

RICH SUFFRAGETS KNOW NOTHING OF MINERS' WIVES' SUFFERING, SAYS MOTHER JONES

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Trinidad, Col., Oct. 27.—Mother Jones, 81, here fresh from the West Virginia prisons to help Colorado coal strikers, recently gave me her opinion on women's suffrage.

"From what I see of conditions in this corrupted state of Colorado, where they have had women's suffrage for 14 years, it seems to me that the influence of women has been utterly useless. I wish Mrs. Pankhurst would frame me a statement as to why women's suffrage has failed so utterly in Colorado. Conditions of women and children in mining districts are worse than in any other part of the United States.

"This state is owned by corporations. Votes of the women of Colorado have never helped Colorado women and children, made their lives easier or lessened their toil or gained for them any additional human rights.

"The rights of lower classes are less respected in this great woman suffrage state than in West Virginia, where women don't vote. It is like prescribing cough medicine to cure consumption for Mrs. Pankhurst to suggest votes for women as a cure for economical slavery.

"Mrs. Pankhurst doesn't understand problems of the lower classes; she belongs to the upper classes. What does Mrs. Belmont or Mrs. Mackay or other rich women who surround Mrs. Pankhurst know about suffering of miners' wives and infants? Mrs. Pankhurst travels with women who are opposed to what laboring classes of America stand for. They demand to know what right Mrs. Pankhurst has to associate with such women at the same time she talks about uplifting the world. The consumptive, economical America needs something more than Mrs. Pankhurst's celebrated cough syrup. I wish Mrs. Pankhurst were coming



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to speak to the women in the tented camps of the coal strikers of Colorado. It would be more of a lesson for Mrs. Pankhurst than for the wives."

MEXICAN SITUATION

Mexico City, Oct. 27.—Returns from Mexican election showed that only 5,000 votes were cast in federal district where there are 80,000 voters. Believed congressional candidates, with approval of General Huerta, will declare themselves elected.

Mexico.—Result of election according to Mexican constitution merely makes it "no election" at all, no candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast, therefore Huerta is still provisional president, but he will now have a congress that will do his will. He has issued a decree raising the federal army from 80,000 to 150,000, which may necessitate conscription.

Vera Cruz—General Felix Diaz telegraphed Huerta his resignation from the army.

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