

OUR WOMEN and WHAT THEY THINK - Edited by Mrs. Amy Jacques Garvey

LABOR AT THE BRITISH HELM

Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labor Party, has assumed the Premiership of England, and conjectures are rife as to what radical changes will be brought about during his regime.

The new Premier is a Socialist and Pacifist, but there is no occasion for alarm in England, as his speeches and actions indicate that he is fully aware of the delicate position in which he and his party are placed, and they are endeavoring to get the good will of the nation.

The Labor Party is not yet strong enough to advance any radical measures, and the best it can do is to abstain from any controversial measures until its testing period is passed. Any incautious move at this time will ruin the future of the party now in power.

Premier MacDonald has shown inherent Scottish shrewdness in the selection of his Cabinet, and has given appointments to men who, if overlooked, would have done incalculable harm by undermining the good intentions of his Cabinet.

A few days ago a Madras newspaper published a message from the new Premier to the Indian people, in which he pleaded for good will and reason between India and England, and made it plain that "no party in England will be cowed by threats of force or by policies designed to bring the Government to a standstill, if any Indian sections are under the delusion that this is not so, events will sadly disappoint them."

This is a clear indication of a cautious policy, and unless the nation is in accord with certain measures Ramsay MacDonald will not jeopardize the success of his party to practice socialism.

NICKOLAI LENIN

All Russia mourns the death of Nickolai Lenin, the wonder man of Russia, who, with one blow, deposed the Czarist despots and set up a Soviet form of government in Russia—the first experiment of its kind.

Lenin died a disappointed man, his economic experiment, Communism, was a failure, yet the fact remains that his was the greatest experiment undertaken by man. Many have overlooked his success in Sovietism because of his failure in the national distribution of industry, but his plans can be modified and improved upon, his mistakes can serve as guideposts to his successors. It remains to be seen whether Stalin, Kameneff and Trotsky will be able to hold in check the teeming millions of Russia, or again plunge Russia in another bloody revolution.

Lenin's funeral bore the motto, "Lenin is dead, but his work lives." It is a question; who will carry on the work?

Enrograd has been renamed Leningrad in memory of the great Russian emancipator.

THE NEW WOMAN

In the Political World She Is the Source of All Reform Legislation and the One Power That Is Humanizing the World

BY SAYDEE E. PARHAM

All life is but a continuous process of evolution. Nothing that embodies the vital principle of life is static. It is by the very inherent law of nature that in the changing order of every species of life we find a higher, nobler and greater ascent of life. In the mineral kingdom with its amazing wealth of stones, we find this principle. In the ever increasing change of the vast variety of the mineral life. And as we ascend the scale of elevation until we reach the mammal or the animal kingdom, we find that even here is a distinctive change in the physical, mental and biological condition of men and animals. There was a time when rough men fought the ferocious beasts of the forests with their naked hands and a mere bludgeon. Today they can silence the wildest animal with a rifle. And so, onward and upward the majestic drama of civilization is proceeding scene by scene, act by act in its glorious unfolding of the higher and nobler changes in the progress of her principal actor—woman. From the brow-beaten, dominated cave woman, cowering in fear at the mercy of her brutal mate; from the petted toy reared for the sensual indulgence of the Roman and Greek nobility, from the safely cloistered woman veiled like a clinging vine, destitute of all initiative and independence—a product of the middle-ages, we find her at last rising to a pinnacle of power and glory so great, so potential that she has actually become the central figure of all modern civilization. In the business world, she is the master of the clerical detail work; in the factories she is the dynamo of production; in the theatre she is the most magnetic form of entertainment; in the political world she is the source of all reform legislation and the one power that is humanizing the world. In all great movements for the redemption of the oppressed masses, she is always ready and responsive to the great appeal, and this power generated by this great civilizer of all future civilization is the new woman!

Difference Between Eastern And Western Dancers

(From New York American)

"The West has made the sex the basis of dancing. Western dances are all more or less conventional forms of love-making between man and woman. To use the dance for that and only that is to narrow its possibilities and its beauty. In Japan many other emotions besides romantic love are expressed in the dance. All feeling is line. Another difference between the dancing of the East and the West is that we use our bodies, they their feet. But perhaps that is because our rooms are so small.

