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BUILDING AGAINST WAR



"Another such war as this we must never have. Let us build against] it, and the consequent ruin of civilisation, the strong fortress of Votes for Women."

(From a message sent by Mr. H. W. Massingham to a mass meeting, held by the United Suffragists in Kingsway H.ll, London, on February 25, 1915)

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THE CAMPAIGN

Indoor Meetings
Thursday, March 4; 8 p.m.—Public Meeting.—

Friday, March 12; 8 p.m.-Liverpool Street and

KINGSWAY HALL MEETING

the present party truce to carry into law a non-party measure for women's enfranchisement.

The above resolution, proposed by Mr. Israel Zangwill and seconded by Mrs. Cavendish Bentinek, was carried unanimously by the mass meeting of United Suffragists, held in the Kingsway Hall on Thursday evening in last week. Mrs. Bentinek made a rousing appeal on behalf of Votes for Works, which resulted in behalf of Votes for Women, which resulted in many promise cards being handed up to the Chair, including one gift of £50 and two of Thanks to the enthusiasm of the paper-sellers.

were sareguarded while the men were away nighting for their country.

"Democracy"

Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck, in seconding the motion, spoke of "democracy" and what it ought to mean. She referred to Vorres rore Women as a paper that had no axe to grind, a non-party paper that watched over "that half of the nation that is always treated in a sort of semi-indulgent way." In supporting it people would be "helping to light one of the torches by whose light a road might be

found that would lead to a land of greater promise, where humanity shall be made into the image of God."

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Indoor Meetings

Thursday, March 4; 8 p.m.—Public Meeting.—
Athenseum Hall, Glasgow. Speaker: Mr. George
Lansbury. Chair: Dr. Marion Gilchrist.

Friday. March 5; 3 p.m.—Prawing-room Meeting.—
Mrs. Ben Webster spoke with great sympathy of the soldiers' wives, and of the struggle they must have had before the war if it was true, as is alleged, that they were better off now than ever before. Speaking of the Government's appeal to the people to have faith in them, she told a story of a little girl whose mother, trying to explain to the repeaker: Mr. John Scurr. Chair: Miss Dorothy Evans.

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Saturday, March 6: 7.15 p.m.—Public Meeting.—Co-operative Hall, Worcester, Speaker: Mr. fohn Scurr. Chair: Mr. E. Baldwyn.

Tuesday, March 9: 8 p.m.—Open Meeting.—U.S. Women's Club. Speaker: Mrs. Cavendish Bendinck.

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ESSEX HALL MEETING

Thursday, March 25; 8 p.m. Resolution:—That this meeting is profoundly convinced that the basis of peace at the end of the present war, in common with all other international and domestic affairs, cannot be satisfactorily settled while women are excluded from the rights of citizenship; and accordingly it demands that the Government take advantage of the U.S. on March 25 (see Cambaign) a success by acting as bill distributors, and telling all their friends about it. Mrs. Agnes H. Harben will take the Chair, Mrs. Stacy Aumonier, the well-known actor and entertainer (also the husband of our Vice-President, Miss Gertrude Peppercorn) will make his first Suffrage speech, and Mr. John Scurr, who was unable for want of time to make an exhaustive speech on Food Prices in the Kingsway Hall, will also speak on this occasion.

HAMPSTEAD OUTDOOR MEETINGS

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many promise cards being handed up to the Chair, including one gift of £50 and two of £20. The total sum raised by the meeting amounted to £271 13s. 8½d.; and in addition a sum of £2 10s. per month for the year was promised, thus making a gross total of £301 13s. 8½d.

The Specches

We regret that space makes it impossible for us to report the excellent speeches that were made by the men and women on the platform. We give on page 189 passages from Mr. Zangwill's speech, and on the opposite page the message sent to the meeting by Mr. H. W. Massingham, who was unfortunately prevented by ill-health from being present. A favourable report of the proceedings appeared in the Manchester Guardian on February 26.

