

# THE WOMAN'S DREADNOUGHT

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## A MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN

**CANNING TOWN PUBLIC HALL,**  
**BARKING ROAD,**  
**Tuesday, October 13th,**  
**At 8 p.m.**

**To demand a minimum wage for women of 5d. an hour or £1 a week.**

Speakers:

**SYLVIA PANKHURST,**  
**GEORGE LANSBURY,**  
**Mrs. FITZGERALD**  
*(Who was imprisoned on the Road),*  
**Mrs. PARSONS,**  
**Mrs. DESPARD.**

Chair: Miss PATERSON.

## THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS.

Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3.30 p.m.—Bromley, 20 Railway Street—Poster Parade.  
 Sunday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m.—Victoria Park—Miss Phillips, Miss Somers.  
 8 p.m.—Women's Hall—Miss Phillips, Miss Rickards, Mrs. Schlette.  
 Monday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m.—Bow, Women's Hall.  
 8 p.m.—Lesbia Road—Mrs. Bouvier.  
 8 p.m.—"Peacock," Freemason's Road—Miss Feek.  
 Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 2.30 p.m.—30 Churchill Road (indoors)—Mrs. E. Duval.  
 8 p.m.—Canning Town Public Hall—7.30 p.m.—Limehouse, Burdett Road—Mrs. E. Duval.  
 Wednesday, Oct. 14th, 8 p.m.—Limehouse Town Hall—East India Dock Gates, Poplar—Mrs. Davies.  
 8 p.m.—Crisp St.—Miss Rickards.  
 Thursday, Oct. 15th, 8 p.m.—Deacon's Vestry—Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Scurr.  
 8 p.m.—Knapp Road—Miss Fedden.  
 8 p.m.—124 Barking Rd.—Miss Feek.  
 Friday, Oct. 16th, 3 p.m.—Poplar Women's Hall—Miss Harley.  
 8 p.m.—Canning Town, Beckton Road—Mrs. Davies.  
 8 p.m.—Poplar, Piggott St.—Miss Beauchamp.

## CLOTHING STALLS.

Clothing stalls, where new and second-hand clothes may be bought at very low prices, are open at 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, on Fridays and Saturdays, and 20 Railway Street, Poplar on Saturday mornings. We shall be glad if friends can send us any clothes for these stalls. Boots and shoes are very urgently needed.

## OUR MOTHER AND BABY CENTRES.

Our milk bill has increased to enormous proportions. We are supplying milk to babies and invalids daily at 400 Old Ford Road. The members at Crowder's Hall, Bow, and 20 Railway Street, Poplar are also increasing rapidly, and we want to start a further centre at Canning Town. We cannot open a centre at Canning Town until we get more money. We also urgently need further subscriptions to keep going our present supply of milk, which has already saved numbers of baby lives. Quite a number who have been given up by the doctors have been saved by the milk and the care of the nurses and doctors who are so kindly helping us. Doctor Lilian Simpson attends weekly at Old Ford Road and Dr. E. M. Royle at 20 Railway Street, Poplar. Nurses Smith, Pritchard, Godwin and Hebbes are also giving very valuable help. Another nurse will be needed for the centre we wish to start at Canning Town. Who will volunteer? We greatly need 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 and BANDAGES.**

## THE BABIES' HOUSE.

The East London Federation of the Suffragettes is opening a Babies' House at 45 Norman Road as soon as it can be got ready. Lady Sybil Smith will take charge of the nursery, which will be run on the most up-to-date lines. The babies in the nursery will be the children of mothers who go out to work, they will range from a few months old to five years. In the upper part of the house some of the nurses and others who have come down here to help with our work will be able to live. Some of the furniture for the house has already been given to us, but we still need chairs, tables, cupboards with drawers and space for hanging, knives, forks and spoons, six fenders and sets of fire irons, two sets of toilet ware, four towel horses, brushes and cooking utensils, tables of all sizes, towels and bed and table linen, four babies' high chairs and some more perambulators. We shall be very grateful if friends will send these things to us.

## OUR CO-OPERATIVE BOOT FACTORY.

At the rear of the Babies' House is a workshop in which we are going to start a co-operative boot factory. The workers will be paid a regular weekly wage, the men the usual trade union rate and the women, either the recognised rate for the work they are usually engaged in, or, if the usual rate does not reach this standard, 5d. an hour or £1 a week. They will also share out the additional profits at stated intervals.

We can thoroughly recommend the boots which will be made at our co-operative factory. Mr. Payne, who will be the manager, has made boots and shoes for many members and officials of the Federation, and these have always beaten the record for wear and comfort.

