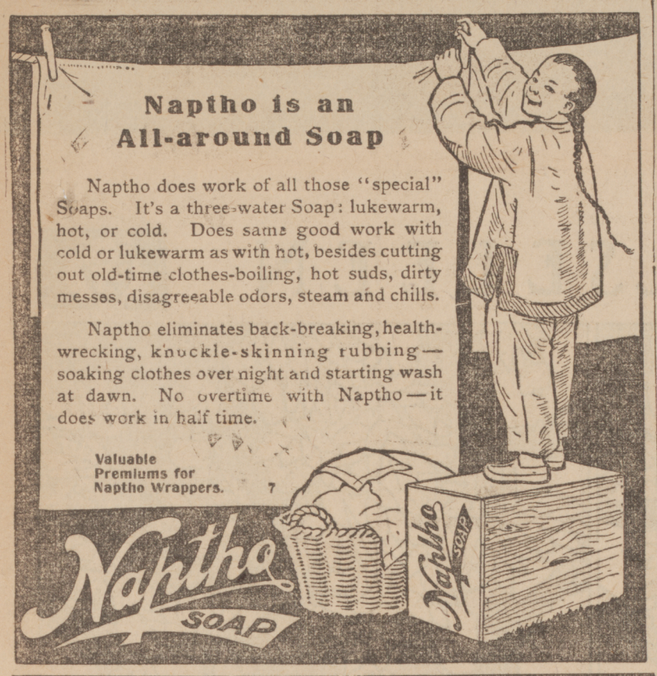


ST. JOHN WOMAN WRITES ABOUT THE ENGLISH SUFFRAGETTES

A Trustworthy Account of the Energetic and Determined Campaign Waged by the Women of Albion for Equal Rights at the Polls.

The following article which appeared in the Sunday edition of the Detroit Free Press is from the pen of Mrs. Clara B. Arthur, president of the Michigan Equal Suffrage Association. Mrs. Arthur, who is a native of St. John, is a sister of Miss Mabel Peters:

No feature of the woman suffrage movement is more discussed and less understood in the United States than that of the English suffragettes. Adverse criticism and condemnation of methods are due to misconception of the elements of the woman suffrage demand, and of the conditions which make that demand imperative.

Why are enormous numbers of British women, with passionate earnestness and increasing zeal, entreating for "the vote?"

Why have they the unfailing interest of many titled and wealthy women and the enthusiastic co-operation of wage-earning women?

Why are women of rank and leisure, of domestic service, of mill and shop defying custom, bearing ridicule, serving terms in prison with common criminals, spending large sums of money in agitation and protest, editing special perodicals, and, although repeatedly forbidden and repulsed, knocking continuously at the doors of parliament for a hearing?

How have the suffragettes succeeded in making their cause the dominant issue in English political life?

Why have they a concurring majority in parliament and yet cannot secure consideration by government of their damand?

There are four important suffrage organizations working in Great Britain. First, the National Union, which is a combination of the suffrage societies formed when John Stuart Mill was returned to parliament in 1865. This union has a newspaper, a caravan, distributes literature and carries on a quiet campaign. It was this society which lately assembled in the churches on a given day to pray for the success of the suffragettes.

Second is the Women's Freedom League; third the Men's League for Woman Suffrage, and fourth the Woman's Social and Political Union, an outgrowth of the Labor party. Its object is to oppose the party in power, hoping to force that party to take an interest in the claims of women. This union has become so strong a factor that it is really a political party, known as the "Suffragettes."

It must be remembered that precedent and rule regulating government are vastly different to what obtains in the United States. In this country to secure woman suffrage we must change the constitutions of 45 states and territories. The English suffragettes have merely to get a majority vote in parliament.

The Woman's Social and Political Union is asking votes for women on the same terms as they are possessed by men, and hopes to have passed this session. Thi could be done if that a simple measure to this end could be done if the cabinet would permit, as in the present house 420 members are pledged to support woman suffrage in principle. This is nearly a two-thirds majority; but the fate of a bill in the house does not depend upon the support or opposition of individual private members, but upon the decision of the cabinet to support or reject it. There has been a majority of parliament in favor of giving full franchise to women for 15 years, and a bill to this end recently passed its second reading in the present house of commons by a majority vote of three to one. The cabinet (which has power to smother any bill) refused to let it come up for the third reading and final vote—hence the recent protests and disturbances and interruptions of cabinet ministers in their public speeches.

The people of Great Britain who are supporting the woman suffrage agitation have not decided suddenly on the justice of the case. In 1816 women took part with men in the struggle for the extension of the vote. In 1821 in the great popular demonstrations women suffered with men when soldiers charged the crowds. The reform act, which so greatly improved the condition of men, did nothing for the women who had battled with them.

From that date the women have steadily agitated in every constitutional way to obtain the ballot. Nine thousand petitions with 3,000,000 signatures in support of votes for women, were presented to parliament between 1866 and 1879. In 1896 an appeal for the ballot was signed by over a quarter million women, and since then petitions and memorials have poured steadily into parliament from all over the kingdom, and the government pays no heed.

Women have applied to be registered as voters, thus again constitutionally signifying their desire to become voters, 92 per cent of the women of Manchester, for instance, sending in claims, but the Court of Appeals decided against them. Countless public meetings have been held all over the country, which carried resolutions favoring woman suffrage.

