

MISS RANKIN ASSAILED AND LAUDED BY WOMEN

Mrs. Horace Brock, Suffrage Foe, Derides Congresswoman as Unpatriotic

By MLISS Loud cries of "Noble!" "Magnificent!" "We are proud of her!" relieved only by a tiny sob—issuing from the home—of "Traitor!" "It's just what we expected of her!" characterized the comments of prominent women on the first vote cast in Congress by the first woman ever to sit there.

Millarist women, pacifist women, suffragists and just women, with a single exception, are standing solidly behind Miss Jeanette Rankin, who, after a grueling all day and all night sitting in the House of Representatives, allied herself with an overwhelmingly unpopular side by voting against the measure that will send us to war with Germany.

The single exception comes from the anti-suffragists.

Bristling with joy and with an exultant note in her voice, Mrs. Horace Brock, president of the anti-suffragist association of Pennsylvania, held Miss Rankin's vote up to scorn and declared that the first woman in Congress had covered herself at the earliest opportunity with disgrace and shame—exactly as the anti-suffragists had predicted she would.

"It is just what you would expect a suffragist to do," she said, vindictively. "They are all socialists. Socialists have no patriotism. Suffragists have neither patriotism nor religion. The anti-suffragists have stood square for preparedness and for their country for more than a year. We are the loyal ones. Miss Rankin's vote shows what we may expect from women in politics."

Other women were as profoundly moved as Mrs. Brock, but somewhat differently. "It was noble of Miss Rankin," said Mrs. Elmer E. Melick, extension secretary of the American Red Cross and an ardent preparedness advocate. "Of course, I do not understand or sympathize with her attitude. I cannot see how any one can be for peace at this time, but Miss Rankin has shown the courage of her convictions. She has not feared to make herself unpopular at the outset. She was strong and voted the way she believed. It is a great triumph for woman. She has demonstrated that she can rise above party and political opinion to do what she considers right. Her vote was particularly unselfish in the fact that she is unmarried and has no sons whom she might have wanted to protect from war."

In the opinion of Mrs. George A. Piersol, former chairman of the Woman Suffrage Party, the stand Miss Rankin took was big and magnificent.

BIG, MAGNIFICENT

"From the description of her manner of casting her vote," Mrs. Piersol said, "we were able to see that she did what she did with her eyes open. She had no illusions about the unpopularity that might accrue to her from allying herself with the so-called 'liberal pacifists.' If she is human, she would have liked to throw her vote in the popular scale. She was torn between her knowledge of what the majority in the country wanted and her conviction that war gets us nowhere. She was not 'womanish' in the sense that so many expect us to be 'womanish,' but she was big, magnificent. I have great hopes of her."

"It proves what we have been contending all along," was the comment of Mrs. Frederick Drinker, secretary of the Woman's Suffrage Party, "that the woman in politics will not be bipartisan, but will vote exactly as she thinks right. I may not sympathize with Miss Rankin's views, but her action was entirely praiseworthy. She might have made a big hit by voting 'yes,' and she didn't do it. She's real. She's there."

The suffragists as an organization will not send a telegram to the first Congresswoman, but many in the ranks who hold her views opposing war, or who wish to felicitate her on the brave stand she took, have already done so. It was said at suffrage headquarters.

ABE JACOBS'S EASTER FINERY PREY OF THREE ENVIOUS NEGROES

Mrs. Abe Discovers Intruders Garbing Themselves in Costly Raiment, Gives Alarm, and One of the Beau Brummels Is Captured After Chase

Mrs. Abe Jacobs, 4202 Market street, was naturally somewhat upset this morning when she opened her bedroom door a wee crack and discovered three "colored gentlemen" in an effort to make an equitable division of her husband's Easter outfit.

So amazed and terrified was Mrs. Jacobs that she could only stand there and peer through the crack like a person in a trance. One aristocratic "colored gentleman" had already donned Abe Jacobs's Prince Albert and lavender trousers, and he was surveying himself proudly from a dozen different angles in the mirror of the dresser.

Another had squeezed his feet into Abe's brand new tan Easter oxfords, and a third was attired in a striped suit, in which Abe had planned to scintillate on the boardwalk at Atlantic City next Sunday. The third negro had managed also to jam his huge feet into a new pair of shiny patent leather shoes which had cost Abe \$8.

The negro who had selected the Prince Albert and lavender trousers seemed to be in considerable disfavor with his two companions. The whites of their eyes fairly glittered with envy as they watched him perform in front of the mirror, arranging a bright orange necktie which Abe had selected the night before at a prominent Chestnut street haberdashery.

