

# THE WOMAN'S DREADNOUGHT

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## MEETINGS LIST.

**Friday, Nov. 5th.**  
Robin Hood Lane, 4 p.m., Miss Lynch, Miss Manicom.  
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 "International Arbitration."  
**Saturday, Nov. 6th.**  
Morning Lane, 5 p.m., Mrs. Davies, Miss Beamish.  
Vernon Rd., 5 p.m., Miss Lynch, Mr. Mackinlay.  
Hague Street, 4 p.m., Miss Lynch, and others.  
Morpeth Street, 3 p.m., Miss Lynch.  
**Sunday, Nov. 7th.**  
Hyde Park, 3 p.m., Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Miss Fraser Smith, Mrs. Bouvier.  
Copenhagen Place, 11 a.m., Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Miss Manicom.  
Osborne St., 11.30 a.m., Miss Lynch 124 Barking Rd., 3 p.m., Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Parsons.  
Dock Gates, 6 p.m., Mrs. Drake, Miss Manicom.  
Poplar Women's Hall, 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Leigh Rothwell, Mr. Lawrence Houseman. Chair: Miss Sylvia Pankhurst.  
**Monday, Nov. 8th.**  
"Whitehouse," 5 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier, Miss Beamish.  
Follett St., 6.30 p.m., Miss Manicom, Mrs. Drake.  
Bow Women's Hall, 8 p.m., General Meeting.  
**Tuesday, Nov. 9th.**  
Bow Women's Hall, 3 p.m., Miss Lynch and others.  
175 Dalston Lane, 3 p.m., Miss Beamish and others.  
Outside Clarinco's, 1.30 p.m., Miss Manicom.  
Clock Tower, Burdett Rd., 5.30 p.m., Miss Lynch.  
**Wednesday, Nov. 10th.**  
Chrip St., 6.30 p.m., Mr. Franklin.  
53 St. Leonard Street, 3.30 p.m., Mrs. Holloway.  
**Thursday, Nov. 11th.**  
175 Dalston Lane, 8 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier, Miss Beamish.  
124 Barking Rd., 3 p.m., Mrs. Parsons and others.  
**Friday, Nov. 12th.**  
Piggott Street, 5 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier, Miss Manicom.  
Beckton Rd., 5.30 p.m., Miss Lynch.  
Poplar Women's Hall, 3 p.m., Miss Lynch, Mrs. Drake.  
Bow Women's Hall, 8 p.m., Debate.  
**Saturday, Nov. 13th.**  
Morning Lane, 5 p.m., Mr. Mackinlay, Miss Beamish.  
Vernon Road, 3 p.m., Miss Lynch.  
Bloomsbury, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst.  
Red Lion Square, Dinner-hour.  
**Sunday, Oct. 14th.**  
Victoria Park, 3.30 p.m., Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Bouvier.  
Bow Women's Hall, 8 p.m., Mrs. Walshe, Mrs. Drake.

## Free Church League for Woman Suffrage.

Mrs. PETHICK LAWRENCE and Miss EVA GORE BOOTH WILL SPEAK ON

"Why women should have a voice in the future peace settlements,"

AT THE CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER, (Room B.) Entrance in Matthew Parker Street.

On Friday, November 12th, 3 p.m.

Tickets 2/6, 1/- (including tea) and 6d.

ADMISSION FREE. DISCUSSION INVITED.

For Reserved Seats, apply at 13 Bream's Buildings, Chancery Lane, E.C.

## ANTI-CONSCRIPTION MEETING AT TREALAW.

A meeting was held under the auspices of the Rhondda Socialist Societies, at the Judge's Hall, Trealaw, on Monday evening, November 1st, at 7.30, when Mr. George Lansbury and Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, both of London, delivered addresses on "The Danger of Conscription from the Workers' point of view."

The meeting was presided over by Mr. David Evans, Yhyshir (late of Blaen Clydach). The hall was crowded long before the time announced for commencing. The chairman remarked that it was not an anti-war meeting, nor a recruiting meeting. He further said that no danger threatened the working-class more than Conscription. Afterwards a resolution of the N.A.C. was proposed by Councillor T. R. Davies, Tonypany, seconded by Mr. David Evans, Trealaw, and supported by the two speakers. When put to the meeting, the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. George Lansbury, speaking of Conscription, said that the Government would not get the same fighting qualities out of the Army under a Conscript system, as they were getting under the Voluntary system, and that no Government had the right to plunge a country into war without first consulting the people composing that country. He referred to the Dardanelles blunder as a proof of the Government's incapability to manage any big problem, and told the audience that they should not trust themselves in the hands of such a blundering Government as ours to enforce Compulsory Service.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst was accorded a great ovation, which proves that she had endeared herself to the Rhondda miners on the occasion of her visit to Tonypany a little time ago. Miss Pankhurst amused her audience by saying that we cannot make more men by Act of Parliament. When speaking of the high prices of food, she remarked that when Mr. Runciman was asked to do something in the matter of high freight charges, he said that he could not do anything as there was one great obstacle, and that obstacle, added Miss Pankhurst, was Mr. Runciman himself.

Two solos were rendered by Mrs. Lewis, Trealaw, which were highly appreciated by the audience. Miss Violet Pike of America, also spoke a few words which comprised a message from the trade unionists of America to their fellow trade unionists of this country.

The South Wales daily papers have said that there was a disturbance at the meeting. As a matter-of-fact there was one very persistent opponent who tried to interrupt, and evoked excited protest from the audience, but after a few interruptions, when each speaker began, he agreed to wait until the close of the meeting, when he was invited to address the audience from the platform. He then moved an amendment, which fell to the ground unseconded. The resolution was then carried with three dissentients.

