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SUFFRAGE CLUBS. Poplar, 20 Railway St., 7 to 10 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays.
 Bow, 400 Old Ford Road, Fridays and Mondays 7 to 10 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS.

Saturday, May 8th, 3.30 p.m.—Poster parade, starting from International Suffrage Shop, 5 Duke Street, W.C.
 Sunday, May 9th, 3 p.m.—Hyde Park—Mrs. Bouvier, Miss Somers.
 8 p.m.—Bow Women's Hall—Miss Mary Richardson, Mr. Peter Petroff, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst.
 Monday, May 10th, 3 p.m.—10 p.m.—Caxton Hall Exhibition.
 Tuesday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m.—175 Dalston Lane, N.E.—Miss P. Lynch.
 3 p.m.—Bow Women's Hall—Mrs. Walker.
 5 p.m.—10 p.m.—Caxton Hall Exhibition.
 Wednesday, May 12th, 3 p.m.—10 p.m.—Caxton Hall Exhibition.
 Thursday, May 13th, 8 p.m.—Bromley, 53 St. Leonard Street—Miss S. Pankhurst.
 8 p.m.—124 Barking Rd.—Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Walker.
 8 p.m.—175 Dalston Lane—Miss Coombs. Chair: Miss Manicom.
 Friday, May 14th, 3 p.m.—Poplar Women's Hall—Mrs. Bouvier, Mrs. Davies.
 8 p.m.—Poplar, Piggott Street—Miss P. Lynch.
 8 p.m.—Beckton Rd.—Mr. Mackinlay.
 Sunday, May 16th at 3 p.m.—Victoria Park—Miss Frazer Smith. Chair: Mrs. Drake.
 8 p.m.—Bow Women's Hall—Mrs. Walker, Mr. R. W. Sorensen.
 8 p.m.—Poplar Women's Hall, 20 Railway St.—Miss Mary Richardson, Mr. Peter Petroff.

To reach Old Ford Road take an Old Ford 'bus (No. 8), which goes via the Marble Arch, Oxford St., the Bank and Liverpool St., or book to Old Ford Station on the North London Railway.

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We urgently need subscriptions to help us to pay the heavy milk bill for our centres in Bow, Bromley, Poplar and Canning Town; also gifts of:

EGGS.

For invalids and babies who are too ill to digest milk, and are given the white of egg beaten up in water.

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

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

FOR BABY.

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

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Two nightgowns, a woollen shawl, three towels, two sheets and one pair pillowcases.

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Help us to produce skilled work at a living wage.

The Society of friends are holding a series of meetings on "Constructive Peace" at Devonshire House, Bishopsgate.



AN AMERICAN VIEW OF THE WAR. [From "Puck."]

If you want to see

THE SOLDIERS' CLOTHES MADE

And the MAKING OF BRITISH TOYS

COME TO THE

Women's Exhibition

IN THE

CAXTON HALL

Monday, May 10, Tuesday, May 11, Wednesday, May 12,

3 TO 10 P.M.

Music. Entertainments.

SPEAKERS FROM all the SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

TICKETS:

1s.—day and evening. 6d.—after 7 p.m.

Season Tickets 2s. 6d.

Sunday, May 9th, at 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S HALL,

400 OLD FORD ROAD.

Mr. PETER PETROFF

ON

Progress of Freedom in Russia.

Miss SYLVIA PANKHURST
 Miss MARY RICHARDSON

League of Rights for Soldiers' and Sailors' Wives and Relatives.

CONCERT

Essex Hall, Wakefield St., East Ham,

Saturday, May 8th, at 8 p.m.

Admission 3d.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

By ROSIKA SCHWIMMER (Buda-Pesth).
 Late Secretary International Suffrage Bureau in London.

From the New York Masses.

People begin to yawn over their daily papers, the war game grows too monotonous. The reports of this gigantic new sport tell you to day that the Allies gained five yards of ground that yesterday had been conquered by the Germans. It gets pretty tiresome to watch, for months, twenty-five millions of able-bodied men move five yards this way and five yards that.