Miss Evelyn Sharp (Chair), in her opening remarks, defined the policy of the United Suffragists with regard to the War and the ultimate Peace Settlement. She pointed out that their demand for enfranchisement during the war was a perfectly practicable proposal, and showed also that in keeping the Suffrage Flag flying the interests of women were safeguarded while the men were away fighting for their country.

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DEDICATION

To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

almost unendurable reminder of her wages as the Textile Union.

at this time of need and crisis

In the House of Commons, on Wednesday in last week, Mr. Asquith said in reply to a question regarding the electoral disabilities of men absent on naval or military service—

To the House of Commons, on Wednesday in which he says:—

Which he says:—

Perhaps you will allow me to say that I, for one, am in perfect agreement with the general object of your meeting, and feel that the women of our counselvations are last ours it will be to such fine and true.

Suffragists as Miss Mordan that we shall in great measure owe the winning of our cause.

The matter is being attended to, and we shall be and to have the co-operation of the various parties the House in framing legislation that will deal dequately with the situation.

We who are advocating the political liberty of women can offer no objection to the safeguard I deeply regret that it will be impossible for velops, that the refusal of the vote seems to

we view with considerable apprehension the persistence of the Government in retaining the right to suspend the Bill and substitute martial law in any emergency that is deemed sufficient, except in industrial troubles. The exception is, of course, made with due regard to votes—the only form of argument that this Government when we can confidently look forward to a victory by common consent.

I always feel it an insult to women to have to argue the case for their fitness for the vote. They contribute so many qualities which we do not possess. They so greatly enrich the common stock of ideas and methods by which the State is carried on, and their representative character grows so rapidly as the nation devenue.

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as it stands, contains no clause safeguarding women—the voteless half of the nation—from falling victims to its suspension. In view of what has already been done to women under the existing Defence of the Realm Act, it is imperative, unless the Government wish to add to the long list of injustices already committed upon women, that this possibility should be cleared out of the Bill now before the House. Regard, not for morality but for the health of the troops (the reason alleged for the Cardiff the troops (the reason alleged for the Cardiff at the Hague in April, to discuss problems

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THE OUTLOOK

Last Monday the Prime Minister introduced two new Votes of Credit, one of 37 millions to finance the end of the present financial year, and one of 250 millions to finance the end of the present financial year, and one of 250 millions to finance the ensuing year. He estimated the average cost of the war until now at one million and a half per day, and said that by April I we should probably be spending £1,900,000 per day. Cogent as the reasons may be that justify this enormous expenditure, no woman, however strongly she may agree with those reasons, can forget that the enormous taxation involved is imposed, as the women was undertaken entirely without here.

We note that the Rague in April, to discues problems at the Hague in April, to discues problems after the war, was discuesed at a women's meet-wing in the Caxton Hall last Friday, and many we mergencies" other than invasion, which allow the emergencies" other than invasion, the enormous taxation involved is imposed, as the war was undertaken, entirely without her consent. And to the woman pacificist, realising what might be done with such a sum to save life in time of peace, the thought of those millions, raised for the destruction of life, is an almost unequivable reminder of the same firm stand about the women's influence and duty in war time. Girl telegraph messengers are to be employed in the making of shells and fuses. Should this be done, we trust the Engineers' Union will take the same firm stand about the women's shortage of boys.

an almost unendurable reminder of her political helplessness.

A Nation in Unity

In making his material appeal for men and money, Mr. Asquith did not neglect also to make a spiritual appeal to the nation, in which he said:

The appeal is to these ancient inbred qualities of our race which have never failed us in times of stress—qualities of self-mastery, self-sacrifice, patience, tenacity, willingness to bear one another's burdens, a unity which springs from the dominating sense of a common duty, unfailing faith, inflexible resolve.