Right here Mrs. Jacob came out of her trance. She let loose a screech that would have drowned the shrillest note of a steam calliope and ran downstairs into the street. She ran along the street, screaming at the top of her voice. The negroes stopped their primping and dropped out of a second-story window to the rear yard. Two of them, including the one with the Prince Albert, leaped the back fence and got away. The negro with Abe's striped suit and patent leather shoes ran on to Market street, where he was spotted by Patrolman Steth, of the Thirty-second street and Woodland Avenue station. Steth drew his revolver and kept it barking after the fleeing negro. Neighbors who were reading the war news over the breakfast table were unnerved by the shooting and rushed into the street. The negro was a good runner, but he was considerably impeded by Abe's shoes which were too small for him, and by Abe's trousers which were too tight in the seat. As he ran his squeaking shoes were as noisy as a lot of mice caught in a trap. At Forty-fourth and Market streets he threw up his hands and surrendered. The whites of his eyes fairly glittered with envy as they watched him perform in front of the mirror, arranging a bright orange necktie which Abe had selected the night before at a prominent Chestnut street haberdashery.

CHESTER LOYALLY STANDS BY THE FLAG

Pennsylvania Military College Tenders Services for Training Citizen Soldiers

By a Staff Correspondent

CHESTER, Pa., April 6.—Imbued with an insatiable spirit for practical preparedness, the historic old town of Chester, has taken initial steps for active participation in war.

Braving a cold rainstorm, eighty boys and 100 men yesterday afternoon and last night presented themselves at the Pennsylvania Military College for rigid training in the art of war.

This was the result of the recent offer of the military staff of the college to prepare men who are unable to join the National Guard and high school boys to become citizen soldiers. Two corps will be formed, the High School Cadet Corps and the Citizen Training Corps. The first is to include boys more than sixteen years old from Chester High School, eighty of whom have already enlisted, and other students from schools throughout Delaware County. The second is open to all men from the age of eighteen to fifty-five.

Colonel Charles E. Hyatt, commandant of P. M. C., last week tendered Government equipment of the "West Point of the Keystone State" and the military staff of the college to the city for training purposes. The course will include at least ten weeks of rigid training, covering two drills a week, two hours to each drill. Instruction is to be under the direction of the military staff of P. M. C. and by the cadet officers. In events of necessity the campaign will be carried into and possibly throughout the summer months.

Captain Lewis S. Morey, U. S. A., hero of Carrizal, is in supreme command of the work. Prominent men throughout the State visited Chester last night to review the first rally. Colonel Frank G. Sweeney, inspector general of the Pennsylvania National Guard, declared the move to be "significant." Mayor W. S. McDowell, of Chester, regards it "as a wonderful step that should spread like fire throughout the country and carry other military schools in the wake of its spirit." "The Pennsylvania Military College," he declared, "has shown real patriotism by opening its doors for the training of men for the defense of our liberties."

UNION LEAGUE IRATE AT CHARGE OF INERTIA

"Silly," "Rot," Characterize Comment on Letter Accusing Langour in War Aid

Intimations that the Union League is backward and slow in taking a hand to help the nation at this time of crisis were received in the league's club house today with indignation.

"It's silly! It's rot! It's not worth paying any attention to," Herman Haupt, one of the directors, said of a letter to the EVENING LEDGER, published yesterday, in which the Union League's present attitude was questioned. Here is the offending letter, which was written by a League member, prominent in the city:

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—What is the matter with the Union League? Once it had a voice, and whenever there was a national crisis that voice was heard from one end of the country to the other.

Why so dumb now? Is it because there are some Germans in the membership that it is policy not to "offend"?

Has it come to this? VETERAN. Mr. Haupt's denunciation was echoed by other officials of the organization. John T. Riley, a director, said the league

is willing to do its share in the work of war, but does not know what is required of it. As for the influence of German members, he declared that not more than 1 per cent of the total membership is of German birth or extraction.

"There's nothing to the accusation made in that letter," he continued. "Two months ago 1200 members in a great meeting unanimously put themselves on record as being ready to back President Wilson to the fullest extent, in spite of his politics. 'The league simply does not know what is expected of it. It awaits a call to service,' Mr. Riley said.

Swallows Poison by Mistake WEST CHESTER, Pa., April 6.—Miss Mina Hart, eighteen years old, drank from a tumbler containing poison, mistaking it for water. She had been cleaning silver-ware with the poison. She will probably recover.

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STATE BOARD TO WEIGH MAYOR'S TRANSIT PLEA

Commission Will Consider Demand for End of Deadlock Next Monday

The Public Service Commission Monday will take under consideration Mayor Smith's demand that the deadlock over the transit situation be broken and that the certificate of public convenience for the various lines of the high-speed system sought by the city be granted or refused.