Our prices will fluctuate like those of other firms, if leather goes up greatly owing to the War. Our present price list is as follows:—

## EAST LONDON WOMEN AT THE WAR OFFICE.

On Friday October 2nd, it was arranged by Lord Kitchener, that Mr. Harold Baker should receive, on his behalf, a deputation from the East London Federation of the Suffragettes. When the deputation of twelve women reached the main entrance to the War Office, they were told, before they had a moment to state their business, that the enquiry office was at the side door. They explained that they did not want to make enquiries, but had an appointment with Mr. Harold Baker; but the policeman in charge would not listen, and merely repeated that they must go to the side door. When they had gone round to the side door they found a large number of people examining a German gun, and numbers of others who had come to ask information. Some moments passed before they could get anyone to attend to them. Then Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, who was the leader of the deputation, was asked to leave the others waiting in the courtyard and to go inside with an official. This official eventually escorted her to the porter at the main entrance, where the deputation had originally applied. The porter said that deputations to important people like Mr. Harold Baker always came in through the front door, but he had no instructions in regard to this particular deputation, and must make further enquiries. Having done so he reported that he had found a room for the deputation, but that it was not large enough to receive them all. The room proved large enough to receive many more than twelve women, but there was only a limited number of chairs.

Mr. Harold Baker seemed taken aback when he found that, instead of being a group of official persons the deputation consisted almost entirely of soldiers' wives. He said to Miss Pankhurst: "I only want to hear the officials; I do not want to listen to the actual cases." Miss Pankhurst said: "But surely you want to understand their point of view and to hear what their actual experience is?" Mr. Baker replied: "This is not a court of enquiry; we are not prepared to receive sworn statements. It is no use listening to them." Miss Pankhurst said: "This deputation is to represent the opinions and experiences of the women concerned. It will lose a great part of its value if you do not hear them." Mr. Baker replied that he could only allow five women in the room at once and that the remaining seven must be left outside. Under pressure he agreed to hear what some of the soldiers' wives had

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THE RAILWAY STREET RESTAURANT.

## BABIES' OUTFITS.

We wish to be able to lend necessitous mothers outfits for their babies, for the first months, and to give them the first set of short baby clothes.

With the money subscribed for finding employment, we are getting baby clothes made, and paying unemployed women for making these things. Those who would give money and materials for making baby clothes would help in one of the best possible ways. Gifts of baby clothes can be made good use of, also nightdresses, quilts, blankets and sheets for the mothers. Even old sheets can be cut up for babies' napkins.

Each baby's outfit should consist of:—

### FOR BABY.

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

### FOR MOTHER.

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

## OUR EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

Women who can work care more for work than for charitable doles, what we need most is money to set them to work. We are employing women to make garments to give away to destitute mothers who are ill or who have too many children to be able to do anything beyond the unpaid labour of caring for their homes and children. We are also executing orders for knitting and garment making of all kinds, and in our Co-operative

LADIES—Glace Kid Button Boots 9/6 and 11/6; Lace ditto, Box Calf, 9/6 and 12/6. Superior quality, hand-sewn, 18/- to 21/- or hand "sew-round" from 12/6 to 21/-.

Shoes, Glace Kid or Box Calf, 7/6, 8/6 and 9/6. Superior quality, hand-sewn or hand "sew-round", 10/6 to 15/-.

GENTS—Lace and Button Boots. Glace Kid 11/6 to 15/-. Box Calf 6d. extra. Superior quality, hand-sewn 18/- to 21/-.

GIRLS—Glace Kid Button Boots, sizes 11 to 1 in women's, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. Sizes 4 to 10, 3/6 to 7/6. Box Calf ditto.

The Co-operative Boot Factory will also undertake repairing:—

Children's Shoes, soled and heeled 1s. 0d.

ditto ditto machine sewn 1s. 3d.

ditto ditto hand sewn 1s. 6d.

Women's Shoes, soled and heeled 1s. 6d.

ditto ditto machine sewn 1s. 9d.

ditto ditto hand sewn 2s. 0d.

Men's Shoes, soled and heeled 2s. 6d.

ditto ditto machine sewn 2s. 9d.

ditto ditto hand sewn 3s. 6d.

Our Special Sanitary footwear with Wool Lining—Women's Boots 18s., Shoes 16s.

Men's Shoes 18s., Boots 22s. 6d.

Our Special "Natural" Shoes for Children made to measure from 4s. 6d.

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 Chair: Mrs. DRAKE.