These are fine words. Women no less than men long to bring about that unity of spirit, not only in war time but also in time of peace. It is almost incredible that the Minister who uttered them should still believe in the exclusion of half the nation from the right to down a design of the nation from the right to remove the control of the Nation.

Support of U.S. Policy

In addition to the message from Mr. H. W. Massingham, Editor of the Nation, which we print on this page, several messages of support from eminent people, unable to be present, were sent to the Chairman at the mass meeting of the United Suffragists in the Kingsway Hall last week, when a resolution was carried unanimously, calling upon the Government to enfranchise women during the Party Truce, so that their voice might be heard in the Peace Settlement when it comes. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, who is still in the United States, speaking for the Women's Peace Party, cabled as follows:

We record with the deepest regret and veneration the death of Miss Clara Evelyn Mordan, who died at Bexhill on January 22, although closely connected with the earlier Suffrage mevening in London, at which John Stuart Mill spoke—she will always be remembered with devotion and gratitude by all militant Suffragists as one of the first women of the older school to recognise the meaning of the new movement in this country—miss Mordan attended the first suffrage movement in this country—she will be a served messages of support of U.S. Policy

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The Party Truce and Men's Votes

Womanhood must wage war on war, and be empowered by enfranchisement to avert the destruction of the human family.

Among other letters of support received was one from the Rev. F. B. Meyer, in the course of has not been granted her. But when victory is

MR. H. W. MASSINGHAM'S MESSAGE Kingsway Hall, February 25, 1915

we who are advocating the political liberty of women can offer no objection to the safeguarding of the political liberties of men. But if it is possible to take advantage of the Party Truce to bring in fresh legislation for this purpose—and of course it is possible—then we maintain, as we have repeatedly pointed out since the Party Truce was made, that it is possible, indeed imperative, that the same opportunity should be taken to settle the non-party question of votes for women. In South Africa, we are glad to note, the Suffragists are using our argument for pressing forward their question in Parliament during the war.

Women and Trial by Jury

While welcoming Sir John Simon's announcement during the Committee stage of the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Bill, last Tuesday, that he would be prepared to insert an amendment at a later stage securing the rights of a civil trial to the British wives of aliens, we view with considerable apprehension the persistence of the Covernment in retaining the private points and the provided and the provided provided the provided provided

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be enfranchised because international questions of peace and war do not concern them. If they looked at Balgium and a large part of France. looked at Belgium and a large part of France, Suffragists could hardly be so blind as to assert to say nothing of devastated Poland, even Anti-Suffragists could hardly be so blind as to assert to say nothing of devastated Poland, even Anti-from a scarecrow's. Would be propose sendin out the Oxford undergraduates to labour in the that the question of peace or war does not con- fields? That would not be nearly so bad ern women into whose country war has actually sending out the children of the poor at twelv netered. But they need not look abroad. Let years old. Undergraduates might work with entered. But they need not look abroad. Let them consider only the most outstanding effects of the present war upon women at home. Even our Anti-Suffragist Government agrees that the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the war broke out German boys helped to gather the upset of ordinary industries has cast the upset of ordinary industries has cast the heaviest burden upon women. It is chiefly the harvest. Yes, but it was well-fed and wel women who have been thrown out of work by educated University students and boys from the the war or compelled to accept a great reduction of wages. It is chiefly women who have suffered under the alterations in our established laws. It is women upon whom special regulations in the suffered under the difference between such a boy at twelve. For once we agree with Mr. Pease President of the Board of Education, Anti-Sufference between such as boy at twelve. The Working Women's Suffrage Paper. tions have been laid on the wildly imaginary charge of their special tendency to drink. It bate, he said definitely: "Child labour retard." is women whose liberty has been most encroached upon by the courts-martial, and who have been most arbitrarily deprived of such WOMENS WAR BOOK