They give you careful information about the number of men and guns captured back and forth. Figures, neat and business-like as in the ledger of a respectable merchant's office. Then, as a pleasant break in the tiresome statistics, comes some interesting information about Victoria and Iron Crosses bestowed upon heroes. Regularly five or six ships, dreadnoughts, submarines, go to the bottom of the sea, ornamenting the military reports like the brass buttons on the coats of the generals.

This is how the game is reflected in the mirror of the press. The dry military reports stand between you and the real happenings like a screen. It is only in letters from the front that we can see what war is. I have one in my hand:

"I shall never forgive myself not to have shot the man who, lying on his stomach, tried to raise his head, and in a voice which I shall never forget, screamed out to me to have mercy. 'Kill me, don't let me suffer as I do.' I see the glazed eyes, the mortified green face, I see the wild, agonized look in the eyes—I see the upper part of a body rising—I see an open abdomen out of which the entrails flow like the train of a woman's dress. Oh, the horror of it! And the horror of my cowardice, that I didn't shoot the man." He keeps torturing himself with this accusation.

"I have been sent home for three days, and I wonder how I will be able to stand again what haunts me day and night," writes another friend of mine who had the privilege to serve as war correspondent instead of fighting. "I cannot forget the picture of a woman on the Southern battlefield, the corpse of a young woman, her skull broken open, the brains flowing out and a pig eating on that brain."

"I saw the inhabitants of a destroyed city fleeing in masses," I heard an American war correspondent telling, "and I saw, myself, women overcome with pains giving birth to children on the road, taking the new-born babes in handkerchiefs and running on as if they had stopped for nothing more important than to

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DISTRICT REPORTS.

BOW.

400 OLD FORD ROAD, BOW.
Good meeting held in Victoria Park on Sunday, and very successful meetings held on Monday, kindly lent by Mrs. Sudd-Brown.
Next Sunday we are to have the pleasure of hearing Miss Mary Richardson in the Women's Hall, also Mr. Petroff, who will give an interesting lecture on Russia. Miss Fankhurst will take the chair. Members please do your best to make this a very good meeting. The meeting starts at 8, and do try to be punctual.

The Caxton Hall Exhibition will want any willing to help give in their names, also any who can distribute bills in the West End to work it up?

Members' penny subscriptions for April: monthly, 14s. 5d.; weekly, 18s. 3d.; total, £1 12s. 8d. *Dreadnoughts* sold—

BROMLEY.

Joint Hon. Secretaries:
Mrs. McCHRYNE & Mrs. MANTLE,
55 St. Leonard Street.

A very pleasant meeting was held last Tuesday, when Mrs. Walshe explained how the vote would benefit hospital nurses.

It will greatly facilitate matters if members would please pay their monthly subscriptions the first week in the month, as some members object to anyone calling upon them.

POPLAR.

THE WOMEN'S HALL, 20 RAILWAY ST.
Organiser: Mrs. DRAKE.

We had a good meeting at Sturry St. on Monday evening, when Mrs. Bouvier was the speaker.

Everybody enjoyed hearing Miss Richardson on Tuesday evening. Wednesday at Chrisp St. Miss Lynch made a very good speech. Mrs. Tyson was our speaker on Friday afternoon, and Mr. Everett in the evening at Piggott St. We have not yet received all the returns from Self-Denial Week. Our thanks to those who are doing their best to help. Miss H. Watts and Miss D. Morley have promised to give out bills for the Caxton Hall Exhibition. Will any body else offer? We also want members to assist in making artificial flowers on Thursday evenings for our Women's May Day, May 30th. Miss H. Watts will be in charge, so please come along if only for half an hour. We have bills for all our meetings, and members are asked to call for some to give to their friends.

Monday night—Speakers' Class, 8 o'clock.
Tuesday evening—8 o'clock meeting, men and women welcome.

