

Society

ESTIMATE OF BIG INCREASE IN U. S. WOMEN WORKERS

By Biddy Bye
One million women workers sounds like a lot. But as a matter of fact it is only a moderate estimate of the INCREASE in women workers in the United States since the beginning of 1915.

According to Miss Marie Obenauer, chief woman examiner of the National War Labor Board, who made this estimate in October, 1918, 600,000 women of this number are in clerical work, and 400,000 in industrial.

An increase of nearly 50,000 in the one year, 1918, in the number of women employed on the railroads, is disclosed by the annual report of the director general of railroads, which states that the number of women employed in this work increased from 40,555 to 101,256, in the past year. Although the majority of these were doing clerical work, many were in the signal service, or tending switches, doing yard work, trucking or working in the roundhouses. The report goes on to say that the women have been equal to these jobs, "not only in processes requiring little skill, but in some of the trades calling for a high degree of intelligence and training. They are, for instance, doing electric welding, having advanced from flat work to welding of all kinds. The fact that some are earning the full mechanic's rate is a proof of their efficiency."

In all occupations, the total number of women employed at gainful work approaches 12,000,000. Of those who entered such occupations during the war, a great many, especially those in clerical government service, were undoubtedly girls who had never worked before. A large number of mothers and wives of soldiers went to work, some urged by economic necessity, and others by patriotism. Another group of war workers is that of the women who changed from non-essential work to war industry, including in large numbers domestic servants. School teachers, to the possible number of 100,000 left their class rooms to enter more definitely related and highly paid war work.

WOMAN AND HER CLAIMS FOR SUFFRAGE

The mist is dispelled when a good woman appears."

In assuming the duty of vindicating woman in her efforts and anxiety to acquire the same rights and privileges of man, in the field of politics, we feel that we are confronted with a problem hard to solve and reconcile to her refractory disposition.

Yes we believe that we are taking upon ourselves, the part of gentleman and scholar, when we take up her cause and we hope that our views meet with her approval and admiration.

As we believe in suffrage to a limited extent, we do not approve of the policy of excluding her from enjoying the same rights of man upon certain theories and issues.

When we come to the school question, child labor, how her property in her own right should be bonded, and taxed, and all issues and theories of like character, she is entitled to occupy the same status as man, by every principle of ethics, and every law, human and divine.

Hence, we stand firm in granting her all rights, upon all questions as the foregoing, and placing her far above the savage, who is striving to thwart her in her attempts to demand for herself the same rights he claims for himself.

While we approve the suffrage, we do not wish to be misunderstood. We believe in it, but in a limited degree. It must be remembered that making it universal, gives her the alternative, of holding any office from the position of a defective turnkey in a jail, policeman on the streets, to the magistrate.

To be spying around in the affairs of others, to be turning the key of a cell, on a hardened culprit, to be chasing another woman up a dark alley and haunts of infamy, to make an arrest is repulsive to any man or woman of intellectual refinement.

And does not such scenes have a baleful influence upon young girls growing up? Are they not so constituted, that they are ready to adopt any custom looked upon as correct and justifiable?

We believe in elevating the standards of womanhood and not lowering them, and trust that the suffrage issue may be so devised and arranged, as to keep her out of the vocations we have described.

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We are told by the enthusiastic suffragists, that by associating woman with man, in the fields of politics, it will have a refining influence upon him. Granted. But it is not an axiom in physiology, that we take on the personality of each other by constant intercourse and association? And while she is imparting that gentleness and refinement to the man, is she not taking on his coarser qualities? And while she is imparting that gentleness and refinement to the man, is she not taking on his coarser qualities? And while she is imparting that gentleness and refinement to the man, is she not taking on his coarser qualities?

Let us then, exert ourselves, in keeping her intact from any of the menial offices of government, and raise her to the level of man in all the highness that appertains to the protection of her venues, refinement and motherhood.

We hope the time, will never come, when a woman will desert and imperil the home to mount a public rostrum among boisterous men, to discuss some insignificant political question which will destroy her as a statue of grace and loveliness.

It is the attitude she will be placed in according to the theory of universal suffrage.

