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(A well-known literary man, in a letter to the Press on the subject of a possible German invasion, speaks of the readiness of untrained elderly men at least to shoulder the ambulance stretchers, and adds, "and our women-folk will as calmly and quietly pad the shoulder straps that they may not hurt us." Our cartoonist depicts the effect produced on our women-folk when approached with such a request by an imaginary Poet.)

POET: "Prithee, fair lady, of thy gentleness soften the harshness of these straps which do even gall my shoulders."

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All are reminded that our Sale takes place to-day (Friday) at the Eustace Miles Restaurant, Chandos Street, W.C. (near Charing Cross Station), in aid of our Women's Club Fund. It will be opened at 3 p.m. by Miss Cissie Loftus (her first appearance at a Suffrage function in this country), and admission, from 3 till 5, will be 1s. each; from 5 till 11 p.m., 6d. each. In addition to the attractions of the stalls there will be entertainments by the Actresses' Franchise League.

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U.S. WOMEN'S CLUB

The following gifts are acknowledged with warm gratitude: Miss Craies, gramophone and records; Miss Ennis, a rocking-chair; Miss Wright, cushions; Anon., large arm-chair; Anon., large case of crockery; Anon., four teapots.

We should be very glad to know who our kind anonymous friends are, even if they do not wish their names published.

Miss Hickey reports:—After our brilliant send-off on Saturday week, the Club is forging ahead finely. Ten o'clock had scarcely struck on the following Monday morning when our first visitor arrived. She was out doing the shopping, and as it was a cold, dull morning, thought that a cup of tea would cheer her up; so in she came, and stayed to have a friendly chat. In the afternoon she dropped in again to bring a friend, who thought she would like to join; and in the evening, to our astonishment, she made her appearance once more, this time to escort her daughter and friends. Already we have named her our Recruiting Sergeant! Each evening we have had a party of young folk, who seem to enjoy singing, dancing, playing games, and occasionally, we have noticed, writing to their "chaps." They are very anxious to have an evening when they can "bring their chaps," those who have not gone to the war yet, to have some music and dancing too. The matter is already under discussion, and we hope to be able to fix up something for them soon, as they work very hard during the day—some do not leave business till 8 p.m.—and a couple of hours'

healthy amusement in the evening would be a great boon to them. The mothers come more often in the afternoon, and seem very glad to have a chat with whoever happens to be there, telling us in their own friendly, candid way, their interests and their troubles. One poor soul came in rather disconsolately on Wednesday afternoon. Her husband had gone off to the front that morning, and she was "feelin' lonesome," so she came round to tell us all about it. Ten minutes later, with a nice hot cup of tea in her hand, sitting in one of our new, cosy arm-chairs, she seemed quite a different woman. Before our Club was started, she would have had to go to the "pub," probably, for the sympathy she wanted.

BOLTON U.S.
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So great was the effect of our meeting in October, when Miss Evelyn Sharp and Mr. H. W. Nevinson spoke, that we decided to form a branch of the United Suffragists here. It was a great encouragement to see so many gather in the Borough Hall, Bolton, on Monday, November 16, at the inaugural members' meeting, and old members whose faces one was glad to see. Messages of cheer were sent from some unable to be present, and words of encouragement were given by Mr. Darbyshire, that tried friend of Suffrage in Bolton. A Committee composed equally of men and women were elected; Mrs. Almond was elected President, Mrs. Crompton Hon. Secretary, Mr. Dawson Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Darbyshire Chairman of Committee, and Miss Holden Organising Secretary.

Mrs. Geldard presided, and briefly outlined the policy of the Union, and spoke of the necessity for Suffragists to keep in sight the truth for which they stood. It was proposed that the members should have fortnightly meetings for a speakers' class and for discussion, and so prepare for propaganda work outdoors. Miss Emily Gordon made a smart suggestion: "That the men members sell our paper at all meetings possible." This was received well. For fulfilment we wait.