Wednesday evening—Choir meeting, 8 o'clock.
Dreadnoughts sold week ending May 1st—190. Mrs. Bird collected £1 7s. 2d., Mrs. Drake 11s. 10d., Mrs. Tyson 5s. Subscription—2s. 6d. Mr. Peck.

SOUTH WEST HAM.

Centre for Tidal Basin and Custom House—
55 Fife Road, Tidal Basin.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. DAISY PARSONS,
94 Ravenscroft Road.

Monday meeting speakers were Miss Ravenscroft and Mr. Everett. It was nice to see the members supporting the speakers. Miss Mary Richardson spoke on Thursday, and was listened to with great enthusiasm. Two new members were made. Thanks to Mrs. Mears for splendid way she has canvassed, and also for meeting the speaker at Beckton Rd. May subscriptions are now due. Please pay up promptly. Don't forget Town Hall, Stratford, Meeting to-night (Friday), at 8 o'clock; stewards please be there at 7.30. All Self-Denial cards and boxes wanted on Monday please.

HACKNEY.

Offices: 175 DALSTON LANE
(Facing Hackney Downs Station).

Papers can be obtained at this address at any time.
Mrs. Cyon spoke to a crowded meeting last week and 5 o'clock came all too quickly, when we had to send the people home, as we ought to have closed at 4 o'clock. We shall have some more chairs this week, but if friends are turning out any chairs during spring cleaning, we shall be very glad of them indeed.

We had a good crowd at our open-air meeting outside the office on Thursday evening. One of our new friends proposed that we should formulate a demand to bring down the price of tea, as beer is comparatively cheaper, and tea is the beverage of the working woman. This was carried unanimously. Thanks are due to Mrs. Butcher for her help in canvassing. Will someone else take a turn?

Papers sold 21; distributed 100.

SOUTH-EAST LONDON E.L.F.S.
Hon. Secretary: Miss BALCHIN,
39 Radnor Street, Peckham.

Our meeting at the Kemspead Road Hall, on April 28th, was very well attended, and the fine speech delivered by Mr. Bernard Trapps much appreciated. A sum of 5s. 6d. was collected for Self-Denial Fund. Our speaker on May 12th will be Mr. E. J. Woollams-Seaney. Members can obtain tickets for the Women's Exhibition at Caxton Hall from the Secretary if they wish to do so. *Dreadnoughts* sold this week—15. Wanted, more subscribers.

E.L.F.S. Bow Branch and R.S.P.U.
Joint "MILK FUND" SOCIAL,
SATURDAY, MAY 8th, at 8 p.m.
WOMEN'S HALL, 400 OLD FORD RD.,
Tickets 3d each

OTHER SOCIETIES.

NORTH LONDON M.P.U.
Hon. Sec.: Mr. H. G. EVERETT,
c/o Mr. Innes, 31 Balmes Road, Southgate Road.
Good meeting Finsbury Park on Sunday morning. Meeting next Sunday at 3 p.m. All members are asked to support the Women's Exhibition next week. Tickets, 2s. 6d., 1s. and 6d., may be obtained from the Secretary by writing to the above address.

R. S. P. U.

Hon. Sec.—J. W. BONARDIS, 89 Wyke Road.
All members should be present at Joint Social, Saturday, 8th May—profits to the E.L.F.S. Milk Fund. Miss Smyth will be in the chair. If you cannot come, you can help by buying a ticket (price 3d.) from the Hon. Sec. R.S.P.U., or from E.L.F.S., 400 Old Ford Road, Bow.

GOVERNMENT MISREPRESENTATIONS.

In the food prices debate on February 17th, Mr. Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, said that the increased cost of living should be met by higher wages and that the Government was acting in that direction. The Post Office employees (many of whom have long had really serious grievances in regard to wages) have taken the Government at its word, but the Post Master General for some time persistently refused their demands for a war bonus. The employees showed great determination, and there were rumours of an impending strike.

