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## MEETINGS LIST.

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Friday, Oct. 29th.
Bow Women's Hall, 8 p.m., Debate International Arbitration.
Piggott Street, 6.30 p.m., Mr. S. Franklin, Miss Manicom.
Beckton Rd., 5 p.m., Miss Lynch.
Robin Hood Lane, Blackwall Tunnel, 12 a.m. and 5 p.m., Miss Sylvia Pankhurst.
Poplar Women's Hall, 3 p.m. Miss S. Pankhurst and Mrs. Scurr.
Saturday, Oct. 30th.
Morpeth St., 3 p.m., Well Street and Morning Lane, 4 p.m., Miss Lynch.
"Whitehouse," 5 p.m., Mr. Mackin-lay, Miss Beamish.
Poplar Women's Hall, 7.30 p.m., Members' Social.
Sunday, Oct. 31st.
Osborne St., 11.30 a.m., Miss Lynch, Miss Manicom.
Victoria Park, 3.30 p.m., Miss Feek, Miss Manicom.
Dock Gates, 5.30 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier, Mrs. Drake.
Women's Hall, 7 p.m., Special Meet-ing to form a branch of the Women's International League. Lecture, Miss Vengerova, Miss S. Pankhurst, Mr. Scurr and others. Monday, Nov. 5t.
Monring Lane 5 p.m., Miss Manicom and others.
Tuesday, Nov. 2nd.

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Bow Women's Hall, 3 p.m., Miss Lynch, Mrs. Bouvier.
I75 Dalston Lane, 3 p.m., Mrs. Holloway, Miss Beamish.
Clock Tower, Burdett Rd., 5.30 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier.
Poplar Women's Hall, 8 p.m., Miss A. Houghton, B.A. Wednesday, Nov. 3rd.
Chrisp Street, 6.30 p.m., Miss Feek.
53 St. Leonard Street, 3.30 p.m., Mrs. Walshe.
Thursday, Nov. 4th.

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Dalston Lane, 8 p.m., Mr. Ch. Gray, Miss Beamish.
 Barking Rd., 3 p.m., Miss Lynch, Mrs. Parsons.

Friday, Nov. 5th. Piggott St., 5 p.m., Miss Lynch, Mrs. Drake.

Drake. Beckton Road, 5 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier. Poplar Women's Hall, 3 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier, Mrs. Drake. Bow Women's Hall, 8 p.m., Debate. Saturday, Nov. 6th. Morning Lane, 5 p.m., Mrs. Davies. Vernon Rd., 5 p.m., Miss Lynch, Mr. Machinghay.

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Hague Street, 3 p.m.
Morpeth Street, 4 p.m., Miss Sylvia Pankhurst.
Sunday, Nov. 7th.
Hyde Park, 3 p.m., Miss Fraser Smith, Mrs. Bouvier.
Poplar Women's Hall, 8 p.m., Mrs. Leigh Rothwell, Mr. Lawrence Housman.
Dock Gates, 11 a.m., Miss S. Pank-hurst, Miss Manicom.
Barking Rd., 7 p.m., Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Parsons.

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OUR DEMANDS.

OUR DEMANDS. On behalf of the E.L.F.S. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst has addressed the following letter to Mr. Lloyd George. 18th October, 1915. The Right Hon. D. Lloyd George, Ministry of Munitions, 6, Whitehall Gardens, S.W. Sir,—I write on behalf of the East London Federation of the Suffra-gettes, to ask that you will send an answer to the memoranda which we left with Dr. Addison on the occasion of our deputation of September 27th, which you asked Dr.Addison to receive in your place. The main points which we put forward were as follows, and these were supported by arguments and evidence contained in the memo-randa which we left with you:— 1. Wages of women workers com-pared with those of men whom they replace on :— (a) Pince Pates. These we sub-

The Munitions Act establishes this in the case of semi-skilled men who come in to replace skilled