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the House of Commons. At the present time, when International Relations are interrupted, "JUS SUFFRAGII" forms a Unique Link between the Women of all Nations. It contains Articles, Reports and Letters from all Countries, beligierent and neutral, and constitutes a Valuable another quarter of a million, though of school age, escape school either wholly or in part. Half a million boys and girls under fourteen are, therefore, put to work even in peace time. The present proposal is to allow the local education against his better judgment to the pressure of interested male electors and representatives. If the women of the country had been consulted, if the great majority of them had supported his good intentions; yet here he yielded against his better judgment to the pressure of interested male electors and representatives. If the women of the country had been consulted, if the great majority of them had supported his good intentions; yet here he yielded against his better judgment to the pressure of interested male electors and representatives. If the women of the country had been consulted, if the great majority of them had supported his good intentions; yet here he yielded against his better judgment to the pressure of interested male electors and representatives. If the women of the country had been consulted, if the great majority of them had supported his good intentions; yet here he yielded against his better judgment to the pressure of interested male electors and representatives. If the women of the present proposal table with the present proposal table and the present prop The present proposal is to allow the local educa- have allowed such a Bill to collapse?

tional authorities to extend this system of childabour almost indefinitely during war. mand comes chiefly from agricultural districts, and is strongest in counties where farmers pay he lowest wages and where the standard of the labourer's way of life is worst. The Notting the demand on the plea that farm work is a

pleasurable occupation." On the day before the Parliamentary debate the National Farmers Union met in London to press the deman-They were encouraged by the advice of Sir Luke White, M.P., who had urged them "to take the boys and chance it." They were still more encouraged by the promise of our Anti-Suf-fragist Prime Minister, who had said last August that the Board of Education would express no disapproval if the local authorities re axed the standing rules regarding child labou In the House of Commons Mr. Henry Chaplin ported their claim as a matter of course r he always casts a fond look back to the time when the labourer was a serf bound to the soil CHILDREN

speech to suggest nothing to him beyond the weary old taunt of playing the piano. But it was a shock to find Mr. Prothero urging that ment of Anti-Suffragists that women must not under certain conditions, child labour expected him to advocate an education differen

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Passages from a Speech made by Mr. Israel Zangwill at the Kingsway Hall, February 25, 1915

Short "Commons"

The resolution I have to move asks for Parliament to pass Women's Suffrage, but there is practically no Parliament in which to pass it. The papers exultingly tell us that Germany is on short commons. But it is England which is on short commons. There are at Westminster no bells and no Bills, no divisions and no self-sacrifice it has called forth can redeem, nor all the splendours and profits of victory wipe out. It is with the consent and connivance of us men that millions of educated Europeans are at this moment burrowing underground, and that the era which prated of the Superman has produced the Super-Rabbit. It is with our consent and connivance that colossal sums which might have renewed the whole social fabric of Europe are squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hones the superman has produced in the propertion of the cannot be in Westminster and population of the Superman has produced the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hones are well as the propertion of the state did for one not forget its female half, and that there are those of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hones are those of the state did for one not forget its female half, and that there are those of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed in shells and hone of the squandered at an appalling speed

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ties taught, the great cathedrals rose, the great so bitterly opposed her entrance into the many female doctors are available, and is crying for more. Not a few eminent men have gone out to America to champion the cause of the Allies and of British freedom. I know none who has done it more vigorously or effectively than Christabel Pankhurst, who said in New York: "You would not have thought much of us Suffragettes, of our intelligence, our patriot ism, our love of freedom, if we had let militarism use us in this task of breaking down

renewed the whole social fabric of Europe are squandered at an appalling speed in shells and bombs, which in their turn destroy yet more of the slowly-garnered products of labour. It is with our consent and connivance that the noblest and strongest of our sex are being eliminated or mutilated, and that instead of the survival, we have the funeral of the fittest. It is with our consent and connivance that half the human race is at war and the other half caught in the currents of ruin, while the wail of broken bodies goes up from three continents. I do not say that England could easily have avoided going into this business. All I desire to point out is that we have now before us the results of the male direction of the planet. It is open to argument whether women, or women with men, would have done better, it is been as a moment's criticism.