On April 28th, Mr. Hobbouse announced in the House of Commons that the Government had agreed to refer the matter in dispute to arbitration, but that the Government would sustain before the arbiters its view that it could not afford to pay more to postal servants, because if it did so similar demands would be made from other departments, also that the increased cost of living did not in itself justify a demand for an increase in wages, and that postal employees had not been subject to special strain and pressure.

He asserted that where overtime had occurred in telegraphic and sorting departments, employees had made from £7 to £11 in a week for overtime, although they had worked but little over 60 hours.

Mr. Wardle said that he had listened to this latter statement with astonishment. A normal week consisted of 48 hours and Mr. Hobbouse had himself explained that time and a quarter was paid for the first six hours overtime, time and a half for the second six hours and double rates for over twelve hours. Therefore double time pay could not be reached until more than 60 hours had been worked. Mr. Wardle cited the case of a woman postal servant in London who is paid 18s. a week, out of which she has to pay her fares and 3s. 6d. for meals at work. He stated that the wages of 59,000 postal employees do not exceed £1 a week.

Mr. Pollock said that the Holt Report published in August 1913 had recommended increased pay to first-class surveyors' clerks. The Government had twice promised, in January and April 1914, to accede to the recommendation and to make its adoption date from February 2nd 1914, arrears to that date being paid should any delay occur. The necessary money to pay the increase was voted by the House of Commons in the early part of 1914. Yet in February 1915 it was stated that the Government had not made up its mind whether it would agree to pay the increased salaries or not.

Many Members thanked the Post Master General for having agreed to submit the various questions to arbitration and to abide by the decisions of the arbiters, it being expected that the employees should do the same.

We must point out that the growth of Government employment and of the arbitration system, makes it more and more urgent that the woman worker should be armed with political power.

A woman dressed as a man worked 94 hours a day for three days, at the Barrow Naval Construction Works, before her sex was discovered. Then, of course, she was discharged, though there was no complaint as to her work. She needed as much pay as a man to help her family. She took the only way of getting it.

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ister of such mothers needing help and in the meantime another register should be compiled by inviting every woman anxious to help this Crusade (and their names and capabilities must be legion) to send in her name to the Mayoress or 'City Mother.' The visiting staff of the Public Health Authorities would thus be rapidly increased, assistants to lying-in hospitals, health visitors, sick room helps, invalid cooks, nurses for washing and clothing the babies, would be at hand for any sudden call. Already several have sent in names to me imploring me to set to work!

Summer is approaching with its deadly visitant, depending on flies and garbage.—*Epidemic Diarrhoea*. Are we to acquiesce in the annual sacrifice with only three hospitals in the land for this special and ever-recurring trouble, i.e. (1) Vincent Square, London. (2) Bradford Hospital for Children. (3) Manchester Babies' Hospital?

Shall there be no Hospitals in every town for the little wounded helpless victims in this war of extermination?

Shall we have empty cradles to greet the returning fathers who left their babies and wives to the care of a grateful country, while they set out abroad to fight for its defence?

Shall the enthusiasm for baby-saving languish while the recruiting boom increases? Shall it *always* be true that "England takes care of her things and throws away her people?"

Much will depend on the 'City Mothers' of England, calling together without delay their army for the Baby-saving Crusade. Not a moment is to be lost—the enemy is and always has been in our midst, but we have been blind and have not recognised him. Once more the Registrar General bids us awake.

IN PARLIAMENT.

On April 28th, Mr. Ronald McNeill asked the Prime Minister whether he would consider the possibility of passing a temporary measure to enable soldiers on active service to be married by proxy.

Mr. Asquith replied: "I do not think the hon. Member's suggestions will find general acceptance."

On April 28th, in the House of Commons, Lord Charles Beresford said that for every fove manufactured in this country 1s. is paid by the Government under a German patent, for the benefit of Krupp, of Essen. He asked whether the British armament firms pay this money to the Public Trustee to be transmitted to Krupp, and how much money was thus made by Krupp out of the battle of Neuve Chapelle.