(c) Length of time for training before the standard rate of wages is paid. We submit that as soon as possible women engaged on work hitherto done by men must be placed on the ordinary piece or time rates that have obtained in

buring their period of training During their period of training

the trade. During their period of training they should be paid the wage of the man unskilled labourer in the trade. At Woolwich Arsenal the unskilled labourer's wage is 25s. a week. Therefore, women engaged on munition work in the Arsenal should be paid 25s. a week during their period of training. In case it should take time before the men's minimum can be ascertained in each case, we suggest that the wage paid to the unskilled labourers at Woolwich, 25s. a week, should be the minimum everywhere until detailed enquiries have been made. (b) Difficulty of providing against evasion of the standard by the employer, where work is re-arranged. We lay emphasis on the fact that work must be paid for by piece or time, as it has been paid for hitherto, because we know that there is a tendency to so re-arrange the work that it is im-possible for each woman to do exactly the same work as each man did hitherto, although the same number of workers may be turning out the same, or even a greater quantity of work in the same space of time. 2. The dilution of skilled labour

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that 7d. an hour should be the mini-mum until detailed enquiries have been made. 4. Hours of Labour. We urge that workers should be employed on three shifts of eight hours, and we recommend a 44-hour week as the best, both from the point of view of the worker and of production in the long run.

the work of the profits of long run. 5. With regard to the profits of Munition Manufacturers and their Limitations, we wish to ask an ex-planation. We have understood Converses enecto on the Limitations, we wish to ask an explanation. We have understood from Sir John Simon's speech on the Munitions' Act, that if a munition manufacturer produced an output, say of £100,000 before the War, on which he made a profit of £10,000, he may make up to £12,000 profit now on the same output. If he doubles his output, we understand that he can make up to £24,000 profit; if he doubles it again he can make up to £48,000 profit, and so on. We should like to ask if that is so, because such a scheme would seem because such a scheme would seem

because such a scheme would seem to us highly unsatisfactory. 6. Munitions Tribunals and the control of the workers under the Munitions Act. We believe that the best way to obtain the output that you want and to secure harmonious working would be to ask the workers to concorrete in a system of self. to co-operate in a system of selfgovernment

government. We would urge you, both from this point of view and that of saving expense to the community, to have as large a proportion as possible of the munitions made directly under

as large a proportion as possible of the munitions made directly under Government auspices, and as small a proportion as possible made through the medium of private contractors. In our view the manufacture of armaments should never be placed in private hands. I am asked further to write to you by workers at Bryant and May's factory, to bring the following facts to your notice :--The women are being put on piece work rates, and as explained in the memoranda left with Dr. Addison, the women are paid 14s. a week on time rates, and some of the piece rates are as follows:--Screwing on dummy fuses 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. per thousand, the two quickest workers on the operation having earned 4s. 3d. a day each at this work.

this work. Pulling out the dummy fuses 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. a thousand; the two quickest workers having earned 3s.  $10\frac{1}{2}$ d. a day at this work.

work. Dropping composition into the top of the fuses,  $2\frac{1}{2}d$ . a thousand; the two quickest workers having earned 1s. 3d. a day, *i.e.*, 6s.  $10\frac{1}{2}d$ . for the  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -day week that they are employed. Fixing caps to the tops of fuses,  $6\frac{1}{2}d$ . a thousand, the two quickest workers having earned 2s. 6d. a day, *i.e.* 13s. 9d. for the  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -day week that they are employed

Waterproofing igniters, 1s. 7d. per thousand; a few of the workers having earned about 25s. to 26s. a week at this work. Three of the women who earned 25s. and upwards, whose names and addresses L con of time.
2. The dilution of skilled labour, by those who come in as unskilled labour, by those who come in as unskilled labour, by those who come in as unskilled labour, whose names and addresses I can give, were told by the foreman that the trade, unless the wages of the new comers are quickly raised to existing standards.
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4. More the work has always been done by women, the woman's minimum should not be less than the standard Trade Union wage of the district for the man unskilled labourer; this varies from 5d. to 7d. an hour. In case it should taketimetoascertainthemen's minimum in each district, we suggest

Public Meeting to FORM AN EAST END BRANCH of EAST END BRANCH of THE WOMEN'S INTER-NATIONAL LEAGUE, :: :: Sunday, October 31st, 8 p.m. WOMEN'S HALL, 400 Old Ford Road

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and doctoring and nursing care, are still very urgent. Will you help by sending us some money for this work? Will you send us new laid eggs arrowroot, barley, glaxo or virol? We want --For baby, four gowns, four barrows, two fannel bands, twelve enghins, three vests, and a cot blanket; for mother, two nightgowns, woollen shawl, three towels, two sheets, and a pair of pillow cases.

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treatment, mother has septic breast father, a trousers presser, earns low wages; 17 children, nine of whom are dead !

