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## Women Enfranchised in Denmark.

New Constitution Signed by the King, June 5

### NOTES.

A considerable amount of space is devoted in this issue to the International Women's Congress at The Hague. To avoid misunderstanding it must be stated that this Congress was not organised or supported by the International Woman Suffrage Alliance. The Suffrage Societies affiliated to the Alliance in many countries even opposed the Congress, and refused to send delegates. Nevertheless, it is important that such an event, closely affecting the International Woman Suffrage movement, should be chronicled and commented on in these columns. Owing to the British delegation being held up, no report was made for *Jus Suffragii*, but a résumé has been made from the Dutch papers, by the kindness of Miss Leaf.

### Correction.

We greatly regret that the article, "The Holy Rebellion," in our May issue, was erroneously signed "Ezaline Boheman," whereas it was by Ellen Key.

### California Senate and Women's Vote.

The following resolution was passed unanimously by the California Senate on May 1st:—

"So successful has been the operation and effect of granting equal political rights to women that, were it to be voted upon again, it would be re-endorsed by an overwhelming majority.

"That the adoption of Woman Suffrage by California is one of the important factors contributing to the marked political, social, and industrial advancement of our people in recent years.

"And that any disparagement on the ground that Woman Suffrage is not satisfactory to this State has no basis in fact and is disproved by the acknowledged intelligence and discrimination shown by women voters in the settling of our great political and industrial problems at the polls."

### The New York Suffrage Campaign.

The month of May was devoted in New York State to a house-to-house canvass to enrol favourable voters. Mrs. Catt writes that the fact that a quarter of a million women recently voted in Chicago has done more for Suffrage in New York than any amount of speeches.

### War Babies.

Sensational rumours have been current, and have led to wild statements in the Press, as to a supposed expected increase in illegitimate births in Great Britain. Never was there a more wicked and unfounded libel on the women and the soldiers. A special committee of the British National Council of Women has conducted an investigation, and found nowhere the least justification for the statements made. The Charity Organisation Society and the Local Government Board made inquiries, with the same result. The story is a symptom of the overstrain and excitement which lead to the fabrication of sensational stories.

### A French Girl as Mayor.

In a town in the South of France a girl of twenty-two has performed the functions of Mayor since August. She was a teacher and secretary at the mairie, and also qualified as a military nurse. While waiting to be called upon to nurse wounded she found that the chief municipal functionaries were mobilised, and was herself urged to take charge of affairs. The administration of the commune was left in her hands, and even in difficult matters concerning constructions, repairs, and workmen, she carried out the work with no assistance from the councillors. The young "maire" discovered that the latter, while willing to accept the honours of the position, were glad to remit its duties to a young Suffragist, whose claims to political recognition they would have ridiculed. She discovered many needed reforms in public health and other departments.

### A Million and a Half Dollars for Suffrage.

It was feared that the Leslie bequest of 1,500,000 dollars for Suffrage would be disputed by the nephew and heir of the testatrix. Mr. Maynard Follin states, however, that he has no intention of contesting the will, with which he is in perfect sympathy. He says he would rather the money went to Woman Suffrage than to any other cause or institution. He regards Woman Suffrage as the next great step in civilisation, and he hopes it will receive the legacy on June 8. Mr. Follin thus distinguishes himself as caring for Woman Suffrage to the amount of 1,500,000 dollars.

Mrs. Chapman Catt presided at a great Suffrage banquet in New York on May 8, at which 50,000 dollars were raised for the campaign fund. Mrs. Whitman, the wife of the Governor, sat next Mrs. Catt, and the chief speakers were the Rev. Anna Shaw and Mr. Granville Barker, the English dramatist and actor.

















Ellen Kleman, "Tidskriften Hertha," 48, Klarabergsgatan, Stockholm, C., writes, March 19th, 1915:—

"As ever, I must bring you my heartiest thanks for *Jus Suffragii*, which is admirable."

Katharine Rolston Fisher, 419, W. 119th Street, New York City, writes, March 4th, 1915:—

"*Jus Suffragii*, with its messages of friendship for all women from women whose men are at war with each other, is absolutely the most inspiring reading that comes under my eyes."

Mrs. Erichsen Brown, of the Equal Franchise League, 106, South Drive, Toronto, Canada, writes, April 6th, 1915:—

"I have very much pleasure in enclosing subscription to *Jus Suffragii*. The sample copies sent by you delighted me. It is a wonderful paper, and especially at this time, when there is so much bitter feeling engendered by the war, it is good for one's soul to be kept in touch with the splendid women of all the different nations."