Borough Hall, Corporation Street.—Monday, Dec. 7, at 7.30 p.m. Public meeting. Mrs. Lillian Williamson Farester, B.A.

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Old clothes, books, furniture, hardware, &c., will be welcomed by the organisers of the U.S. Jumble Sale (to be held shortly), and should be sent at once to Mrs. Sloane, Shelburne Lodge, Lansdowne Crescent, W. Proceeds to be devoted to the upkeep of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

"VOTES FOR WOMEN" Paper-sellers

It is more than ever essential that paper-sellers should come forward and keep our paper to the front now that we are doing so much to ventilate the wrongs of soldiers' wives. There is no doubt that much of the successful agitation waged on their behalf arose from the exposure of these wrongs in VOTES FOR WOMEN. A great deal of the credit is due to the brave paper-sellers who stand out in all weathers, keeping the flag flying on the kerbstone. Will volunteers kindly communicate at once with the Paper-selling Organiser at 3, Adam Street, or with one of the pitch captains in the list given below?

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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.

THE OUTLOOK

Parliament rose last Friday, and will not sit again until the first week in February. This removes even the slight protection that is available for women against the persecution of those in authority, who can at least be made to answer in the House for their various acts of aggression where the voteless are concerned.

Cardiff Casts the First Stone

Instant advantage has been taken of the adjournment. The very next day—that is, last Saturday—five prostitutes were court-martialled at Cardiff under the recently passed Defence of the Realm Act, for disobeying an order issued by Colonel East, which prohibited women of their class from being out of doors between the hours of 7 p.m. and 8 a.m. The women pleaded guilty, police evidence was given, and the finding of the Court was communicated to the general commanding the district, who confirmed the sentence of sixty-two days' detention. One of the women made the horribly pathetic remark, "Seven o'clock seemed so early—it seemed like a dream to me." Two of the others, who evidently did not treat the matter with the terrified humility expected of them by their military judges, were told that "under the Defence of the Realm Act offenders were liable to any punishment not exceeding three months' imprisonment." So this despicable business seems to have been made possible by one of the Emergency Acts recently rushed into law by a Parliament responsible only to the men of the country.

Are the Troops also Prohibited?

We have given the bare facts as reported in the *South Wales Daily News*, which also states that Colonel East has prohibited all women from being on licensed premises between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. We do not know how long women will be allowed to breathe in Cardiff, but pending their total extinction by order of Colonel East we should like to ask this question: Are the troops also forbidden to be in the streets or the public-houses within the proscribed hours? If they are, and if the sole object of the commanding officer is to purify the streets for the perambulating citizens of Cardiff, we should like to know if soldiers who disobey the order have to undergo sixty-two days' detention? If they are not, and this hypocritical attack upon the liberties of women has been made in order to preserve the men from temptation, we want to know why the whole political power of the State is vested in the hands of what is apparently the weaker sex.

Only One Guarantee for Women

One fact that emerges from this shameful incident is that there is no guarantee for the safety of women except their immediate enfranchisement. Mr. Asquith's assurance to the Women's Freedom League that the provisions

of the C.D. Acts would not be revived either in letter or spirit has been followed by the passing of an Act which has made it possible to court-martial women whom the present atrocious social and economic system has driven on to the streets. He has refused this week to receive a deputation on the subject from the Women's Freedom League, the United Suffragists, the East London Federation of the Suffragettes, and the Northern Men's Federation. Mr. Henry W. Nevinson, in a letter to the *Manchester Guardian* denouncing the Cardiff court-martial, says: "It has often seemed to me lately that at the present rate we shall have to begin the struggle for humanity and freedom all over again when the war is done." Unless women are enfranchised by that time, these words will certainly come true.

Impertinent Supervision

The Cardiff outrage is the culminating incident in a kind of general attack that has been made upon the liberties of women since the outbreak of war, inspired by an unholy alliance between the War Office and the Home Office. The order placing soldiers' wives under police supervision has not been withdrawn, and we cannot endorse Mr. Baker's statement in the House of Commons on November 25 that the intention of the War Office

is not to place the wives of all soldiers under police supervision, but to convey a timely warning of the results of misconduct in cases in which the need for warning has become evident.