That modern men and women must be taught to dance is a commentary on the unhappiness of our age. Even a woman of seventy is not too old to dance. I prefer to dance with a mask over my features. It is too easy to dance a story if one may use one's face to express feelings.

A THOUGHT

Trust none:

For oaths are straw, men's faiths are water-cakes, And hold-fast is the only dog. —Shakespeare.

WOMEN'S PARTY WANTS NOT ONLY EQUAL RIGHTS, BUT EQUAL RESPONSIBILITIES WITH MEN

Twenty-two Bills Introduced in New York State Legislature

A bill repealing the law that forbids the employment of women at night in certain occupations will be introduced in the State Legislature at the present session at the request of the New York State Branch of the National Woman's Party, according to information from party headquarters.

The bill, which probably will precipitate hot discussion among women's organizations, is a step in the equality program of the National Woman's Party.

Equal Responsibility

In accordance with that program, twenty-two other bills have been introduced in the Senate and Assembly at the present session designed to equalize not only the rights but also the responsibilities of men and women. Three of them are introduced for the first time this year. These would make a wife as responsible to the law for abandoning husband, or children, if they are likely to become a public charge, as the husband now is for abandoning wife, or children.

One even removes the clause in the existing law which excuses a widow, or a woman living separate from her husband, from having her property attached if she absconds, leaving them without support. A fourth new bill is aimed at discrimination between men and women teachers as to pay, appointments, assignments, promotion, transfer, resignation, dismissal or any other operation of the school system.

The question was raised, when the measures were introduced, whether substitution of the word "consort" for "wife" in the bills that make women as well as men responsible for abandonment would leave a loophole by which women might yet escape responsibility, because the pronoun "he" was used. The question also has been raised whether "consort" could be construed as meaning also persons living together though not married.

Woman the Unpaid Laborer

The other eighteen are bills which failed to pass at the last session and are reintroduced this year. They strike at all sorts of preferences given to men over women and at some given to unmarried women over married women and to women over men.

"Since Suffrage was reorganized for the one purpose of removing all forms of subjection of women," said Mrs. Smith, "We want not only equal privileges but equal responsibilities. The inequalities of industry are included in our program. We say that in the field of labor we ask that no restrictions be placed upon women alone, because such restrictions make it difficult for women to compete with men in earning a livelihood.

"We say that women always have performed the unpaid labor of the world and no one has ever protested as to whether it was beyond their strength or not. It is only when she goes into the field of paid labor that there is concern for her welfare. We say that if restrictions are good for the individual and for the race, such restrictions ought to apply to all workers and not to women only."

There is no such intention in either case, it was said yesterday at party headquarters. Only the poverty of the English language in the matter of pronouns with a dual gender made it necessary to use the pronoun "he" in referring to both men and women.

If it becomes necessary for clearness, Mrs. Clarence Smith, chairman of the State Board, said yesterday, to use the awkward "he or she" and "his or her" throughout the measures this will be done, but it is believed that the use of "he" will not be misunderstood, as it is sanctioned by all authorities.

Meaning of "Consort."

The word "consort" is used as meaning either husband or wife, and not as meaning persons living in an unlawful relation, she said. N. Y. World.

SUGGESTIONS TO THE HOUSEWIVES

Delicate lace collars can be washed without fear if basted carefully on a piece of white muslin and washed on that, using lukewarm water and white soap. Rinse thoroughly and dry in direct sunshine.

Salt rubbed on the hands after peeling onions will entirely remove the smell.

To freshen a velvet cushion cover pass it over a vessel of boiling water with the pile away from the steam.

Indelible ink stains may be removed by soaking the spot in very strong ammonia and water. This process may have to be repeated several times, but in the end the ink will come out.

Recycle a new broom with a section of a stocking leg. It will wear longer.

Do not apply furniture polish to soiled furniture, or it will never look right. Have the furniture thoroughly dusted, then apply oil cloth and finish with polishing rag.