Following three executive sessions the early part of this week the commission deadlocked over all the certificates except that for the Frankford "L" extension from Dyre to Rhawn street, which was granted. The three opposing the certificates were Commissioners Ryan, Magee and Billing.

As contracts totaling more than \$15,000,000 are being held up by the board's inaction, the Mayor last yesterday wrote to Chairman Ainsie asking that definite action be taken. In case the city's applications are denied, then it is likely that steps will be taken to test the commission's right to hold up the city's development projects after the voters have approved them at the polls.

IF YOU WEAR THESE 3 for \$4 Shirts Says P. T. Wise: You'll be well satisfied with your personal appearance. Furthermore there is good wearing quality in an Underdown Shirt at \$1.50 each or 3 for \$4. Cuffs Attached or Detached A.R. Underdown's Sons Rubber Goods and Men's Furnishings 202-204 Market St. Established Since 1835

Supreme Values in \$5 Trimmed Easter Hats Demonstrating beyond question the supremacy of this exceptional purchase—assuring you of regular \$7.50 hats for \$5! A very late shipment—just in time for Easter—including every new and desirable shape, color and fabric. Get yours here and save money! Black Lisere Hats—Roll Brims, Sailors, Mushrooms, artistically trimmed. Genuine Italian Milans in high shades, black and white, with imported flower trimmings. Hems and Braid Straws—Large, small and medium shapes in colors to match your suits. At the New Bedell Fashion Shop Market, Cor. 12th St.

J. E. Caldwell & Co. Chestnut—Juniper—South Penn Square Tall Flower Holders Of Silver With Four Corner Vases Silver Exhibition April 2nd-14th

Death to H.C.L. Our \$20 Spring Suits are giving body blows to the Common Enemy—High Cost of Living. They look like a lot more money, and the fabrics and tailoring are much better than you will find in other houses at this price. You don't have to take our word for this, altho' it's true—a few minutes, inspection will convince. Models and fabrics suited to Young Men of all ages. JACOB REED'S SONS 1424-1426 CHESTNUT STREET

The Style Parade Is On! Are You Prepared? We've nearly half a hundred styles in oxfords for young men ready for Easter. One of them is the style you want. One of them is at the price you want to pay. Every size and width in all models. The distinctive design and the pleasing appearance of our new Spring Oxfords make this the "Store for Young Men." You could go far and wide and not find as much snap and style. In all leathers, black and the new tan shades; High Shoes or Oxfords. Entire Main Floor For Men Where there is plenty of vim and originality for the young man who wants distinctive style. Come in and let our courteous salesmen show you the new models. (A) The newest Oxfords for Country Club or Shore. New shade Tan, also Cordovan \$7 to \$10 or White Buckskin. (B) The Brogue Pattern in dark Cordovan or Black. A model with Red \$5 to \$6.50 Class. (C) New Pattern for the up-to-date young man. Dark Cherry color, Tan or Black, \$8.00 also in Black. (D) The Correct Oxford for Business. Dark shades in Cordovan or Cordovan-Tan, also Black \$7 to \$9. (E) An exclusive Model in Cordovan or Dark-Brown \$7 and \$8. 'TIS A FEAT TO FIT FEET Dalsimer 1204-06-08 Market St. Our New Line of Special Easter Hosiery Now Ready

Quick Reading News for the Man who's going to buy his Easter Suit or Easter Spring Overcoat Today or Tomorrow! At \$15—Blue serge Suits with outside patch pockets or regular pockets, soft-rolling lapels—gray single-breasted Suits, belt back, slanting slashed pockets—cambridge gray mixtures, regular flap pockets. At \$15—A dandy dark Oxford with faint bluish-white pin-stripes, plain back and regular pockets—green flannels, belt back, outside patch pockets. At \$18—Greenish tan Suit, outside patch pockets—browns with faint stripes, belt backs—dark gray worsted, regular pockets, plain backs. At \$20—Very snappy brown mixtures, outside patch pockets, plain backs—double-breasted, belters, vertical pockets, and fabrics galore! At \$25, \$30, \$35—Suits in tan mixtures, slanted outside patch pockets, belts that button under or outside the Coat—checks with belts, outside patch pockets—beautiful light grays with plain belt backs—and so on, almost ad infinitum! And Spring Overcoats! At \$15—Conservative and loose-back models in quiet patterns and novelty mixtures—at \$18, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35—Trench Coats with belts, snug-fitting models; loose-fitting models in wide selection of fabrics. But come in! You'll find what you want, and you'll find it right! PERRY & CO. "N. B. T." 16th & Chestnut Sts.