In 1908 7,000 meetings were conducted by the Woman's Suffrage and Political Union alone, some of them the largest political demonstrations in the history of the world.

And so, with every constitutional method tried and found wanting, what more could women do? They decided to harass the government. Women do not lack historic insight, and they know that the history of their mild insurrection is the history of all great reforms—rebellion, consequent persecution; insistence, acknowledgement and recognition by the government. And while their policy of aggressiveness is justified by results their methods must not be condemned from the viewpoint of dispatches in American papers. Most of their leaders are refined, cultured women who cordially dislike the notoriety their policy necessarily involves.

Six hundred and forty women, among them the much beloved and greatly respected philanthropist, Mrs. Despard, sister of Gen. French, have already endured weeks or months of imprisonment as common criminals for disturbing political meetings, forcing and attempting to force their way into houses of parliament, defying the orders of the police. Compare this with the rioting, incendiary, and life-attacking methods of the British men who resorted to many forms of government when wresting from a reluctant government the householders' voting act not many years ago.

"Why am I in prison?" said Mr. Lawrence lately. "Because apparently the appointed way to the freedom of women lies through prison gates. I am in prison that future generations may enter upon an even greater inheritance of human dignity and human freedom."

Before her sentence, with other women, to one month's imprisonment at hard labor for "obstructing the police," Lady Constance Litton said to the magistrate: "It will probably be said, as it has been said before that we are unwomanly, but that I deny. I speak only for myself, but so far as I know it would apply to every member of the deputation."

Mrs. Yates said before sentence was imposed: "I stand in this police court for having, I am told, wilfully obstructed the police in the execution of their duty. I attempted last night to proceed to the house of commons as a delegate from the women of this country. I went with dignity, as peaceably as the crowd and the police allowed me to."

The astonishing growth of the Woman's Social and Political Union shows how bitterly the women of Great Britain resent their legal status and political disability. They seek the protection and dignity of enfranchisement. Within the year the union has increased its staff from 30 persons to 75, its literary sales from $3,000 to $10,000, and its total income from $31,000 to $100,000. It has added six rooms to its London headquarters, and has established branch offices in eleven other cities. An aggregate sentence of eight years in prison has been suffered by women during the year, and although militant tactics mean the sacrifice of all that makes women's lives pleasant and comfortable, these women are willing to so sacrifice because they realize the importance of the emancipation of the mother-half of the race, and the effect that the voice of women would have on the social and economic problems of the day.

ST. JOHN LADIES CAUGHT IN ICE

Mrs. Robert Thomson and Miss Mabel Thomson Were Among the Passengers on the Tunisian

Among the passengers on the Allan liner Tunisian, which put into St. John's (Nfld.), leaking last week, after an encounter with heavy ice floes, were Mrs. Robert Thomson, of this city, and her daughter, Miss Mabel Thomson, who arrived home at noon yesterday.

Mrs. Thomson and her daughter were [illegible] after a three months' trip to the continent. They left [illegible] 6, calling at [illegible] aze of heavy ice bumped the steamer, but it is not known whether one of these caused the leak or whether it was done before. In fact, the passengers did not know that anything was the matter nor that they were out of their usual course until 5 o'clock on Thursday evening, when they were told that they would be in St. John's in three hours. No particular shock had been felt.

On Thursday in spite of the presence of the heavy ice, the vessel was sent ahead at half speed, arriving in St. John's about 9 o'clock that evening.

Until the arrival of a diver late on Friday afternoon it was not known just how serious the damage was. Acting on his report, it was decided to make temporary repairs and then proceed to Quebec. This took up Saturday, Sunday and part of Monday, and the passengers employed this time in sight seeing in St. John's.

Mrs. Thomson said that she was informed by residents there that there was an unusual amount of ice this year. One gentleman said that he had climbed Signal Hill, at the mouth of the harbor, and from there had counted 186 icebergs.

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FASHION MARS WOMAN'S FORM

Sculptor Cains Says Effort to Bring Waist Line to Hips is All Wrong.

Boston, Mass., May 21—Hugh Cains, the Boston sculptor, declares that women's figures have been ruined by devotion to fashion. He says:

"Women's figure is getting poorer and poorer every year. The female form is degenerating because of style. The women of today are getting further and further away from the Greek figure of 2,000 years ago, which they are all seeking to attain and which the whole world admires.

"As one instance of this, those who determine what is fashionable are trying to bring the waist line further down all the time. At present an effort is being made to get it down as low as the hips. This is all wrong, of course, for nature long ago determined that it should be just below the breast, allowing a soft, graceful line from hip to armpit. So long as fashion dictates that the waist shall be close to the hips, so long will we have women with bulging, lumpy hips and other deformities.

"If women would have just such a waist as they seek — the beautiful that we see in the classic paintings and sculpture, the waist that characterized the ancient Greek woman— let them avoid fashions.

"The tight lacing is the chief destroyer of woman's charms. No woman can have the figure that nature intended her to have under such condition. Bear that in mind, and then consider the damage caused by high heels, long, tight gloves, and monstrous hats, and you have a serious indictment against the fashion maker."

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All four men were experienced loggers, but on the capsizing of the boat in which they were crossing they were carried under by the current, swollen by the spring rains, before assistance could reach them. All were employes of the Riordan paper mills.

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