At least one case has come to our notice in which a soldier's wife, who is a strict teetotaler, has been subjected to a visit of inquiry from a police inspector. Such investigation would appear to us equally impertinent and unwarrantable if the woman were a drunkard, for she has as much right to her State wage as the soldier who drinks has to his pay. The mystery in which the whole proceeding is wrapt would alone condemn it in the eyes of every honest man or woman; and Mr. McKenna's "hope," expressed in answer to a question by Mr. Barnes, to be able to state the terms of the revised circular before the adjournment of the House seems to have been conveniently left unfulfilled.

War Office Recognises Women Doctors

A victory has been won for women in the medical profession by the recognition of the Women's Hospital Corps at Wimereux by the R.A.M.C. It will be remembered that the Corps, under the direction of Dr. Louisa Garrett Anderson, originally established itself at the Hotel Claridge, Paris, as a French Red Cross Hospital, working under the French Government. The hospital took wounded British as well as French soldiers, and its efficiency was such that when Dr. Garrett Anderson, leaving Dr. Flora Murray in charge of the Paris hospital, moved with part of the staff to Wimereux, the new establishment was recognised officially by the British Government. Only British soldiers are received at the Wimereux Hospital, which is answerable to

(TO LONDON READERS)

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Opened by **MISS CISSIE LOFTUS.**

(For particulars see opposite page.)

the War Office, draws army rations, and is in all respects a Government hospital. We hope to publish an account of it, by one who has recently visited it, in our next issue.

Insurance for Women

The report has just been issued of the Departmental Committee appointed last August to enquire into the excessive claims for sickness benefit under the Insurance Act. It contains these points of special interest to women:

(1) That the only remedy for excessive payments to badly paid women workers is the effecting of such an improvement in their economic conditions as to make sickness benefit less attractive; (2) That it is impossible to maintain a distinction between pregnancy and other causes of sickness, and therefore a new benefit should be created payable during the last four weeks of pregnancy, whether the woman is incapacitated or not; (3) That the household work allowed to be done during this period be clearly indicated.

While we approve the general tendency of the proposed reforms, we recognize the danger of their administration while women remain a politically helpless body (as seen particularly in the third point mentioned). It is therefore worth noticing that Mr. W. P. Wright (*Manchester Oddfellows*) appends a note urging that the women's benefits be administered solely by women officials, and that Miss MacArthur add a memorandum denying that these minor reforms can be effective, and calling for a Royal Commission on Maternity to deal with the whole problem.

Items of Interest

The Suffrage cause has lost a warm adherent in Miss Fanny Brough, who, we deeply regret to hear, died last Monday. One of the occasions on which she identified herself with the movement was when she opened the Woman's Press shop in Charing Cross Road in the summer of 1910.

Speaking at the Kingsway Hall on Monday evening Mrs. Pankhurst suggested that one cause of the decline in recruiting might be the numerous advertisements offering employment to young men that could easily be given to the many women now out of work.

In the course of asking a question in the House, Mr. Yeo spoke of women engaged in making saddle-covers for the Army who are earning about one penny an hour, and 2d. to 3d. an hour on ground sheets, and that others engaged on clerical work earn about 9s. 10d. per week of fifty-nine hours at a well-known firm doing Army work. Mr. Baker promised "investigation."

The Guardians must seek new ways of expressing patriotism. The Lambeth Board decided at last week's meeting that the Poor Law children should have their egg on Christmas Day after all; and the resolution of the Yarmouth Board, moved at the annual meeting of the Association of Poor Law Unions, last Friday, to reduce the workhouse dietary on account of the war, was lost by a large majority.

The Home Secretary had a gleam of sound sense when he refused to confirm the recommendation of the Southampton Licensing Justices that intoxicating drink should not be served to women after 5 p.m.