Imm for—and if he cannot be in Westminster he must give place to a locum tenens, the constituency agree on the must give place to a locum tenens, the constituency agree for him. As a recult of this slackness of the People's House we have witnessed the amazing spectacle of the House of Lords meeting in its absence to pick up the fragments into which the Commons had now to see the Lords forcing Female Suffrage up to the substitute of the survival, we have the funeral of the fittest. It is now to see the Lords forcing Female Suffrage and fire-eaters, but it will duplicate the fools up the fragments into which the Commons had now to see the Lords forcing Female Suffrage and fire-eaters, but it will duplicate the fools up the fragments into which the Commons had now to see the Lords forcing Female Suffrage and fire-eaters, but it will duplicate the fools up the fragments into which the Commons had now to see the Lords forcing Female Suffrage and fire-eaters, but it will duplicate the fools up the fragments into which the Commons had now to see the Lords forcing Female Suffrage and prestige of voters. And in politics, despite the apparent counting of heads, it is the apparent coun

the national life 'n order to help wage this war German. On the contrary, it is not giving ask you to pass this resolution.

I confess I feel somewhat embarrassed at having to raise the question of votes for women at this juncture. Instead of condoling with women upon their lack of votes, I feel more women upon their lack of votes, I feel more The resolution I have to move asks for Par
Which was thrust upon them, to have no voice in the peace settlement either?

Short "Commons"

The resolution I have to move asks for Par
Wight is Right, we would jump at the oppor-

is open to argument whether women, or women with men, would have done better; it is beyond question that they could not possibly have done worse. And since what cannot possibly be done worse stands a very large clance of being done better, common sense combines with every dictate of reason and justice to demand that in the business of running the State women should now have an equal hand.

Foreign Policy and the Home

And though from one point of view their freedom from our blood-guilt is enviable, it is not fair either to them or to us that they chould have no share in the responsibility for the Titanic tragedy which they are now asked to endure, alleviate, and pay for. Granted even that woman's place is the home, the waves of ward on the draw back at her doorstep. Foreign war do not draw back at her doorstep. Foreign do not doorstep the

ism, our love of freedom, if we had let militarism use us in this task of breaking down the world's stronghold of liberty—use us to help destroy the mother of Parliaments." One would have thought that if only in graceful acknowledgment the mother of Parliaments would now remember the daughters of England. Are they, who have so nobly and uncomplainingly taken their place in every department of the national life 'n order to help wage this war

WOMEN-OR CATS?

By T. O'Meara

may not be a one-legged devil, but there may months, which still echoes painfully in our "Well, of course I believe you, dada; but, all be some trick of light and shade to account for tortured ears, and was enough at the time to the same, I do not think it is true its apparent presence, and there is a certain amount of reason behind the disordered fanc of the man who believes that every woman he meets is a cat.

invariably a man. And this tacit understanding, that the most provocative expressions will not provoke immediate assault, has led not to a policy of cunning innuendo, veiled insult, and a policy of cunning innuendo, veiled insult in the rest of carries of cunning innuendo, and a policy of cunning innuendo in the rest of carries o in discussion that the man, grown wary and civil by perpetual contemplation of his fellowman's fists, often has good cause to stand aghast. It is incredible to him that two women should be giving each other pieces of their minds at 3.45 p.m., and at four o'clock be giving each other pieces of cake, in perfect amity and friendship; it must, he thinks, be either treachery or hypocrisy. If he and another man quarrelled like that something desperate would ensue—either a sudden invitation to step outside, or a sudden invitation of his fellowman fall of World Peace, grateful for the security of the misery of all involved in the present struggle among warring nations, do hereby band ourselves together to demand that planned-for, legalised, wholesale human slaughter is to-day the sum of all villainies.

Equally with men pacifists, we understand that planned-for, legalised, wholesale human slaughter is to-day the sum of all villainies.