B. J. GONZALEZ.

Personal Mention

C. M. Wheat returned to Jacksonville Tuesday night after spending about six weeks with his family at their home on LaRue street. Mr. Wheat is a member of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, in Jacksonville.

Mrs. B. E. Millikan, 112 West Cervantes street, left at noon Tuesday for Savannah, Ga., her former home, where she will enjoy visiting with friends. Enroute she will stop in Montgomery to visit her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Fuller. Before returning home she will also visit with relatives in Summerville and Spartanburg, S. C.

News received from Washington, D. C., finds Mrs. John H. Smithwick, Captain and Mrs. J. E. Tuttle for the season. Mrs. Tuttle, who is now in Chicago, will later go to the mountains to spend the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goodhart have taken the Bayside cottage of Captain and Mrs. J. E. Tuttle for the season. Mrs. Tuttle, who is now in Chicago, will later go to the mountains to spend the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Hayward, who have been residing in town during the winter, moved out to their summer home on the Bayshore, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Saltmarsh, Jr., have returned to their home in town after spending about two weeks on the Bayshore.

Lieut. Lamb, U. S. N., of the naval air station, left Tuesday night for Rockaway, to which place he has been transferred for duty. Ensign Himes, who has also been transferred to Rockaway, will leave as soon as he is able to be discharged from the naval hospital where he has been confined, suffering from injuries received in a recent accident. During their stay here Lieut. Lamb and Ensign Himes have made many friends in the city who have expressed sincere regret at their departure.

Misses Audrey Kellar and Catherine Eitzen returned home yesterday after a delightful visit with Mrs. Sara Forrest, of Detroit, Mich., at her winter home at Santa Rosa, on the Narrows.

John Kessler, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. C. Kessler, of Montgomery, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Eitzen, on the Bayshore. Mr. Kessler is spending some time in New York City. They are former residents of Pensacola and have numerous friends here who hope to have the pleasure of welcoming them to the city before long.

Mrs. W. E. Craig, daughter, Dorothy, and Misses Clara, Elizabeth and Carrie Moreno, expect to leave about the middle of this month for Saluda, N. C., to spend about six weeks among the mountains.

Mrs. B. J. Powell and daughter, Miss Betty Lee Powell, of Ashburn, Ga., will arrive in Pensacola tomorrow to visit as the guests of Mrs. Powell's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hobby, at their home on North Baylen street.

Mrs. Corinne Jordan and Mrs. Leota Jordan left yesterday for Asheville, N. C., where they will enjoy spending the summer months.

Miss Leta Weatherlow, of Birmingham, Ala., has arrived in the city to spend a few weeks here as the guest of her brother, Mr. R. H. Weatherlow.

Miss Annie Ruth Gittings returned home yesterday from Mobile, Ala., where she has been visiting relatives for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Lawrence, Jr., who were recently married in New Orleans, returned to Pensacola this morning. Mrs. Lawrence was formerly Miss Chloe Duncan.

Miss Mary Daniels leaves tomorrow for Mary Esther, Fla., to join her cousin, Miss Katherine Shepp, who with her parents, is spending some time there. Miss Daniels will be gone about a week or ten days.

Mrs. M. J. Wise, of Mobile, is expected in the city the latter part of this week to join her daughter, Miss Marion Wise, who has been visiting for several weeks as the attractive



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cases the criticism is justified. Dairymen have been known to produce impure milk, and some are probably still doing it to some extent, but it is not advisable to accuse a reputable dairyman hastily. It is likely that he is more capable of producing clean milk than 95 per cent of his customers are of keeping it clean after he delivers it.

C. L. Willoughby of the University of Florida college of agriculture reminds housewives that they should care for milk just as carefully after it is delivered as they would have the dairyman care for it before. First of all, it should be placed in the refrigerator immediately upon delivery. If it sits in the sunshine for an hour or two, it cannot be expected to keep well. The bacteria which are present will have done considerable work before the temperature can be reduced. Then, the longer the bottle sits on the steps or porch, the greater danger there is of contamination. Dogs and cats are sure to nose the bottle. If they do not succeed in loosening the cover,

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