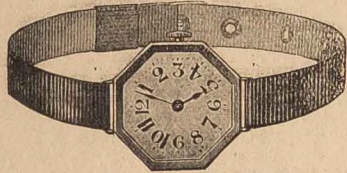
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BOOKS RECEIVED

"Whispers." By Mrs. Baillie Weaver (London: Hurst and Blackett. Price 6s.).
"The German Danger." By Bart Kennedy. (London: Holden and Hardingham. Price 1s. net.).
"Sir J. French. An Authentic Biography." By Cecil Chisholm, M.A. (London: Herbert Jenkins. Price 1s.).
"The Englishwoman." December. (London: Evans Bros. Price 1s.).
"Above the Battlefield." By Romain Rolland. (Cambridge: Boves and Boves. Price 6d. net.).
"The Church in Relation to the Women's Movement." By Lt.-Commander J. N. Cather, R.N. (London: Church League for Women's Suffrage. Price 1d.).

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SPEAKERS: Miss SYLVIA PANKHURST, Mrs. DRAKE (Custom House), Mrs. WALKER (Canning Town), Mrs. PAYNE (Bow), Mrs. MANSELL-MOULLIN.

Tickets may be obtained from the E.L.F.S., at 321, Roman Road, Bow, E.; the United Suffragettes, 3, Adam Street, Strand; the International Suffrage Shop, 11, Adam Street, Strand; the Women's Freedom League, 2, Robert Street, Adelphi, Strand; and at the door.

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THE SCANDALOUS CIRCULAR

Our readers will remember that there has been not even a Government promise to withdraw finally and completely, to consign to that outer darkness from which it ought never to have been brought, the scandalous circular which instructed policemen to enquire into the "worthiness" of soldiers' wives.

Let us recapitulate the points as to the police methods in question. Since when has "worthiness," in the sense of the morality of private life, been made a condition of receiving money legally due? For nothing less than that is the condition which two great Government departments, the War Office and the Home Office, have threatened to impose.

action of the Daily News in dragging it to light, the country might as a whole be ignorant. So the Government gets its recruit on a definite bargain. If it then proceeds to break that bargain on any plea whatever, if it withholds what it is pledged and thrice-pledged to give, it is guilty of common theft, and would be guilty of it if every soldier's wife in the Kingdom were as "unworthy" in the eyes of the police as many policemen are in the eyes of soldiers' wives.

In the second place, of what does "unworthiness" consist, and how can anyone decide where it exists? Even if there were, in law or decency or commonsense, such a thing as being "unworthy" to have your just dues paid to you, where could the line be drawn, and what person, not being mad or hired, would undertake to draw it? What is deadly sin to governors and officials may, to God, be the occasional backward slip in a heroic upward struggle.

As for the police, we say deliberately, and on the strength of actual knowledge, that we can imagine no more degrading condition of affairs than that a woman's subsistence should depend on the approval of the police. Anybody, however ignorant of facts, can see at a glance what a scope for every kind of nagging, bullying, frightening, and humiliating the whole business opens up.

Lastly, what do the wise Home Office and the thoughtful War Office plan for the future of the "unworthy" women? Suppose a soldier's wife, while her man perhaps is gassing out his life in blood amid the noise and ruin of battle—comforting himself perhaps in his last moments with the thought that his wife is secure in a grateful country's hands—suppose that soldier's wife has been convicted, by the secret enquiries of policemen, of "persistent and repeated misconduct," of "immorality," of "drunkenness"?

The second case reveals even more acutely how much more important the future of a man appears to be in the eyes of the Bench than the future of a woman. A girl is made a mother before she is in her teens. What future can there be before this poor little mother? Yet counsel for the defence seems to have (unrebuked) hoped that his Lordship would not "weigh against the prisoner the fact of the girl's condition, unfortunate though it was."

