

MOTHERS VOTE UNDER 22 FLAGS



Flags That Float For Woman Suffrage

War Brings Woman's Freedom Nearer.

Flags of 22 nations waved before the Senate of the United States on April 20th, as a visible reminder that all these nations have given full or partial suffrage to the women of their countries by parliamentary procedure. The countries are: Great Britain, including England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Honduras, South Africa; Scandinavia, including Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland; France; Russia; Netherlands, Mexico; Porto Rico; Hawaii; Burmah.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt appeared at the Senate hearing, in behalf of the Federal Suffrage Amendment, flanked by these 22 flags, as a concrete illustration of the fact that in no country except the United States are women forced to seek political freedom by referendum to a general electorate.

Since January 1, 1917, the franchise has been conferred upon the women of Ontario, Canada, by act of the provincial legislature.

Municipal Suffrage for French and Italian Women.

After eleven years of waiting French women have this year seen their municipal suffrage bill favorably voted on by the Universal Suffrage Committee of the Chamber of Deputies. This bill when passed, will give French women municipal franchise and municipal eligibility. Its reporter, Pierre Etienne Flandin, deputy from the Yonne, believes that its chances of passage are good and that, once passed, the vote for national representatives will soon be added.

On May 5th, Premier Boselli of Italy had this to say about the bill for woman suffrage presented by Deputy Muratelli to the Italian Parliament: "As far as the vote for municipal elections is concerned I do not think there can be either doubt or delay in giving it on the same conditions as it is given to men."

A few weeks ago, the president of the Committee of Civil Assistance, Signor Adolfo Appoloni, made this appeal to the Italian Minister, Signor Boselli:

"The women deserve the admiration not simply of Rome but of all Italy. Let us pay to women the same honors paid to men who are fighting. Considering that our ancestors placed women in the highest positions, surrounding them with the greatest respect and privilege in the institution of the Vestal Virgins, we should also give them a higher status, that they may with enthusiasm and devotion, minister to the dearest and noblest of institutions—our country."

Russian Women's Enfranchisement Will Be Demanded by the People.

In Russia, women will be included in the revolutionary turnover. Assurance has come from Prince Lvoff, Premier of the Provisional Government, that women are to help elect delegates to the Constituent Assembly. "With such a radical change," says one dispatch, "full extension of the franchise to them will follow soon." In the meanwhile at the Congress of Workers, Soldiers and Delegates held in Petrograd on April 17, a report was adopted containing the recommendation that "women shall have the same voting right as men."

Minister Kerensky is a suffragist and it is the opinion of Mr. J. G. Ohsol, a member of the second Duma, now in this country, that the workmen's councils will insist that, since women have borne a leading part in every revolutionary and educational movement in modern Russia, they shall be enfranchised at once. "To deny these women even temporarily the right to vote on the future of Russia," says Mr. Ohsol, "will not be tolerated by the masses." It is the opinion of Russian women of prominence in this country that behind the Russian revolution is the shining promise of woman's freedom.

On April 29th, Gustavus Losie, a member of the German Reichstag, openly advocated full woman suffrage in Germany, "on the ground that it was through the efforts of millions of German women that the existence of the nation had been preserved."

WOMAN'S WAR SERVICE IN AGRICULTURE

Among the 2,000,000 suffragists now mobilizing for war service, in response to the call to the colors by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, work on the soil seems to be popular. The women are putting their accustomed suffrage initiative and energy into the organization of hoe and spade brigades—by no means neglecting their suffrage work as they dig and plant.

With the co-operation of State and Federal authorities, already eight states are in the vanguard for agricultural work.

Connecticut suffragists are setting apart "patriotic lots" for every rural and small town league. Upon a farm, eight miles from Greenwich, belonging to Miss Ryan and Miss Runtz-Rees, will be established the Fairfield County Camp Farming School. Here an eight weeks' course in practical farming and care of stock is to be given.



Costume for Suffrage Farmers, Designed by Mrs. Ruth Litt, N. Y. State Chairman for Suffrage Agriculture.

Under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Litt, state chairman of suffrage agriculture, an extensive warfare in trenches turned up by the peaceful plow will be on the program for New York State. Mrs. Litt is a practical farmer, managing for herself her large estate, Jackwill Farm, East Patchogue, Long Island. She has designed one of the most practical of the experimental service costumes for women who are to do farm service.

New Jersey has the distinction of containing the large farm, owned and run by Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, National Chairman for suffrage agriculture. New Jersey women suffragists are all for the mighty potato. They are doing their bit on lots set apart for culture of the homely tuber, and the pursuit of the potato bug is to take the place of mosquito warfare in New Jersey this year.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE A CONSERVING FORCE

Falling in line with the offer of war service made by the National American Woman Suffrage Association to the President of the United States, various state suffrage associations have called their members into real and practical service.

The first act of the president of the Nebraska State Suffrage Association, Mrs. W. E. Barkley, was to line up her members in suffrage thrift clubs. Many Nebraska home-makers have been in the habit of ordering in the summer, the winter's supply of vegetables and fruits from their local grocers. This year the state suffrage organization is awakening its members to the fact that Nebraska women can raise and put up their own foodstuffs, and so free the produce of the canning factories for exportation or for the army, wherever, in fact, it will be most needed.

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