OUR GIRLS

The Negro Girl of Today Has Become a Follower—Future Success Rests With Her Parents and Home Environment

By CARRIE MERO LEADETT

The most beautiful thing about the Negro girl of today is the future. As yet she is undeveloped and she may become what she will, or, in other words, what she is willing to become. And as I glance about me at the girl I see on Lenox avenue with her paint and powder, at the girl who rudely runs against me in the subway train without even an "excuse me" and at the girl with whom I come in contact socially and who in one breath tells me she is a high school graduate and, in another says to me, "You know I want to enter Hunter College in the fall," I ask myself again and again, not only what our Negro girls will become, but what will become of our Negro girls?

This is an age when every one is striving for the highest and the best. The artist is striving to produce a masterpiece in art, the musician is striving to produce a masterpiece in music, the scientist is striving to produce something that will be really beneficial and which will raise humanity to a higher plane of civilization, and why should not we of the Negro race try to produce girls who could surpass those of all other races, socially, industrially and morally.

Much of the future success of the Negro girls rests with their parents and their home environment, but much—oh, so much—rests with the girl herself. Each of us can advance only so far, as we are willing to advance and help others to advance, and in this age of opportunity there is no goal which cannot be attained.

Personal appearance, refinement and amiability are stepping-stones to success. By personal appearance I do not mean that one must be beautiful to look at. Beauty is only a matter of opinion, and what is beautiful to one is not even pleasing to another. I have seen many a young girl who, though plain of features, was really beautiful through her gentleness of manner, refinement and pleasing, even charming personal appearance which she herself had cultivated.

The Negro girl of today has become a follower and not a leader. Let us hope that the Negro girl of tomorrow will become a real leader.

Today if Mary Jones, a white girl comes to school with her hair bobbed—tomorrow as many of our Negro girls as can follow suit, whether it is becoming to their features or not. If Ellen Price paints her face and powders her nose or wears a hobbie skirt, tomorrow we see our own girls doing the same thing to a far greater extent. I surely am not against any girl trying to make herself more attractive or more pleasing to the eye, but by all means we should try to copy the things which are worth while, if copy we must.

I remember of hearing of a young girl who was to render her first piano selection in public, and fearing that she might appear awkward asked her music instructor how she must act, and what she must do. The instructor told her she would tell her, and that evening, just before the girl made her appearance, her instructor presented to her a little silver pin with the inscription, "Be Natural."

Oh, if more of our girls would only "be natural" and stop affecting styles and customs and manners which in no way become them the Negro race could boast of the most beautiful women in the world.

SMILES

These Terrible Questionnaires

Registration officer (to spinster)—"Your name, please?" Spinster—"Matilda Brown." Registration Officer—"Age?" Miss Brown—"Have the Misses Hill, who live next door, given you their ages?"

Registration Officer—"No." Miss Brown—"Well, then, I'm the same age as they."

Registration Officer—"That will do." Proceeding to fill in all particulars, he murmured: "Miss Brown, as old as the hills."—The Epworth Herald (Chicago).

Hope or Expectation?

The man who takes a girl for better or worse should hope for the best and expect the worst.

A Disadvantage

Mrs. Bloomy—"Oh, dearie, the most marvelous gown has just come over from Paris; it's called the shadow gown. I want you to get one."

Mrs. Gadabout—"No, thanks; I don't want it. I have enough trouble dealing my husband now without giving him a shadow for a gown."

AFRICAN LADIES ARE LEADERS IN FASHION

Clothes on Egyptian Mummy 2,642 Years Old Same Style as Today

LUXOR, Egypt, Jan. 25.—(Associated Press).—Dr. Robert Mond, the English Egyptologist, who during the past week has been engaged in clearing the space behind the Ramesseum, or mortuary temple, of Rameses II, in the region known as Sheikh Abd-El-Qurna, to remove the rubble for his intended excavation of the tomb of Rameses, an official of the heretic King Khou-n-aten, has made some interesting finds. These are three mummies, of which two are in an excellent state of preservation. The third, possibly the body of a soldier killed in one of the wars of ancient Egypt, is in a bad state.