The comrades of the local branch of the I.L.P., will be amply remunerated for the time, energy and money spent, and it is hoped that they will follow this meeting by a series of others, in order to enlighten the people.

The WOMAN'S DREADNOUGHT was all sold out in a few moments, and there were calls for more.

A retiring collection, amounting to £2 1s. 3d., was sent home as a present for the E.L.F.S. babies.

GIVE THIS PAPER TO A FRIEND.

## ASQUITH'S STATEMENT.

### Oppose Conscription!

On November 2nd Mr. Asquith made his much expected War statement to the House of Commons.

There is a sort of personal bravery of challenge about his statement on such occasions that has a disarming effect on critics, especially whilst the effect of his words is new. There is a certain splendour in his insistent acceptance of the chief responsibility for the conduct of the War, and in his declaration that he is determined to remain Prime Minister, and to hold fast to the full power and responsibility of the position. He admitted that there have been errors and shortcomings, failures of judgment, lack of foresight in the conduct and judgment of policy.

In prefacing his remarks on the Dardanelles campaign, in which 100,000 lives have been lost, by the statement that: "Sometimes it is not only expedient, but necessary to run risks and to encounter dangers which naval and military policy would warn you against," Mr. Asquith virtually admitted that the campaign has been ill-judged. He added that the plan had been approved by "the Admiral on the spot, the War Staff of the Admiralty here, the French Admiralty and the Russian Military commander, but that Lord Fisher had expressed doubts."

Mr. Asquith did not attempt to conceal that the Dardanelles campaign has been a disastrous failure hitherto, the War had brought him "no keener disappointment," but said that he thought it too soon to make a final judgment, and said that the Government had not yet made up its mind whether to abandon the campaign or not. Every day, every hour at the Dardanelles means loss of life!

Mr. Asquith also admitted "disappointment and failure" in the Balkans. Greece and Roumania remain neutral, Bulgaria is fighting against us and our allies. Mr. Asquith stated that in the diplomatic scramble to secure the support of the Balkan States, Germany has had the advantage because she has had no ally to consider save Austria, whom he dismissed as "a mere cipher." Having no one else to consider, Germany could make large promises of other nation's conquered territory, whilst we "could not barter away the property of our allies and friend behind their backs without their consent or without an assurance, at any rate, of adequate compensation."

What a light these words throw on the morality of the Governments on both sides and on the customs of what is called diplomacy. Only the fact that a country belongs to an ally prevents it being bartered as so much merchandise, the desires of the humble people who live on its soil are considered not at all!

In regard to the ominous question of conscription, Mr. Asquith said that there have been differences of opinion in the Cabinet, but he had "no objection of any sort or kind to compulsion—in time of war."

But if conscription were introduced he thought it should be done with general assent, for otherwise it might cause harmful disunity in the nation. He clearly indicated the possibility of conscription being introduced after November 30th, when Lord Derby will conclude his recruiting campaign.

Those who are opposed to conscription must therefore devote their energies to crystallising the opposition to it whilst there is yet time. If the

opposition to conscription is strong Mr. Asquith will shrink from taking the plunge.

E. SYLVIA PANKHURST.

## SUNDAY MEETINGS.

Poplar Women's Hall, Nov. 7th, at 7.30 p.m. : Speakers: Mrs. Leigh Rothwell, Mrs. Lawrence Houseman. : Chair: Miss Sylvia Pankhurst. Songs: Mr. Chappelow. Admission Free.

## PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

Every Friday night, 8 p.m., 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, "International Arbitration."

Friday, November, 5th.

## WILLIAM MORRIS HALL,

Walthamstow. Sunday, Nov. 14th.

Speaker: Miss Sylvia Pankhurst.

## E.L.F.S. GENERAL MEETING,

Monday, Nov. 8th, 8 p.m.

400 Old Ford Road, Bow, E.

ALL SAINTS' INSTITUTE, Newby Place, Saturday, Nov. 6th, 5.30 p.m.,

MEETING for GROSVENOR BUILDINGS' TENANTS. . . MISS SYLVIA PANKHURST.

## FACTORY WORKERS MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 9th, 8 p.m. 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, E.

FRIENDS SHOULD VISIT THE E.L.F.S. TOY STALLS 55 and 56, at the : : ENGLISHWOMAN'S EXHIBITION OF ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS, CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER.

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Also at the GREEN AND GOLD FAIR, CAXTON HALL, Nov. 26th and 27th.

## NATIONAL REGISTER SEQUEL.

On Monday, November 1st, at Hitchin Police Station, the Misses Aickin of Letchworth, attended a sale of their furniture, which was seized for non-payment of fines for refusing to sign their National Registration Forms. They were supported by Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. Reeves, well-known in connection with the Burnston School strike, Miss Smyth, E.L.F.S. and others. Before the sale Miss Smyth explained that the reason of the refusal to sign the register was a protest against the denial of Votes for Women, and against industrial and military coercion. The participants in the sale listened attentively, and were interested in what, to them, was a new point of view. A friend bought the furniture for £6 14s. 6d. The auctioneer at Letchworth is to be congratulated on his refusal to sell the goods.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., assistant secretary of the Railway Men's Union, said at a mass meeting of Teeside railway workers, at Middlesborough, on Sunday: "We do not object to the employment of women simply because they are women. What we object to is that women's labour should be exploited by any employer for his own personal ends."

Well done! This represents our own point of view.

Miss Pressley-Smith, an organiser of the National Union in Edinburgh, has been appointed secretary at the British Legation at Christiania.