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wide women's movement, and

NURSE CAVELL'S MESSAGE.<br/>"THIS I WOULD SAY, STAND-<br/>ING AS I DO IN VIEW OF<br/>GOD AND ETERNITY.<br/>REALISE THAT PATRIOTISM<br/>IS NOT ENOUGH. I MUST<br/>HAVE NO HATRED OR<br/>BITTERNESS TOWARDS<br/>ANYONE!"British women who tried to go to the<br/>Hague, and is a member of the<br/>Becutive of the Women's Interna-<br/>tional League, which is the British<br/>section of the International organi-<br/>sation responsible for the Hague<br/>Conference.These are noble words that should<br/>inspire us to renewed effort in the<br/>building up of a permanent peace<br/>between the peoples of the world.We must protest that Miss Boyle<br/>is in errowhen she says that British<br/>women were not present at the<br/>delegation from reaching the<br/>us men's suffrage "figured very<br/>sightly" in the programme of the<br/>women's suffrage "figured very<

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waiting for work. The conditions are	MAN'S PAY FOR MAN'S WORK.	Best new laid 3 0 2 II 2 8	actually being cooked. As the bad meat supplied by Lyons to the White
deplorable. Water that runs from the machines will wet the women	At the fortnightly meeting of	(small, z/8) Breakfast 2 IO 2 9 2 6	City camp also went unchallenged to
through to their skins. In some	Managers of the Stepney and Poplar	'Selected' & Irish., 2 6 2 6 2 3	the cook, Mr. Thorne asked for the
instances girls have to lift heavy	Sick Asylum, held on Tuesday, Oct.	Cooking	scientific organisation of food inspec-
weights—as one described it: "a	19th, Cr. C. E. Sumner gave notice	Foreigh cooking 1 9 — — — Butter, fresh, per lb.—	tion for the Army.
weight that one of us couldn't move	that at the next meeting he would	Best English I 9 1/9 & 1/10 I 8	Mr. Forster said it is not proposed
an inch, and it takes two of us to	move the following motion :	Best French I 9 I 9 I 8	to make any alteration in the present
lift." One girl recently got her arm	"That any woman taken into the	Second quality I 8 I 8 I 7 Third quality I 7 I 7 I 6	system of food inspection. We would
crushed in a machine. They are	service of the Asylum in place of a	Butter, sall, per lb	point out that this is a woman's job.
constantly off ill for a day or two,	man shall receive a man's pay for	Best I 9 I 92 I 8	A provision firm told a representative of
and sometimes longer (in consequence	doing a man's work."	Irish I & I & I 7 Cooking I 5 I 6 I/3-I/4	the Manchester Guardian that the sale of
of long hours on seven days a week	We congratulate Cr. Sumner on	New Zealand I 9 - I 7	butter in England has fallen off by from 30
at high pressure), thus averaging	his just action, and it now remains to be seen whether the Asylum	Bacon, per lb	to 35 per cent. because people cannot afford to pay for it, and are buying margarine
deplorably low wages.	Managers are imbued with an equal	Streaky or back rash- ers, Wilts I 7 I 7 I 6	instead. This had reduced the price of
We are told by the unthinking that	and full sense of justice and fair	Do., Irish I 6 I 7 1/5-1/6	butter a little. He said "I think if everyone
"there is plenty of work for women,	dealing. We believe that Mrs. Scurr	Milk, which was raised to 5d. a	abstained from butter for a week, it would exert a beneficial influence on prices gener-
and good pay too," as if work was the only and highest aim and the	is a member of this Board, and we	quart, threatens to become still	ally."
goal of our existence; but it is the	feel sure that she will support this	dearer.	Here is a proof that prices go up, not from
women who are <i>paying</i> , and a very	motion framed to protect the well-	The French Minister of the Interior,	necessity, but because the traders find that people will pay!
terrible price. When the War is	being and improve the lot of her	M. Malvy, has submitted a bill to the	Speaking for the Yorkshire Council of
over, the hospitals will be full-not	sisters.	Cabinet giving Mayors and Prefects	Women's Liberal Associations in Leeds the other day, Mrs. Runciman, wife of the Presi-
of wounded soldiers, but of women	The police ban upon the employ-	the right to fix the price of all	dent of the Board of Trade, said that we
with health shattered through serving	ment of women as conductors on	commodities and material necessary	must not only economise but stint ourselves
their country in the industrial army,	buses and trams has been removed.	for subsistence, heating and lighting.	in war-time. We suggest that Mrs. Runci- man should begin by preaching this maxim
unless women combine now, in their	We are glad to hear that the women	It is time for every Government to	to her husband and his colleagues, but if she
trade unions, as never before.	are to be paid the same wages as	take steps to put a stop to unneces- sary hardship.	could persuade her husband to prevent
The second se	the men whom they replace.	A writer in the Manchester	extra war profits by shippers she would be doing an even better work. Mrs. Runciman
Last March, Prison Warders petitioned for		Guardian states that the best price	added that "men seem to regard food as a
an increase of pay in view of the increased cost of living. The Government refused.	Parliament now. He voted with 35 others against the import duty on motor bicycles	paid to farmers for milk delivered at	fundamental right." We consider that a sufficiency of food is a fundamental right of
Moral—" organise yourselves."	and motor tricycles on October 20th.	a Manchester station, in farmers' own	every man, woman and child.

