam 200, Mrs. Gavino 100, Mrs.
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Bettam 200, Mrs. Brath Master

SOUTH WEST HAM.

Bertram 200, Mrs. Bird 600.

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Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Daisy Parsons,
94 Ravenscroft Road.
Organiser: Miss Mary PHILLIPS,
Centre for Tidal Basin and Custom House—
14 Butchers' Road.
Good meetings at "Peacock," Monday,
and 124 Barking Road, Thursday. Tuesday
evening's meeting was successfully turned
into a work party. Excellent canvassing
done by Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Roper and Mrs.
Brown. Several members from the district
attended the Caxton Hall meeting.
The next Thursday meeting will be Jan. 7.
The Children's Party will take place on
Jan. 23rd, at Canning Town Public Hall,
Barking Road. Will members apply early
for their culidren's tickets? Members
sould by their tickets for the E.L.F.S.
Annal Ary Vara's Party as soon as possible.
Mrs. R. Palmer Tebb is thanked for parcel
of clothing and loan of sewing machine, and
Miss Gantz for clothing and help in visting.
Miss Muriel Darton is thaked for kidly
coming to photograph mothers and beies.
Members who have kindly helped by taking
charge of room and giving out mills are
Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Bachmayer, Mrs. Tarker,
Mrs. Tridmarsh, Mrs. Pountney and Miss
Leggatt.

48 Dreadnoughts sold weekending Dec. 11.

LIMEHOUSE.

A very good meeting held in Deacon's Vestry, Congregational Church, Burdett Road, on Thursday, December 10th. Mrs. Copping, of Limehouse, who is a soldier's wife, took the chair; her speech greatly interested the members. She dwelt on the manner in which the Press were continually casting slurs on the wives of the men at the front, and remarked that when first her husband joined the colours she was proud to call herself a soldier's wife, but now felt ashamed. Her very powerful speech was the means of making several members speak who had never done so before.

We thank Mrs. Copping for taking the chair. Will members please volunteer to take the chair at these meetings. Ten papers were sold.

Out-of-door meetings held in Burdett Road, Tuesday evenings, at 8 o'clock.

HACKNEY.

Seevelay—Miss Young,
100 Greenwood Road, Dalston, N.E.
In spite of the weather last Monday evening very good meeting took place corner of Lesbia Road; Mrs. Walker was the speaker.
We thank Mrs. Page for kindly volunteering to meet the speaker at these meetings.
Will a member volunteer to be responsible for taking the chair at this meeting, also to sell Dreadnoughts.
Indoor meetings will start as soon as the holidays are over.

OTHER SOCIETIES.
NORTH LONDON M.P.U.
Hon. Sec. : Mr. H. G. Everhert.
19 St. Thomas Road, Finsbury Park.
In spite of rain meeting held as usaal
unday in Finsbury Park; 24 Preadmoughts

Mr. Borthwick ... 2s.

R. S. P. U.

Hon. Sec.—J. W. Bonarius, 89 Wyke Road.
Members are asked to remember the Joint
Benefit Concert in aid of the E.L.F.S.
Babies' Milk Fund on Dee. 22nd. Tickets,
price 3d., from J. Bonarius, 89 Wyke Road,
and G. Stone, 4 Eglington Road, and other
R.S. P. U. members.

The R.S. P. U. appeals urgently to other
men's organisations to arrange some means
of raising funds to help the good work of
the E.L.F.S.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED.

anna Fieming, Baby Lover's Club, Miss K. Sergent Miss Lilian Allau, Mrs. L. A. Fairfax Craig.

Tovs.—Mrs. de Fontblanc.

Two children, Gwenneth and Wyndham Buckley-Jones, have sent us a subscription all the way from East London, South Africa.

A large case of toys and garments has been sent to us from Suffrage friends in South Africa.

RECRUITING UNDER FALSE PRETENCES.

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At the West Ham Relief Committee (tor the administration of the Prince of Wales's fund) Alderman Hurgy said that recruits were under the inpression that if men paid their mothers 12s. a week at ordinary times the War Office would make up that amount to their mothers if they themselves allotted 3s. 6d. out of their pay. But instead of this the Pension Officer went round to the mother and asked her how much she spent on her son's keep out of what he usually gave her. In most cases the woman could not exactly say, and the Pension Officer put the sum at 8s., deciding that 4s. only should be paid to her by the Government. It was unfair, he said, that young fellows and their mothers should thus be misled as to the position they would be in.

The West Ham Relief Committee has decided that women employed in the Queen's workrooms of their district who had earned less than 1os. before the War should be paid more than 1os. before the War should be paid more than 1os. before the War should be paid more than 1os. in the workroom now.

