



# SOCIETY and PERSONAL ACTIVITIES of WOMEN



## HUNDREDS SEEK TO SPEAK TO HARDING

### Wheat Separated From Chaff as Many Kinds of Visitors Come to White House.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—"I must see the president."

The person making this demand at the White House almost daily may be of either sex; may be dressed in rags, broadcloth, silks or satins; may be mild-mannered, or loud-voiced, but they are all equally insistent.

What happens to them? How is Pres't Harding protected from the importunities? There is a simple yet very effective method of handling such White House visitors through the medium of the secret service detail. When Pres't Harding leaves the white house in the morning to go to his desk in the executive office building he is carefully guarded by several secret service men. They remain quietly and unobtrusively on guard in the immediate vicinity of the office as long as the president remains.

All persons visiting the executive offices during the time the president is present have to explain their mission to the two policemen on duty in the lobby. If the visitor's mission is apparently legitimate he is directed back to the doorkeeper, who arranges for their reception by Sec'y Christian, to whom they explain in detail their mission.

If the visitor has a suspicious manner or gives the policeman the impression of being a "crank," he is asked to wait in the lobby while the policeman sends for the "doctor." The "doctor" is the head or acting head of the secret service detail. Without any ostentation the suspect is ushered into one of the ante rooms of the executive office building and subjected to the most rigid cross-examination by the secret service expert.

No third-degree methods are used. The visitor does not even suspect that he is being grilled, but the operative gets his information and acts upon it. If the visitor has an errand which must properly be laid before the president he is taken in to see Mr. Christian, who makes an engagement for him with Mr. Harding. If the visitor's errand may be more expeditiously taken up with a member of Congress or the head of a department he is given the necessary directions as to how to go about it.

Some visitors, however, are not amenable to these suggestions and insist upon laying their grievances before the president direct. Calmly and in soft tones, the inquirer directs the visitor to follow him, and he is given a personally-conducted excursion to one of the large government hospitals in Washington, where he is placed under observation and treatment as to his mental status and his relatives notified. The efficiency of the secret service in handling these unbalanced pilgrims to the president is a source of wonder and remark among those who are familiar with the methods used.

Hundreds of letters have been received by the secret service detail from anxious relatives thanking them for the information on unbalanced members of the family. In most instances the visitor is a victim of an hallucination and has wandered away from home. There are very few violent cases handled at the white house now, but there are a large number afflicted with the mania for insisting upon "talking to the president" about their real or fancied wrongs. A note to a relative usually brings expressions of gratitude and prompt action in bringing the victim of the hallucination back home, and the entire incident has passed without publicity, due to the efficiency of the secret service methods.

## Her Miniature Sculptures to Go To Famous Gallery



MRS. IVIE MCCARTHY

WASHINGTON, March 25.—"Women can be the equals of men in sculpture and they arrive even faster."

So says George Julian Zolnay, noted Washington sculptor. And, as if to bear the statement out, Mrs. Ivie McCarthy, one of his pupils, is shortly to have some of

## Princess Fatima, Fortune Lost, Has Dread Of Return to Afghanistan, 'Land of Veils'

NEW YORK, March 25.—Princess Fatima has dread for her fellow voyager on her journey back to Afghanistan as a charge of the British government.

The princess, who is the Sultana of Kabul, sailed March 15. She came with a heavy purse and bedecked with jewels; she returns practically penniless, adorned with only a few pearls and the large sapphire in her nose.

The princess is the victim of a number of persons in whom she misplaced her confidence. Among these is Stephen Weinberg, who introduced her to Pres't Harding. Weinberg has been indicted on a charge of impersonating a commander of the American navy at the time he took the princess to the White House.

Quickly Disillusioned. The princess had two large expectations on her arrival. One was to dispose of a huge diamond for \$350,000 and the other was to obtain a grant of land from Pres't Harding. The diamond she finally had to give as security for a \$2,000 loan; the president told her the land grant was impossible.

"So I have been disillusioned in some ways," says the sultana, "but I am very glad I came. For I have looked free women in the face, and talked with them and laughed with them. And I, too, have been free. I have paid—but isn't liberty worth a price?"

"That's my dread—not that I have lost my money and my jewelry; not that I, the sultana of Kabul, must return home at the expense of the British government; but that I must again become a prisoner of veils. 'I hate them!' she indicated some chignon crumpled on her steamer trunk.

"I thought I never would have to wear them again. I don't want to put them on. I want to be like American mothers, to go around with my three sons, to be a real person instead of, instead of—"

The princess stopped, shrugged; then: "I was only 12 when I was married. My husband was 40. There were six of us, six wives. I was the youngest. He liked me best."