As women, we feel a peculiar moral passion of revolt against both the cruelty and the waste of war.

As women, we are especially the custodians of the country.

3. Organised opposition to militarism in our own country.

5. Democratic control of foreign policies. like that something desperate would easily the custodians of the either a sudden invitation to step outside, or a bitter and corroding grudge, only to be worked off through long months of coldness and sulkiness, by a grim determination to damage each other's present happiness and future prospects of the colons and future prospects of the colons and preaming the custodians of the submitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to various foreign countries. Madame Rosika Schwimmer, we are especially the custodians of the submitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to various foreign countries. Madame Rosika Schwimmer, we are especially the custodians of the submitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to various foreign countries. Madame Rosika Schwimmer, we are especially the custodians of the submitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to the various foreign countries. Madame Rosika Schwimmer, we are particularly charged with the care of the help-distribution and preammer and have been translated and transmitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to the various legations at Washington, and have been translated and transmitted to the various legations

destroys the social structure that centuries of toil have reared.

As women, we are called upon to start each generation on another; and on many points of policy the various groups have good-humouredly agreed to differ, realising that forward progress, and not the means of transport, is the main question. Therefore a crisis like the present finds us literally presenting a united front to national disaster; and I wish as much could be said for the different political and social parties that man has created in his own image and likeness.

Are Men Cats?

To take one example, because it is typical and still fresh in the public mind. During the autumn a famous and brilliant writer on social and economic subjects published a straightforward summary of the European situation as it appeared to him. I do not for one moment propose to discuss the views therein expressed; organism, can only live and grow by a constant have reared.

We have heard it asserted pretty often by those good folk who, for lack of effective arguments, seek invariable refuge in feeble ribaldry, that one supreme reason against the entrance of women into public life is their unfortunate tendency to "cattiness"—in other words, to disloyalty and spite, envy, hatred, and all uncharitableness. We should be patient, I think, with this humorous delusion; just as a nurse should be patient when a gentleman in the incipient stage of delirium tremens roundly declares that a one-legged devil is coming in through the window to steal his braces. There may not be a one-legged devil, but there may

WOMEN'S PEACE PARTY

How a Delusion Originated

I fancy the chief reason is that, for centuries, personal combat between women upon points of honour or etiquette has become entirely obsolete in civilised lands. Now and then one lady from the back streets punches the head of another lady, her neighbour; but it will generally be found upon inquiry that she was attempting to defend or attack a third party—invariably a man. And this tacit understand-invariably a man and the man ow given to the World Peace Movement, which owes its inauguration so largely to the initiative of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, who as our readers will remember, went to the United States on a lecturing tour in the autumn, where she has since been joined by Mr. Pethick Lawrence, but have now given up their original idea of proceeding to Japan, on account of the demands made upon them as speakers in this new American women's movement, and will remain in the States until their return to this country next June.

The following preamble and platform were letting for a convention of a convention of a convention of a common desire to make our woman's protest against war and all that makes for war, vocal, commanding, and effective. We welcome to our membership all who are in substantial sympathy with that fundamental purposo-for or organisation, whether or not they can accept in full our detailed statement of principles.

PLATFORM

The purpose of this Organisation is to enlist all American women in arousing the nations to respect the States until their return to this country next June.

The following preamble and platform were

nd invalid men and poverty-stricken widows and

I think the contrast between the two sexes in this matter has never been more excellently brought out than during the weary process of the present war. As everybody is well aware, the woman's movement, like every other healthy organism, can only live and grow by a constant

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MARCH 5, 1915.

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Attack on a Woman

The Morning Advertiser (February reports case of a young man rged before Mr. Paul Taylor at Marylebone Police Court with assaultg a young woman in the Bayswater oad because she would not walk with m. He struck her in the face, cut-ng her lip, and making her nose

Sentence: Six weeks' hard labour.

a boy or a girl, is always a crime calling for severe punishment. Its seriousness does not seem to us to depend upon the number of such crimes com-

Sentence: Three years' penal servi-

Stealing a Woman's Purse

that there was one feature he noted with regret—the offences against young children.