Evidently the West Ham Committee are able to realise the injustice of paying skilled women, who are out of work through the War, a paltry wage of 10s., on which they are unable to live in even comparative decency. But surely the West Ham Relief Committee should understand that, as everyone knows, a woman cannot live decently on 7s. 6d.; it is impolite that women should be employed by a public committee at such a disgacefully inadequate wage. Surely the Nation should not take its standards of wages from the sweat shops! There is no economy in half starving the women of the country, either in peace or war.

PRINCE OF WALES'S FUND DELAYS.

Mr. — of Bow, was for 13 years a stevedore on the German-Hamburg line, which stopped running when War was declared. Mr. — had earned on the average about 30s. a week, which does not leave much of a margin for saving. He has a wife, and two children aged 6 and 8 years. After some weeks he got a job at a tobacco factory, but this work made him ill, and he was obliged to leave after three weeks. He then re-registered at the Labour Exchange and under the Prince of Wales's fund. A fortnight passed and no help came. Then on Saturday he was sent for by the Labour Exchange to enlist for military transport. He agreed and was told to present himself at Whitehall next day, Sunday morning. He set off from home without a penny in his pocket and left his wife and children destitute. The wife received a letter on Monday saying that he would be sailing for France on Thursday. She was distracted with anxiety on his behalf, when she came to ask us if, from any source, she could get some money to tide her over the days until his first week's pay comes in.

How terribly sad it is that the sortow and anxiety of parting should be complicated by destitution. Surely the Prince of Wales's fund should be made to act more quickly! Surely the War Office might send a week's pay to the wife in advance!

The husband of another woman who lives in Bow was out of work through the war for 12 days, and then only got three days work a week for two months. Then he enlisted between 6 and 7 weeks ago. Afterwards he went each day to the barracks and returned home for all his meals. He was paid 12s. for the first week, 17s. 6d. the second, 31s. the third and fourth weeks, and 3os, the fifth week. The wife, who had to keep the family alive somehow, had got into debt whilst her husband was out of work and on half time. For the first five weeks after he enlisted the Soldiers' and Sailors' Association, through one of the churches, gave her husband got his last payment from the barracks on the stip have a good time, as she thought, perhaps for the least tim

collar... 98.
Relief Fund. From this t appears that 880 unemployed women registered and that only 17 of these were offered work by the Distress Committee.

GIVE THIS PAPER TO A FRIEND.

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Collar... 98.

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White fur-lined Coat, Io-ins, long with Bonnet ... 28.

Jap Doll's Dress, 17-ins, long ... 18.

" 22-ins. " from 38.

East London Federation of the Suffragettes. . .

ANNUAL **NEW YEAR'S** PARTY.

Bow Baths, Roman Rd..

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd, AT EIGHT P.M.

SPLENDID CONCERT. DANCING. REFRESHMENTS.

ADMISSION 3d.

PRICES FROM OUR FACTORY. Flat Wooden Toys. Brown, Blue and Green Birds ... from 8d. to 1s. 6d. Robins ... 8d. Poodles Poodles 1s. 0d. Elephants 1s. 0d. Kingfishers and other birds 1s. 6d. to 2s. Boy Scouts 1s. 6d. to 2s. Girl Scouts 1s. 6d. Soldiers 1s. 6d. 1s. 6d. 1s. 6d. 1s. 6d. 1s. 6d. Fairies Squirrels ... 1s. 6d. Little Girls and Boys ... 9d. each, 1s. 3d. per pair. Crawling Boy 1s. 3d. each, 2s. per pair. Puglilsts ... 2s. 9d. "." Countryman... 1s. 0d. White Duck and 4 Ducklings 1s. 6d. the set. Coloured Duck & 4 Ducklings 2s. 0d. the set. British Baby" Dolls. Life Size ... 5s. 6d. each.

British Baby" Dol Life Size ... Smaller size ... Jap" Baby Dolls. Life size ... Smaller size ... 5s. 6d. each. 3s. 6d. " 7s. 6d. each. English Wax-headed Dolls

(Ready soon). 3s. 6d. each.

English China - headed

Dolls (Ready soon). 4s. 6d. each.

Dolls' Furniture. Large (velvet) ,, (cloth) 2s. 0d. 1s. 6d. 1s. 0d. Small (velvet)

Small (velvet) 1s. bd. ,, (cloth) 1s. 0d. Doll's Beds, 12½ in., oak stained, with brassknobs...1s. 6d. Complete with bedding 5s. 6d. Chairs 2d. Engines (wooden). From 2d. each. Wooden Horses. From 2d. each.

Horse and Cart

Cindies' Circumses ".

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"Nightdresses ".

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Ken's Flannelette Shirts from Ladies' Woolsey Skirts (3 years) (4 years) ".

""" (5-6 years) ".

Jerseys' (Stockinette)