

WOMEN POWERFUL IN NEW POLITICS

BOOST SEX EQUALITY, DISARMAMENT, PUBLIC SANITATION, MATERNITY BOUNTY.

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CLEVELAND, May 13.—The most significant thing about American politics is the activity of a new group of women composing two or three organizations.

The National Women Voter's league, the Consumers league, and the Women's party hold rather different views, but they represent women of the same social caste and intellectual class, and they are, together, making genuine progress in American politics.

These women are brand new elements in American political life. The woman who has appeared in politics in other days has been more or less typified by the W. C. T. U.—the women from the church. The women used to fight the saloon with prayer meetings, who had no particular social standing in their home towns, the women who were crusaders and who didn't care whether or not their petticoats showed or their hats were on straight. They have given way to an especially smart woman, well tailored, good looking, and most intelligent.

This new type of woman is at the head of thirteen women's movements in America. It is a different and more dangerous crowd than the group of the last decade and the twentieth century, but its danger threatens only those who fear change. This new group is the business group, and it is tremendously effective and extremely liberal.

No group of middle class men is so radical as are these women. They have small interest in parties but are excited over issues. They want certain definite things and they don't care how they get these things, whether by trading in legislators, voting in primaries or persuading executives and forcing parties.

They desire equality before the law; equal guardianship of children, independent rights of citizenship no matter what nations their husbands may claim. They demand sex equality in marriage, in age of consent laws in property rights.

They are determined to have city playgrounds, public sanitation and hygiene and frankly taught in public schools. They want federal aid to local hospitals that accept maternity cases, with what amounts to a bounty for motherhood, and during the past six months or so, these groups have been greatly stirred to demand disarmament.

Congress is sure to have a desperate time with these women. They are after the tariff program, with all their hearts. The munition makers may well prepare to disappear with the brewers and the moona builders for these women will get congressmen who are supposed to be immune to influence. In the middle west this spring, state meetings of these women in one group or another are being held and no matter what the group sentiment for disarmament is the strongest sentiment that persists.

They are making plans to go after their senators and congressmen, not on such highly moral issues as the W. C. T. U. used; not by sending tracts, nor by holding meetings, but by writing rather determined, intelligent letters, and demanding votes upon the bills.

The letters do affect congressmen, and women know it. And these women have taken the forethought to enlist many prominent citizens whose signatures to the letter will count. They are not fighting tariff. They don't care for high taxes or low. These women are thinking in terms of women's problems and are getting into politics, not through parties, but through compact, efficient minority groups that are well financed, intelligently managed, and most effective.

These women's programs are most forward-moving. They are the only opposition today to the constructive who is in control of both the old parties. If the husbands of these women dream of the real dynamic significance of these programs, there will be some furious family talk that will probably end in talk for it is too late to try to stop the women now.

BRITISH RAIL

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their places being filled from the ranks of the thousands of unemployed. The action of employers led to the declaration of an independent rail strike in Glasgow, effective tonight. Similar action was expected at Nottingham. With no union miners working,

most of the available coal in Great Britain is "black leg." The government is expected to insist that enough of it be delivered to keep public utilities and vital industries in operation. A clash over this question might easily precipitate a "triple alliance" strike in sympathy with the miners—the long predicted industrial war.

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GOETHALS MAY BE INVITED TO RECONSTRUCT FRANCE

By Hudson Hawley
(United News Staff Correspondent)
PARIS, May 13.—France wants General George W. Goethals to come to this country to make a survey of her devastated regions and to create a plan for their reconstruction.

Louis Loucheur, minister of reconstruction, revealed this fact Wednesday when he met the foreign correspondents to discuss the reparations and reconstruction situation.

General Goethals, Loucheur declared, has been approached through the French ambassador at Washington and hope is held out that he will accept the task.

MEETING NOTICES

Knights of Pythias
Regular meeting Monday, May 16. Work in page rank. By order of C. H. BAGGOTT, C. C. 15

American Legion
Special meeting Dalles Post, tonight, 8 p. m. County court room. Election of officers. By order of THOMPSON COBERTH, Commander 13

Christian Church
Business meeting. All members of the Christian church requested to be present Sunday morning for the purpose of calling a minister. 14

The executive board of the Wasco County Sunday school will meet Friday, May 13, at the Baptist church to arrange the county convention programme. George Spickerman, secretary. 15

Seventh Day Adventist
Services at the Seventh Day Adventist church, 500 East Fourteenth street are held regularly as follows: Sabbath school at 9:45, preaching at 11 a. m. and Young People's meeting at 3 p. m. Saturday. Preaching Sunday night at 7:30. Prayer and missionary meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. The public is invited to attend these meetings. Elder P. W. Province, pastor. Personal address, 420 East Fourteenth street.