The War Office replied that inquiries would be made.

Sir Arthur Markham asked that inquiries should be made into German royalties on our submarines. Thus for a moment the business side of war was partially revealed.

In the House of Commons, on April 28th, Mr. W. C. Anderson, Mr. Philip Snowden, and Mr. Duncan Millar, pressed Mr. Runciman to say what the Government will do to keep down the price of coal.

Mr. Runciman said that he was in communication with the London County Council in regard to the Select Committee's recommendation that a stock of coal should be accumulated in London.

Mr. Hogge asked why the accumulation of coal should be confined to London. Mr. Runciman answered: "The Committee's recommendation was confined to London." Mr. Hogge pertinently asked: "Does it matter what the Committee recommends?"

Sir Arthur Markham asked whether the Government would fix maximum prices, but he got no answer.

A husband and wife, who are old age pensioners, have been for some years in the workhouse; but having reached the age of 70, and being entitled to the pension, they have taken their discharge in order to have a few years' freedom before they die. The old lady, Mrs. Edwards, 160 Severn Rd., Poplar, finds that it is impossible for them to make ends meet on the pensions, and is anxious to get work to do. Can anyone give her some work?

SWEATED PROFITS.

Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., made a profit of £1,241,845 in 1914, and, after paying a dividend of 12½ per cent., placed to reserve £1,764,000, i.e. £694,000 more than the year before. The women employed at Vickers' Erith Works, as belt machinists, asked for an increase of 3d. an hour for those whose hourly rate is more than 23d., and 1d. an hour for those whose rate is 23d. or under. This was refused.

One shilling per day without allowance was the meagre remuneration given to a woman who worked for days in succession driving a pair of horses on a farm at Shiffnal, Salop. This extraordinary example of underpaid women workers has been brought to light by the Agricultural Workers' Union.

The National Union of Clerks has written to the committee commenting on the fact that over 40 women volunteers for War Service have been put on clerical work while a number of the union's women members are unemployed and available.

This is a breach of Mr. McKenna's undertaking that the women on the War Register should not be employed while suitable women could be obtained from the Labour Exchanges, where the members of the N.U.C. are doubtless registered.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED.

GENERAL FUND.—Miss G. L. Smyth 1.0.0., Sunday collections from Motor-car 14.5, Miss N. Smith 5.0, Dr. Jessie Murray 5.0, Collection Women's Hall 3.24, South West Ham collection 3.1, Victoria Park meeting collection 2.7, Poplar collections 1.9, Hackney collection 1.6, Miss Helsby 1.6, Mrs. Milward 1.0, Mrs. & Miss Green 1.0 (monthly), Mrs. Walker 1.0 (fortnightly).

SELF-DENIAL FUND.—Mrs E. Lansbury 1.0.0., Anon 10.6, Miss N. E. MacMunn 1.0.0., Miss Gillies 10.0, Miss D. Rock 10.0, Mrs. Alice Green 10.0, Mrs. Hyde 10.0, Mrs. Green 9.0, Miss E. Gore Brown 6.0, Miss M. Balchin 5.6, J. E. Phillips, Esq 5.0, Miss Beamish 5.0, Mrs. Tyson 5.0, North London M.P.U. per H. G. Everett, Esq 3.6, Mrs. Lehman 2.6, J. Keir Hardie, Esq 2.6, Vincent Grimmitt, Esq 2.6, A. J. Clifford Ewen, Esq 3.6, Miss Burgess 2.3, Miss Lynch 2.0, Miss A. Daubin 2.0, Miss R. Cohen 1.6, Miss O'Brien 1.6, Miss D. Gregory 1.0, Mrs. Winter 1.0, Miss Morley 1.0, Mr. Joseph Crabb 0.10.