sausages that were supplied to a military camp at Warminster were not discovered to be bad till they were actually being cooked. As the bad meat supplied by Lyons to the White City camp also went unchallenged to the cook, Mr. Thorne asked for the

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## TAXATION OF LAND VALUES.

MUNITIONS ACT.

a position to state the exact amount." Farle Yet Mr. Pennefather was in posses-sion of the information! Evidently Mr. Forster has not learnt his

We cannot understand why a boy s age is so difficult to ascertain! On October 19th, in the House of Commons, Mr. Hogge complained that it is meantod ifferentiate between the pensions of officers' widows according to the cause of their hushand's death. We agree that it but we would point out that whilst but we would point out that whilst the reasion so followers' widows and can prove that her hushand's death directly due to his service in the Army during this War, and sometimes even though this is the case, it is not poss-ible to *prove* it to the satisfaction of the War Office.

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# BRANCH REPORTS.

BRANCH REPORTS. BOW. 400 OLD FORD ROAD. The Debate this week was very good. Some who have not spoken there before made excellent speeches, among them being mass L. Watts. Votes for Women was papers at Mr. Nevinson's meeting. The Debate next Friday will be on "Inter-national Art Briday will be on "Inter-actional Art Briday Benetit 251, Miss O'Brien 181, Mrs. Crabb 168, Miss Marks C7, Mrs. Farrall 48, Special Meetings 415, City and District-Mrs. Holloway 308.

67. Mrs. Farrail 48. Special Meetings 413. City and District—Mrs. Holloway 308. POPLAR. THE WOMEN'S HALL, 20 RALEWAY ST. Screttery: MRS. DRAKE. Excellent meetings held on Sunday morn-ing at the Dock Gates and Copenhagen Place, on Tuesday morning in Chrisp Street and Burdet Road, at Chrisp Street on Friday. and Furdlett Street on Monday. Indoor meetings on Tuesday evening and Friday atternoon ore well attended. At the Sunday evening indoor meeting we had a debate on the "raising of the cure.st" The members' morning Social is to be held here on Saturday, and we hope all those who are helping to make usceess, will remind friends that Rights funda social in aid of the League of Rights funda Nov. 20th, and tickets will be on sale at the office. Please be in good time on Saturday, 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. Collections—Miss Morley and Miss E. Lagsding 198.0d, Miss Manicon 6s, 11d, Mrs. Drake 15s, 34d, Miss Bennett 3s, 5d, Miss Manicon 1s. Subscriptions paid in for Sptember 138. Subscriptions paid in for Sptember 138.

Duncan 1s. Subscriptions paid in for September 13s, m1s. Dreadnoughtssold week ending Oct. 24 th, 442. Mrs. Holloway 81, Miss Bennett 70, Mrs. Shlette 50, Miss H. Watts 46, Miss K. Lagsding 34, Mrs. Rounce 20 in Res-taurant. Dreadnought sales are improving, but Poplar ought to be selling at least 1,000 copies a week !

## HACKNEY.

HACKNEY. Offices : rj5 DALSTON LAPE (Tacing Hackney Downs Station). Papers an be oblinded at this address at any time. Good meeting held at Morning Lane on Monday, the 18th, when Miss Manicom was the speaker. Members please note that we are holding meeting at the corner of Well Street I dorning Lane on Saturday, at 4 p.m. Come and support this meeting, and help to sell Papers! Members should try to come more often to open-air meetings, as it is a great help to the speaker to have a few unporters to start with. *Dreadnought* sales--total 66; Miss Sands 20, general sales 46. We must try to get the sales up. WEST CENTRAL BRANCH,

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WEST CENTRAL BRANCH, 8 HART STREET, BLOOMSBURY. We had a splendid Poster Parade last Saturday from our branch, and amongst the sandwich ladies there was a new recruit, which pleased us very much, and she did. her work well. We still want more Paper sellers and offers for Poster Parades. Who will guarantee a weekly subscription towards the rent? The E.L.F.S. Toys and the Dreadnought are sold at our office.