The first two mummies proved to be the bodies of a goldsmith and his wife, a priestess of Ammon, of the twenty-fourth dynasty, 718 B. C. When the mummy of the priestess was unwrapped, it was found that under the outer wrappings her clothing of fine linen, now browned by age, had been laid neatly folded upon the body. There was a long robe, piped with green, with a V-shaped opening in front and holes for the arms, fringed around the hem; then an outer garment with a hole for the head and several fringed veils. Strangely, it was seen that at various places the garments had been darned.

As each garment was unfolded and held up to the bright sunshine the native diggers broke out into loud exclamations, declaring them identical in form and arrangement to those worn by the Fellah women of today. Mlle. Baud, of the excavation mission at Thebes of the French Institute-Archaeological of Cairo, who was present, donned the robes, which were in excellent condition, and the contention of the diggers was found to be correct.

Round the neck of the goldsmith were four amulets of steatite, and on his breast, upon a leaden symbol of hawk's wings outspread, a falcon scarab with hieroglyphs painted on it. A particularly the scarab of black basalt, painted with hieroglyphs of yellow, was found on the breast of the goldsmith's wife.

RECIPES

FRENCH PANCAKES

Beat five eggs very light, add two tablespoons of melted butter, one and one-half pints of milk and enough wheat flour, sifted, with two teaspoons of baking soda, to make a good batter. About a quart of flour will be needed. Melt a little butter in a large frying pan and pour the batter into this. When brown on one side turn quickly and brown on the other. When done, spread quickly with jelly and roll up. Transfer carefully to a very hot dish, sprinkle with powdered sugar, or with powdered sugar and ground cinnamon, and serve immediately.

RAISIN PIE

One-half cup sugar, 2 cups seeded raisins, 1½ cups boiling water, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon grated orange rind, 3 tablespoons orange juice, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind, 2 tablespoons corn starch. Cook raisins in boiling water for 5 minutes, pour into sugar and corn starch, which have been mixed. Cook until thick, about 5 minutes. Remove from fire and add other ingredients. Bake between 2 crusts.

Are You Seeking Vitality of Youth?

Famous Scientists Now Believe That "Old Age" Comes to Most of Us Too Soon

Are you weak, worn out, prematurely aged? Does the day's work drag and life seem burdensome? If so, do not despair. Science today offers new hope to millions who feel that they have passed into the twilight of life because of disease, overwork, improper living or advancing years. Chemists have developed a new vitality and invigorator, intended to renew youthful energy and animation by restoring the nerves and glands to activity, enriching the blood and building up the entire system. The preparation, known as MARVA compound, contains certain vital elements regarded by scientists as unsurpassed for restoring physical and mental power to both men and women, old and young.

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THE NEW MISTRESS OF 10 DOWNING STREET

Her Likes and Dislikes

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The London newspapers make much of the new mistress of No. 10 Downing street, Miss Leibel Macdonald, the twenty-year-old daughter of the new Prime Minister.

The fact that a quiet, unassuming and home-loving girl has suddenly been thrust into his position owing to the loss of her mother appeals universally to human sympathy, and interviews and portraits of the young woman are featured widely today.

The pictures show a robust girl with a pleasant smiling face, but rather demure. Miss Macdonald told interviewers that her unusual name is the Gaelic form of the English Isabel, Gaelic being the native tongue in the North of Scotland, her father's home. She is a student at a domestic science college in London and yesterday morning attended her lectures as usual before going to the Downing street mansion at the invitation of Mrs. Baldwin, who received her and showed her about the premises.

"I have been studying laundry work, housewifery and cooking," Miss Macdonald said, "but I am not fond of housekeeping. I much prefer science and physics."

She explained that, although she is to be mistress at No. 10 she would not

need to look after the housekeeping because her father had a housekeeper. She has studied domestic economy to qualify herself for social welfare work. Her other interests include golf, hockey and music. She does not like dancing and is not a great reader.

Italian Parliament Dissolved

LONDON, Jan. 24.—King Victor Emmanuel today signed a decree dissolving the Italian Parliament, says an agency despatch from Rome. The despatch adds it is officially announced the elections probably will be held April 6.

WEEKLY TEXT

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