Miss Mabel V. Wanliss, Lissa-Thorn, Redan Street, St. Kilda, Melbourne, writes:—

"... this very fascinating, interesting international paper, *Jus Suffragii*. Why have I lived so long without it? It is just the thing that appeals to me. I shall certainly become a subscriber."

Mrs. Alice G. E. Colclough, Hondia, Pine Lake, Alberta, Canada, writes:—

"I appreciate *Jus Suffragii* extremely."  
Elizabeth Shortt, Ottawa Local Council of Women, 5, Marlborough Avenue, Ottawa, writes, May 2nd:—

"I was especially pleased with *Jus Suffragii*, and I expect it will do much missionary work."

Frau Frida Perlen (of Stuttgart), writes, May, 1915:—

"Every number of *Jus* is a real joy in these sad times."

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONGRESS.

A very large number of letters and messages of sympathy were received by the Congress from all countries. In particular, A MANIFESTO BY FRENCH WOMEN IN SUPPORT OF THE CONGRESS,

and signed by a number of important professional women and workers, including Gabriëlle Duchêne, Clotilde Mulon, Jeanne Beaudoin, Marcelle Benoist, Jeanne Bouvier, Stella Bon, Charlotte Billard, Jeanne Daste, Suzanne Duchêne, Jeanne Halbwachs, Thérèse Jouanest, Marie Hélène Latrille, Marie Schrappper, Eliane Septaveaux, Isabelle Tonarelli, Camille Travaille. In fairness, this manifesto should be published side by side with the other French manifesto, but it reaches us too late for inclusion in this number, and will appear in an abbreviated form in the July number.

### AMERICAN NOTES.

#### WOMEN LAWYERS WILL DEFEND GIRLS.

Sixty women lawyers of Chicago have put themselves at the disposal of Judge Heap, of the Municipal Court, who will be privileged to call upon any one of them at his discretion to defend girl criminals who come before him.

#### SOME CONTRASTS.

Under the new mothers' pension law in New York State a poor woman must still rub away at the washboard to support the children, and perchance the father, till he is under the sod. Under the new mothers' pension law in equal-suffrage Wyoming mothers are pensioned if the father is disabled, dead, or has deserted. In Wyoming the mother gets twenty dollars a month for the first child. In New York she will get but half that sum.

The New York Legislature passed a Bill permitting women and children to work twelve hours a day. The Wyoming Legislature passed an eight-hour law for women and girls.

In New York women have their dower right. In Wyoming the Legislature has just given women, in addition to the dower, a homestead exemption of 2,500 dollars.

"Nothing has happened since the breaking out of the present war that is likely to have a greater influence on the destinies of mankind than the calling by certain women of Holland of a conference of women of all the world to meet at The Hague this April.

"The glories of war have departed; the profit of strife has proved vain; nothing is left but its sordidness, its cruelty, and its shame. Men will welcome an excuse to turn from their senseless course. It needs not the gift of prophecy to see that, when peace does return, the Court of The Hague will be a power in the world; and among the judges who pass upon international affairs will be women."—*Chicago Public*.

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The Union has issued a number of pamphlets and leaflets; amongst them one entitled "Women and War," by Mrs. H. M. Swanwick. Price 1d.

At its General Council Meeting on February 9 last the following resolution was passed:—"That the Union of Democratic Control, convinced that Democracy must be based on the equal citizenship of men and women, invites the co-operation of women."

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### N.U.W.S.S.

#### SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITALS FOR FOREIGN SERVICE.

A COURSE OF FOUR LECTURES, in aid of the above, has been arranged by the South Kensington Branch of the London Society for Women's Suffrage, at the Kensington Town Hall, on Wednesdays, at 3.30 p.m.

June 16th. Monsieur EMILE CAMMAERTS, on  
THE FUTURE OF BELGIUM.  
Chairman: Mrs. SCHARLIEB, M.D., M.S.

June 30th. Mr. C. RODEN BUXTON, on  
THE BALKANS AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE.  
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#### MEETINGS:

Wed., 9th June. 8 p.m. "Russia in War Time: A Record of Personal Experience." Mr. Julius West. Chair: Mrs. G. F. Abbott.  
Wed., 16th "The Population Question and the War." Dr. C. V. Drysdale. Chair: Mr. Laurence Housman.  
Wed., 23rd "Spending in War Time." Prof. E. I. Urwick (University of London). Chair: Mr. J. Y. Kennedy.  
Tues., 29th "Annual General Meeting."  
Wed., 30th "3.30 to 6 p.m. Club Tea. Lecture, 4.30. 'The Problem of Illegitimacy.'" Miss Margaret Bondfield. Hostess: Mrs. Bigland.

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