FOR MILK AND GENERAL DISTRESS.—Girls of Southland High School, New Zealand 6.0.0., Miss Joachim (3.0.0. weekly) 6.0.0., R. B. Chadwick, Esq 5.5.0., Mrs. Sudd Brown's 'At Home' 4.0.8, Girls of Miss Overell's School, Watlington, Tasmania 3.0.0., per Mrs. Caird 2.2.0., Mrs. Richmond 1.1.6, Mrs. Singer (monthly) 1.0.0., J. Leakey, Esq 1.0.0., Miss M. E. Knott 1.0.0., P. F. Smith, Esq 1.0.0., per Mrs. Fox Strangways 1.0.0., Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett 1.0.0., Miss Matland 1.0.0., Mrs. & Misses Hancock 13.0., Miss Yeoman (weekly) 10.0., Miss T. Pomphrey 10.0., Mr. & Mrs. Neal 10.0., Anon—Stroud Green (weekly) 10.0., Mrs. Richmond (5.0 weekly) 10.0., Mrs. Laskey 10.0., Mrs. George Jones 10.0., Miss W. Woodcock & Miss D. H. Jones 10.0., Mr. Beckett's grandson 9.0., Miss L. C. Lowe 7.1., Misses Tollemache 6.0., Miss Fox 5.9., Mrs. Usherwood 5.6., Mrs. Vatcher (monthly) 5.0., T. Norris, Esq (monthly) 5.0., Mrs. Norris 5.0., J. L. Munden, Esq 5.0., Mrs. Goldberg 5.0., Miss Wilson 5.0. A working woman 4.0., Miss M. Kirdi 4.0., per Mrs. Lehman (farthings) 3.9d., Miss E. Crabb (monthly) 3.6., per Miss Oldham 3.5., Mrs. Granger's Women's Club 2.6., Miss E. Graves 2.6., Vincent Grimmitt, Esq 2.6. A woman worker (monthly) 2.6., Mr. Peck 2.6., Miss Balchin 2.6., Mrs. Teipel 2.4., Miss E. Johnson 2.0., Miss I. Jones (weekly) 2.0., Mrs. Foster 2.0., Miss Elaine Limonsine 2.0., Miss Standley 1.0., Mrs. Powell (weekly) 1.0., Master John Solomon 1.0., Miss & Mr. Bailey 0.10., Miss H. J. Pole 0.8., Miss Chivers 0.4., Miss Hunt 0.1.

COLLECTED. Mrs. Bird 19.0., Mrs. Drake 11.10d., Mrs. Crabb 10.10d., Mrs. Savoy 9.9d., Miss Marks 8.6d., Mrs. Bird 8.2d., Miss Watts 6.2d., Miss Manicom 5.9d., Mrs. Ryan 4.8d., Ruby Crabb 3.7., Mrs. Neuss 3.2., Miss Mary Carr 2.3., Little Willie 1.9d., Anon 1.7d., Miss Gallop 1.3., Miss Betty Howell 1.1d., Miss Green 1.0., Mrs. Cressall 0.6., Miss Beamish 0.5d., Bow Members collected for 'At Home' 7.6.

CLOTHES, ETC.—Mrs. Powles, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. R. Johnson, Miss Kate Evans, Miss E. Canning, Miss Clara Sidney Woolf.

Bow members, for 'At Home'—Sugar, coffee, cakes and sandwiches.

WANTED FOR THE BABIES' HOUSE.

Small kitchen table. Ironing table. Large double milk saucapan, 4 to 6 qrts. (aluminium preferred). Large iron saucapan, for soup. Gifts of sugar; tea. Gifts of cocoa, for the nursing mothers. Shoes and socks, brown or black, size 2 to 4 years. Tea-spoons, knives and forks. Cots, pillows, and pillow cases. Older children's stretcher beds. Babies' glass bottles (boat shaped). Brushes and combs for children's hair. Food thermometer. Cullender. Teapot. Milk jugs. Brooms. Black-lead brushes. Small kettle. Teapot. Small plates. Flat irons.