"It does seem to me," he continued, "most lamentable that that particularly wicked and brutal class of offence still appears to be so prevalent in some parts of the country, and if it does not diminish one will feel compelled to deal very severely with it. With the exception of that class which, unfortunately, occupies a considerable space in this calendar, the class of crime is not particularly serious."

It is something that Judges should be at last showing a sense of the seriousness of the increase in this class of crime, though we cannot understand why it should be necessary to wait until this shows no chance of diminution before it is dealt with "very severely." To us, the moral and physical ruin of a little child, whether a boy or a girl, is always a crime calling for severe punishment. Its serious.

WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT

RED CROSS NURSES

Assault en Young Girl

The Chester Chronicle (February 27) reports case of a cattleman charged before Mr. Justice Atkin at the Chester Assizes with an offence on a twelve-year-old girl. He pleaded guilty.

Sentence: Eight months' hard labour.

Offences Against Boys

The Chester Chronicle (February 27) reports case of a quarry owner and county magistrate, aged fifty-one, charged at the Chester Assizes before Mr. Justice Horridge with breaking into an office and stealing various articles. There were previous convictions.

Sentence: Twelve months' imprison
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IS FOOD BEING WASTED?

A letter signed "Old-Fashione Housekeeper," which appeared in th Times last Monday, raised a protes The Morning Advertiser (February 17) reports case of a coster charged at the London Sessions before Mr. Wallace, K.C., with snatching a purse from a woman as she stepped on a woman as she stepped on a woman as she stepped on a but he had lived honestly since the last one, and the Judge said this saved him now from penal servitude.

Sentence: Eighteen months' hardlabour.

Which decrees that a husband is the sole legal parent, and holds him responsible for what can only be a joint stantial loaves served out twice a day to each prisoner were rarely finished the supply of butter being so inade the supply of butter being so inade the supply of butter being so inade "SERIOUS" CRIME

At Chester Assizes last week, in charging the Grand Jury, Mr. Justice Lush said with regard to the diminution of crime as shown in the calendar, that there was one feature he noted with regret—the offences against young children.

"It does seem to me," he con—"It does seem to me, "he con—"It does seem to me," he con—"It does seem to me, "he con—"It does seem to me," he con—"It does seem to me, "he con—

SUFFRAGE IN AMERICA A Victory in Arkansas mitted to the voters through a techni-cality in the law which forbids the submission of more than three amend-ments at once. Should one of those which now take precedence be ruled out of order, the Suffrage amendment

women in the number of such crimes committed.

"DUTY"

Mr. Paul Taylor gave a curious definition of a husband's "duty" in Marylebone Police Court the other day. A clerk who was summoned for neglecting to send his two children, aged seven and five, to school, pleaded that his wife was opposed to their attending any school, and would not send them. He added: 'She is a good wife and a good mother."

We should have thought that here was an occasion for making enquiries as to why a good wife and mother refused to send her children to school. Instead of which, Mr. Paul Taylor, fining the husband 20s., said:—

"It is your duty to control your wife."

We can hear the exultation of a certain type of Anti-Suffragist over this proof that the wife is the spoilt child of the law—forgetting, of course, that twenty shillings taken from a small household's weekly income is taken as much from the wife, who want of it, as from the husband who pays it; but our point out the futility of our law, and the public would have confidence in women savoters—and we do not share it what the public what the public what the public what the public what the confidence in women as voters—and we do not share it what the public what min what Mr. McKenna thinks of them.

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The Church League for Woman Suffrage will hold a service at Lyndhurst Road Congregational Church, Hampstead, on Sunday, March 7, at 7 p.m. Rev. Dr. R. F. Horton, M.A., will preach on "Women and War."

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