The princess wasn't boasting. She is beautiful, according to Persian notions—plump of figure, large of eyes, white-skinned. During her stay in America she continued to adorn herself like a harem woman with paint and pencil, mascara and rouge. In her nose she wears a huge sapphire, around her neck strings of pearls.

Envious Americans. "How I have envied American women walking beside their men!" she said. "My husband was good to me, in his way, but he never permitted that I was—nothing, nothing that American women are. And I can't be. The veils prevent."

"Why, in America women go out to restaurants to eat. In Kabul I have gone hungry because food had not been ordered for our house and I could not go out on the street to get any."

"That is what I must go back to. My people will provide for me, but— I must cover my face again, see no one, go nowhere, not even with my sons."

"So I dread —"

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PRINCESS FATIMA, PHOTOGRAPHED JUST BEFORE HER START BACK TO AFGHANISTAN.

## Germany Middle Class Now Have Hard Time for Wages

BERLIN, March 25.—One of the minor post-war tragedies in Europe is the problem of the middle-class boy who cannot find a job suitable to his attainments and social station. Usually over-educated for the common type of manual labor, he finds himself constrained to an indefinite period of idleness or to accepting a clerical position at a small wage.

Owing to the rigidity of class distinctions, the liberal professions and genteel occupations were much overcrowded even in the days before the war.

## THE SILVER LINING!

HONOLULU, T. H., March 25.—A possible shortage of ukuleles, guitars and various souvenirs made of the famous koa (Hawaiian mahogany) is threatened as a result of a recent conflagration in a Honolulu planing mill and lumber yard. The fire destroyed a pile containing

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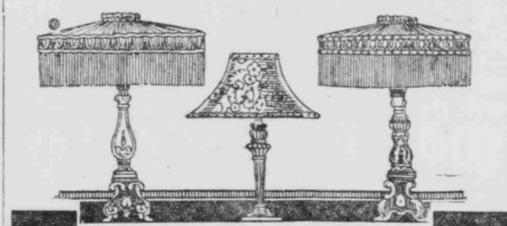
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## IRISH WOMEN TO DEMAND EQUALITY

### Deputations Ask Pres't Griffith to Make Voting Age 21 Instead of 30.

By KATHLEEN M. O'BRENNAN. (Written for Int'l News Service.) DUBLIN, March 25.—The women of Ireland are already asserting their rights.

Deputations of Irish women have called upon Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail and other leaders of the provisional government, demanding that the age of enfranchisement in the Free State be fixed at 21 years instead of 30, the age fixed by the English laws. The women promise to make this one of the interesting features when the treaty goes to the country.

The women leaders, who took a daring part in the struggle for Irish freedom, declare that when the elections are held that they will not take up the cry of "Up De Valera" or "Up Collins," but will wage a campaign for complete equality in politics for the women of Ireland and will support only those candidates who are



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ready to pledge themselves to such a platform.

A majority of the "Cumann na nGaedhe" the women leaders of Ireland, are between the ages of 18 and 25 and they are insistent that their rights must be protected and that they shall not be denied the franchise simply because the English law has set 20 as the age at which a woman is entitled to vote.

Countess Markievicz, Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington and Mrs. Aine Ceann, together with Mary MacSwiney, are leading the fight for women's rights in Ireland, and they claim that they have the support of the Irish republican army. There are some prominent suffragists who are opposing the efforts of the group led by Countess Markievicz, declaring that in the coming elections the women of Ireland will stand for the republic and

as opposed to support for the Free State. Such a stand will mean renewed warfare, they declare.

Countess Markievicz is urging the Irish women to base their fight in the coming elections on their demands for full political rights, and she refuses to agree that a vote against the Free State is a vote for continued warfare.

## Few Married Couples Are Happy, This Judge Asserts

NEW YORK, March 25.—"I have an idea that very few married couples are really happy," Supreme Court Justice Irving Lehman said from the bench in a talk to counsel in a separation action. He made a last-minute effort to effect a reconciliation between a man and his wife

before the case was taken for decision.

Henry G. Schmidt and his wife, Ida Belle, run a hairdressing establishment. Schmidt brought action for a separation, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment. His wife countered with a charge of abandonment.

"I do not find that these people have been an ideally united couple. I have an idea that very few married couples are really happy," said Justice Lehman. "But they have gotten along fairly well for 14 years and only parted after a flaroupe in a theater."

"I am not going to try to force people to live together, but this couple has gotten along together and have built up a good business during their 14 years of married life, and my impression is that they should live together."

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