**Comment on Letter Accusing** 

Languor in War Aid

# MISS RANKIN ASSAILED AND LAUDED BY WOMEN

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

# By M'LISS

Loud cries of "Noble !" "Magnificent !" "We are proud of her !" relieved only by tiny solo-issuing from the home-of "It's just what we expected "Traitor !" of her !" characterized the comments of minent women on the first vote cast in Congress by the first woman ever to sit

Militarist women, pacifist women, suffragists and just women, with a single exception, are standing solidly behind Miss Jeannette Rankin, who, aftep a grueling all day and all night sitting in the House of Repreentatives, allied herself with an overwhelmedly unpopular side by voting against the measure that will send us to war with Germany

The single exception comes from the antisuffragists.

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

"It is just what you would expect a suf-fingist to do," she said, vindictively. "They are all socialists. Socialists have no patriotare all socialists. Socialists have no patriot-ism. Suffragists have neither patriotism nor religion. The antisuffragists have stood square for preparedness and for their coun-try for more than a year. We are the loyal enes. Miss Rankin's vote shows what we may expect from women in politics."

Other women were as profoundly moved other women were as protoundry 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 pre-paredness advocate. "Of course, I do not understand or sympathize with her attiunderstand or sympathize with the atte-tude. 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 un-popular at the outset. She was strong and und the way she believed. It is a great popular at the outset. She has demonstrated voted the way she believed. It is a great triumph for woman. She has demonstrated triumph for woman. triumph for woman. She has demonstrated that she can rise above party and popular opinion to do what she considers right. Her vote was particularly unselfish in the fact that she is unmarried and has no sons m she might have wanted to protect from war."

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

#### BIG. MAGNIFICENT

"From the description of her manner of casting her vote," Mrs. Piersol said, "it was plin to see that she did what she did with pillin 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 miserable 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 out a nowhere. She was not 'womanish' 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 ex-actly 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 Congressman 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 **UNION LEAGUE IRATE** 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 | lected the night before at a prominent aturally somewhat upset this morning Chestnut street haberdashery. naturally somewhat upset this morning when she opened her bedroom door a wee

Right here Mrs. Jacob came out of her trance. She let loose a screech that would have drowned the shrillest note of a steam crack and discovered three "colored gemmen" in an effort to make an equitable dicalliope and ran downstairs into the street. She ran along the street, screaming at the So amazed and terrified was Mrs. Jacobs top of her voice. The negroes stopped their bip of her voice. The negroes stopped their primping and dropped out of a second-story window to the rear yard. Two of them, in-cluding 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 mutical by the back field of the that she could only stand there and peer through the crack like a person in a trance. One aristocratic "colored gemman" 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. he was spotted by Patrolman Steth, of the Thirty-second street and Woodland Evenue station. Steth drew his revolver and kept it Another had squeezed his feet into Abe's barking after the fleeing negro. Neighbors who were reading the war news over the breakfast table were unnerved by the shootbrand new tan Easter oxfords, and a third was attired in a striped suit, in which Abe had planned to scintiHate on the boardwalk ing and rushed into the street. The negro at Atlantic City next Sunday. The third negro had managed also to jam his huge mg and russed 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 hy 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 three up his hands and

feet into a new pair of shiny patent leather shoes which had cost Abe \$5. The negro who had selected the Prince Albert and lavender trousers seemed to be in considerable disfavor with his two com-Market streets he threw up his hands and surrendered. He gave his name as Frank Drew, of 2024 South street. He was held glittered with envy as they watched him perform in front of the mirror, arranging a bright orange necktle which Abe had sewithout ball by Magistrate Pennock on a charge of burglary.

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MAYOR'S TRANSIT PLEA

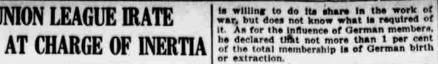
backward and slow in taking a hand to help the nation at this time of crisis were received in the league's club house today with Indignation. "It's silly! It's rot! It's not worth paying any attention to," Herman Haupt, one of the directors, said of a latter to the EVENING LEDGER, published yesterday, in which the Union Lengue's present attitude was questioned. Here is the offending let-

ter, which was written by a League mem ber, 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 mem-bership that it is policy not to "offend": Has it come to this? VETERAN.

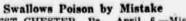
Mr. Haupt's denunciation was echoed by her officials of the organization. John T. Riley, a director, said the leagu

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"There's nothing to the accusation made in that letter," he continued. "Two months ago 1200 members in a great meeting unani-mously put themselves on record as being ready to back President Wilson to the full-"Silly," "Rot," Characterize est extent, in spite of his politics.

"Lhe league simply does not know what is expected of it. It awaits a call to serv-Intimations that the Union League is e." Mr. Riley said.



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



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#### Commission Will Consider De-Pennsylvania Military College Tenders Services for Training Citizen Soldiers

**STANDS BY THE FLAG** 

### By a Staff Correspondent

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

vision of her husband's Easter outfit.

CHESTER LOYALLY

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 Key-stone 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 ier months

Captain Lewis S. Morey, U. S. A., hero of Carrizal, is in supreme command of the

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 "signif-cant." 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 of its spirit. College," he declared, "has shown real pa-triotism by opening its doors for the train-



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