Farmers, Attention!
County meeting, farmers' union, Wednesday, May 18, at 10 a. m. at Sansene local. County court will be present to explain the \$500,000 road bond issue and State Secretary F. A. Sikes will also attend. Other very important business. Do not forget the date.
F. H. HILLGEN, Secretary
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ALLEGED FEMALE

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Wednesday at a boarding house where she and her husband were living. The specific charge against her is that of murdering Edward F. Meyer, her fourth husband, in Twin Falls, Idaho, September 7, 1920. She arrived here January 13 from Los Angeles.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, May 13.—From the role of the attractive daughter of a prosperous farmer to that of an alleged feminine "Bluebeard" is the career that the prosecuting attorney's office here today said it would prove Lydia Trueblood-Dooley-McGaffey-Meyer-Southard had followed.

She now is under arrest in Honolulu pending extradition on charges of murdering four husbands and one brother-in-law.

This, according to local authorities, is Mrs. Southard's alleged record: In 1913 she married Robert C. Dooley of Twin Falls. He and his brother, Edward, took out a joint insurance policy. Both became ill in 1915. First the brother-in-law died, and then the husband.

In 1916 she married William McGaffey of Twin Falls. In 1917 he took out a \$5,000 insurance policy,

and October 22, 1918, he died in Billings, Mont.

In March, 1919, she became the bride of Harlan C. Lewis, of Billings, Mont. He died, after insuring his life, in July of the same year.

August 1, 1920, she married Edward F. Meyer of Pocatello, Idaho. He took out an insurance policy, \$10,000 and in September, 1920, was in a hospital here.

No attempt to collect Meyer's insurance was made, officers said.

Mrs. Meyer left here soon after her husband's death and was taken to Los Angeles, where she had married Paul Vincent Southard. In Los Angeles she was presiding over the salad counter at a popular cafeteria.

Authorities declare that the girl, naturally attractive, had no difficulty in winning successive husbands. She lived with them in apparent happiness, they charge, and ministered carefully to their wants until they became ill. Then, it is charged, she would place arsenic in their food or medicine. Death would follow and, it is charged, physicians would attribute it to natural causes. The bodies of all five of Mrs. Southard's alleged victims have been exhumed and examined, according to the county prosecutor and evidence of arsenic poisoning found in every case.

Mrs. Southard will be brought to trial here. Extradition papers now are being arranged at Boise, the state capitol.

Pastry Sale.
Ladies of the Chenoweth Grange will hold a pastry sale at Parlor Grocery, Saturday, May 14. 13

CONSOLIDATION WITH

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ification. This morning's vote, however is indicative that no trouble will be encountered in ratifying the official resolution, it is said.

The following national and state executives are in attendance at today's meeting: W. F. Schilling, head of the milk producers' association of Minneapolis, Minn.; J. A. Howard, of Chicago, president of the American Federation of Farm Bureaus; U. L. Bur-



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dick of Kansas City; George C. Jewett, of Spokane, head of the Northwest Grain Growers' association; Hector MacPherson, head of the bureau of marketing of the Oregon Agricultural college; C. A. Spence, grand master of the granges of Oregon, and George A. Mansfield, president of the state farm bureau.

Grain growers from Umatilla, Sherman, Morrow, Gilliam, Wasco and other lesser wheat producing counties in the state, are in The Dalles attending the meeting, which is expected to last over until tomorrow.

The following delegation is attending from Sherman county: C. C. Calkins, W. H. Ragsdale, Will Powell, V. H. Smith, Omar Sayers, Carrol Sayers, F. A. Sayers, Matt Simon, J. J. Wiley, G. H. Root, Harry Pinkerton, J. B. Payne, Fred Cox, L. V. Moore, and Clarence Morrison.

HARDING SENDS

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that the senator may be embarking on his expedition as an unofficial representative of this government. He will, however, be accorded all necessary credentials and if he desires, certain restrictions now imposed upon Americans going into Russia will be waived. Because of his friendly attitude toward Russia it is believed he will be given opportunities by Lenin and Trotsky to study the Russian situation and no fear is held for his safety.

Dance at Cello Saturday Night
Take the old road to Millers bridge then come back three miles on the new Columbia highway.

DRUNKENNESS CAUSE

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not more than three of the twenty five De Haviland planes purchased

a year ago are now in service. He said they were found to be useless. Eversole was discharged from the service Wednesday. Recently he jumped from a plane 3,000 feet in the air and landed in a parachute. He said at the time the machine was in poor condition. He was called to Washington to explain why he jumped.

Another witness, Paul G. Rickel, formerly in charge of the rigging at the flying field, in Minneapolis, testified that mail planes had been per-

mitted to leave the Minneapolis field in poor shape for flying. He said it was common for the men to bet four to one that the ships would never reach their destinations. Various other witnesses told stories of "booze parties" and midnight orgies at the Checkerboard field. At the conclusion of testimony, chief inspector Charles H. Clarahan announced that the scope of the inquiry would be so enlarged that the committee's report will not be completed before June 1.

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