So we should have said. And now in Cardiff the streets are being shut to women whom policemen consider "of a certain class." Well, there is always prison for even the most unfortunate.

COMPARISON OF PUNISHMENTS

LIGHT SENTENCES Indecent Assault on a Little Girl

The Kent Messenger and Maidstone Telegraph (November 27) reports case of a bootmaker charged at the Kent Autumn Assizes before Mr. Justice Lawrence with indecently assaulting a little girl of seven. He pleaded guilty, and gave drink as an excuse.

Criminal Assault on a Girl of Twelve

The Kent Messenger and Maidstone Telegraph (November 27) reports case of an organist charged at the Kent Assizes before Mr. Justice Lawrence with an assault upon a girl of twelve. She was now pregnant, and the defendant pleaded guilty.

LITTLE GIRLS v. BOOTS

In another part of the paper we comment on the Cardiff court-martial which shows the helpless position of women in a country where women have no political status. The above table of comparisons reveals with tragic emphasis the helplessness of children and young girls under a system which sets a higher value upon property than upon person, upon boots than upon little girls—a standard of values that Suffragists have no hope of getting redressed until women are placed upon a political equality with men.

In the first case every possible allowance was made for the man who had so terribly injured a little girl of seven, on the ground of his being drunk at the time. In summing up, his Lordship, as reported, said nothing of the offence committed, but spoke only of the defendant's excellent character in the past, and of his unfortunate tendency to drink, adding: "I think the kindest thing I can do for you is to sentence you to a term of imprisonment that will prevent you getting drunk, and give you an opportunity of building up some reserve of strength to resist the temptation to drink in future."

MAN v. WOMAN We are sometimes criticised for what is considered "leniency" in our attitude towards immorality in women as shown in our condemnation of the severe sentences passed on such women for solicitation. Our point, of course, is that if solicitation is a crime in women it is equally a crime in men, and our protest is directed against the injustice of making it a punishable offence for the one and not for the other.

The Future of a Man and a Woman The second case reveals even more acutely how much more important the future of a man appears to be in the eyes of the Bench than the future of a woman. A girl is made a mother before she is in her teens. What future can there be before this poor little mother? Yet counsel for the defence seems to have (unrebuked) hoped that his Lordship would not "weigh against the prisoner the fact of the girl's condition, unfortunate though it was."

Only Entitled to Arrest the Woman

The issue of the case does not interest us here, as sentence on the woman, who was found guilty, was deferred, while the man was fined £2 and costs, or three weeks' imprisonment, for aiding and abetting the indecent assault. But the point that matters to us is that in the defence of the man it came out that the police were only entitled to arrest the woman and to serve a summons on the man for aiding and abetting; he could only be arrested with a warrant. The man therefore, argued counsel, was justified in resisting his arrest!

Could greater proof exist of the inequality of men and women under the law?

COMING EVENTS

The Unseen Realities, not Merely Future but Present and Immediate, will be the sermon on Sunday, December 6, at the Eolian Hall, where the Rev. John Hunter, D.D., is delivering a series. The service commences at 11 a.m.

The Women's Freedom League will hold a meeting at the Suffrage Club, York Street, on Wednesday, December 9. Mr. W. L. George will speak on "Women and War." Chair: Mrs. Huntsman.

A meeting will be held by the East London Federation of the Suffragettes at Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Friday, December 11. Speakers: Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Sylvia Walker, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Mansell-Moullin.

The United Suffragists hold a Christmas Sale at the Eustace Miles Restaurant to-day (Friday), from 3 to 11 p.m. (For particulars of this and other U.S. fixtures, see page 74.)

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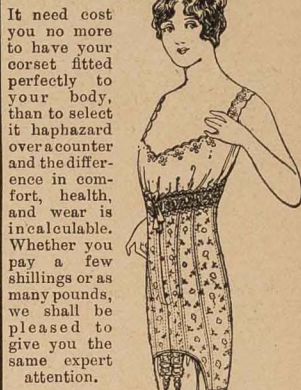
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