SOUTH WEST HAM.

SOUTH WEST HAM. Centre for Tidal Basin: 55 FIFE ROAD. Hon. Sec.-MRS. DAISY DARSONS, 94 Ravenscroft Road. Our Monday night "Peacock" meetings have been abandoned, but instead there is a meeting on Save Peacock" meetings in the second second second second second scalars. These each being a friendon. Mrs. Sounday afternoon, there is to be a meeting at 124 Barking Road, at 3 o'clock. Miss O'Brien is thanked for selling 51 Dread-noughts at the Public Hall, last Sunday week, and this Sunday, Mrs. Millo sold 59 at the Tenants' Defence League meeting. Sixty-three were sold at Beckton Road corner, at a Special meeting, and Mrs. Mears collected 5s. 8d. for Milk Fund. Dreadnoughts sold-123. We must try to increase our Dreadnought sales!

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## POPLAR MAYOR'S COMMITTEE MEETING.

MEETING. On Wednesday, October 6th, the Poplar Mayor's Committee met after many months of inactivity. Miss Wintour moved that the Cabinet Committee be asked to agree to 2s. a week being granted out of the Prince of Wales's Fund to old age pensioners who have neither kith nor kin. There was some discussion, in the course of which it was made known that the Relieving Officers had sug-gested that the old age pensioners should have 3s. extra. Finally the proposal was amended to ask for 3s.a week from the Prince of Wales's Fund for old age pensioners, whom the Ward Committees should declare to be in distressed circum-

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The Mayor suggested that the Committee might want to consider whether two women, who are receiving respectively 4s a week, and 2s. a week relief from the Prince of Wales's weekrelief from the Prince of Wales 8 Fund, should continue to receive money from the Fund, or whether they should be sent to the Guardians. One of these women is a shopkeeper and the other a corset maker. Even tually, on the motion of Mrs. Atlee, it was decided that relief should continuue. continue

it was decided that relief should continue. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst said that the Cabinet Committee should be asked for a decision that people, whose homes were damaged, or who were themselves injured by bombs from aircraft or anti-aircraft guns, should be compensated by the Prince of Wales's Fund. The Mayor said that the Cabinet Committee would not agree as the Government had provided a scheme of insurance. Miss S. Pankhurst cited the case of a widow with three children, whose home had been damaged, whose only regular weekly income was 6s., and whose weekly income was 6s., and whose weekly income the case tuch a woman could not be expected to insure. The Mayor said that this was a case for a charity such as the Poplar Benevolent Fund, and that the best remedy was to publish the ford that neole could insure

was a case for a charity such as the Poplar Benevolent Fund, and that the best remedy was to publish the fact that people could insure against air raid damage. Miss S. Pankhurst said that there might soon be numbers of cases such as that she had cited, and that they were entitled to help. Already many members of the Committee had left, and the others now rose to go home. The meeting, therefore, came to an end, having lasted considerably less than an hour. The general tone of the meeting was one of extreme boredom.

## POPLAR GUARDIANS.

At the meeting last Wednesday of le Poplar Board of Guardians the llowing recommendation, moved committee by the Socialist and the Popla following in abour Party, was adopted by the Board

That in all cases where a woman for a male officer, the remuneration of such temporary female officer be the same as that paid to the male officer whose duties she is engaged

to perform." The Party also moved the following, which was also adopted by th ing, w Board

ing, which was also adopted by the Board:— "Your Committee beg to report that on 28th July the Guardians offered the services of two engineers and one stoker from the staff of the Poplar Workhouse to the Ministry of Munitions, the staff remaining under-taking to do the work of those volun-teering. One engineer has since been requisitioned by the Ministry and has left to take up munition work. Arrangements were also made for six workmen to volunteer to do Government work in their spare time in the carpenters' shop at the Work-house, but so far this offer has not been accepted." In addition to the above, some of the

In addition to the above, some of the engineering staff from the schools also volunteered, but the same thing has happened. Yet we are told more skilled munition workers are required. Woman used to card indexing and address-ing wants work.

FIGHT AGAINST LANDLORDS AND LANDLADIES ! Alderman Sir Vezey Strong pre-sided at the great meeting at the Guildhall, which was held in support

of a national campaign to promote the welfare of motherhood and infancy.

Scrutton and Crebbin of the Beckton Road Estate, Canning Town, who have raised their rents, have the less excuse for doing so as the rates havebeen lowered this yearby 5s, 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d, on houses rented at 4s, to 11s, a week, 10s, 7d, on houses rented at 11s, to 13s, a week, andby 15s, 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d, on houses are the form 13s, to 15s, a es rented from 13s. to 15s. a

week. Of the tenants of the Metropolitan Industrial Dwellings Company (of which the Duke of Abercorn is a director) some 127 have gone to the war. Those dependent on them have received an allowance of 25 per cent. off their rents. Other landlords please copy !

In the City of Bristol, at Shire-hampton, rents have been raised by a 1s. a week since January last, although the rates have decreased by 4d, in the £. Mr. Long stated that the whole matter of the raising of rents was receiving the "anxious consideration of the Government."

## Heartless Cruelty.

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Rents in France. The Times reports that in Paris the rent question is also a burning one, in spite of the new law which decrees that where the man is mobil-ised and the wife without support, no rent shall be charged. Women benefiting by this moratorium fear that the day of reckoning will come. Paris rents are very high, and the people are crowded in small flats, or even rooms, devoid of any pretence of sanitation. Landlords do not pay their rent before midday on the 8th of each third month are turned out. Lord Middleton says that Old Are

JUDGE'S CARE OF WORKPEOPLE.

Women Vote in Alaska. There are not as many women out there, according to population, as in New York, but there are a great many more than Easterners imagine. They have used their ballots as the vast majority of women use them—for the general uplifting of the commun-ity.—Rev. Edward G. Pettit, Juneau, Alaska.—The Woman's Journal.

## MR. NEVINSON'S EXPERIENCES.

MR. NEVINSON'S EXPERIENCES. Mr. Nevinson, who has recently returned from Gallipoli, delivered a most interesting lecture on Sunday last in Portman Rooms, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence was in the chair. His subject was "The War in the Gallipoli Peninsula." Mr. Nevinson meted out the highest praise to the Colonial troops, who bore their hard-ships light-heartedly. Hespoke highly of generals, and men, both of the ships light-heartedly. Hespoke highly of generals and men, both of the Army and Navy, and especially of those poor fellows of the Royal Naval Division whom he told us are better known as the C.I.V.—"Churchill's Innocent Victims." Dreadful hardships are experienced both in winter and summer: want of

Dreadful hardshipsareexperienced both in winter and summer; want of water is the worst, but the steep hills, almost perpendicular, up which the men must climb on *ropes*, carry-ing whatever food, water, or ammu-nition they want with them, form no small part of their difficulties. Their only pleasure is bathing in the Aegean Sea – a doubtful one we might think, since bullets never cease whizzing through the air! Speaking of Sir Ian Hamilton's return, he attached no blame to this general, but declared that the failure of the landing at Suvla Bay was a "staff failure."

Staff failure." Mr. Nevinson was anything but optimistic about the Dardanelles operations, especially as Bulgaria has joined the Triple Alliance—no matter what course the Government means to take, he could foresee nothing but great loss of life. That "someone has blundered"

someone has blundered' That That "someone has blundered" in engaging in this almost super-human feat of forcing through the Dardanelles, was the impression we had from the lecturer's vivid picture of all the misery out there. The men who have been killed and wounded and their disconsolate families are the victime of that

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## **Rents in France**

Lord Middleton says that Old Age Pensions are extravagant and lead to unem-ployment. Rent and other forms of unearned income also lead to unemployment of those who draw them-shall we have them abolished?

JUDGE'S CARE OF WORKPEOPLE. At the Manchester County Court recently, Judge Mellor said that his experience was that in only two per cent. of cases under the Worknew is Compensation Act were the employers directly interested. They were usually disputes between workmen and the insurance companies. About 50 per cent, of the workmen, being members of unions, had their interests properly safeguarded, but the other 50 per cent, including women and children, belonged to the ranks of what might be called unorganised labour, and unless the County Court judges looked after them, they were likely to stand in a very bad position.

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