

## Antis Stand for Good Government; Not Against It

Mrs. Bolmer Writes Interesting Letter to Veterans' Journal on Aims of Those Opposed to Suffrage.

The following communication has been received:

Editor of the VETERANS' JOURNAL:

Sir:—The Connecticut State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage stands for good government more than against votes for women, and good government is found to prevail in many suffrage states more than in equal suffrage states. Take the result of the recent election in Chicago, where "Big Bill" Thompson has been re-elected and where women have voted since 1913.

The only thing votes for women has done for that city has been to keep the decent men and women away from the polls, thus increasing the indifferent vote, and to keep in power the political machine which controls the radical element; doubtless many Socialists cast their votes for Thompson this year. Then, too, in New York state, when the women voted in 1918 for the first time, they elected two Socialists to the General Assembly in Albany, both of whom voted last week against the bill to investigate bolshevism in New York state.

Seven Socialistic aldermen were also elected to the New York city board of aldermen, one of whom, Beckerman by name, from the 6th district, is quoted as saying the following in the New York Sun editorial of April 3, 1919:

"I regard the present Russian government as the highest form of democracy that the world has ever seen. In the soviet government no exploiter, no graft can exist. I am proud to be classed as a Bolshevik, one who favors that kind of government." This man lives in New York city and represents the East Side, where Dr. Simons, who recently returned from Russia (Petrograd), stated that Bolshevism originated. Still more proof that suffrage and socialism approves of Bolshevism is found as far back as April, 1918, when the New York Woman's Peace Party, made up of suffragists and socialists, cabled the following to the Bolsheviks: "Please express to the Bolshevik government our firm belief in their courage, wisdom and ultimate triumph. Be assured that we will use all our strength toward bringing about official recognition of the Bolshevik government by our own." Some of us are wondering to-day if that is why President Wilson delays action in the great crisis now existing in Europe!

Women have had equal suffrage in some parts of our country for fifty years, representing two generations, and yet at their golden jubilee, which they recently held in St. Louis, the following topics had to be presented for discussion and action:

"What may women voters do to further the welfare of women in industry?" Chairman, Mrs. Raymond Robins.

"How may women conserve the welfare of the nation's children?"

"How may women voters assist the movement toward improved social morality and social hygiene?"

The answer to the above is that the best laws for women in industry are in Massachusetts and other male suffrage states; that the worst waste of childhood is in Colorado, Illinois and other equal-suffrage states; that the lowest depths of morality exist in Chicago to-day, where minors are allowed to drink in dance halls and where immorality is rampant.

With the above results accruing from votes for women what reason have we to believe that women in politics will restrain the radical elements, or in any way better our government? As far as one can see, the only sure results are increase in election expenses, as witness in New York, where it cost the state \$2,500,000 extra to allow 515,000 women out of 2,400,000 eligibles to vote, and out of which 400,000 polled votes for Tammany and socialists, increase in taxes and immorality in an alarming way.

Equal suffrage also stands for the exploitation of women in politics as is being evidenced every day, with the result that their votes do not elect men to whom they have promised to give their full support, nor does it defeat others whom they threaten to defeat. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt has been urging our national legislators to "catch up with Russia" and the other European countries which have enfranchised their women; if American women were so "emancipated" they might have to perform the same kind of "state duty" as required of the Russian women, i.e., to act the part of nationalized propagator of the human race. Why should we American women be so forcibly lowered from the high pedestal upon which the American men have placed us in order to become emancipated?

Evidently the one hope we anti-suffragists have is the return of our brave boys from over there who have been eyewitnesses to the ravages of women, the brutalities to men, and who know what woman suffrage has produced in those European countries which have adopted it. These men will advise our own men what they will be stirring up by endorsing woman suffrage; ad let us hope that our men will lay aside sentiment and gallantry long enough to weigh the pros and cons of woman suffrage before taking any action to "emancipate" their mothers, wives, sisters or daughters, the great majority of whom do not want to vote.

Signed,  
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State Chairman Press Committee, Antis.  
New Haven, Conn., April 3rd, 1919.

## World War Vets Join Bureau

The World War Veterans of America have transferred their employment and relief department bodily to the Central Re-employment Bureau of New York City for Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Hallenback Building at 505 Pearl Street, corner of Park Place. It is expected that some of the members of the Employment Department will fill posts in the Re-employment and Placement Division of the Central Bureau, for which they are fitted by reason of their qualifications and intensive experience in meeting the unemployment situation which threatened to result in serious complications during the winter.

The Re-employment Committee of New York City for Soldiers and Sailors and Marines will request various organizations to conduct, at the Re-employment Bureau, special work related to employment; and the World War Veterans expect that their Relief and Morale Department will establish headquarters in the building to give advice and counsel to the service men who apply and will continue to act as a clearing house, or buffer, between the service men in need and the various philanthropies represented in the service men's bureau.

The World War Veterans will make a special point to convince the men of the desirability and need of their returning to their home communities, instead of attempting to carve out a career for themselves in a city, which already is in a condition of unrest, from the many changes in industrial affairs, caused by the sudden stoppage of the war and the consequent cessation of manufactures, in certain lines, and also by the returning of the released fighting men.

### CENTRAL BUREAU.

Early in February, 1919, the World War Veterans of America, at a meeting of the readjustment board of the New York State Reconstruction Commission, recommended the establishing of a central bureau for finding jobs and administering relief, of various sorts to ex-service men.

It was voted by Wilfred C. Dittoe, President of the Association, that service men could interview service men, with better results, both to the applicants and the public, than if the soldier or sailor was obliged to travel around the city interviewing civilians who had never been in the service and consequently could not understand the psychology of the demobilized fighting man's mind.

Among those who endorsed the Veterans' Association were William J. Schiefelin, President of the Citizens' Union, John G. Agar, Chairman of the Unemployment Committee of the Governor's Reconstruction Commission, and Henry M. Sayer, Commissioner of the State Industrial Commission. It was recommended that \$50,000.00 be appropriated to open a bureau for ex-service men only.

The World War Veterans have maintained a very efficiently conducted employment and relief department with headquarters in the Holland Building, at 1440 Broadway, New York City. This department was very successful in fitting the man to the job, and establishing a system of "follow up" inquiries wherein it was ascertained that 70 per cent. of the applicants for work were placed in positions where they gave satisfaction, and which resulted in the employers applying to the Association again for men whenever they required help.

The Association was given valuable assistance by the U. S. Employment Service of the Department of Labor through Dr. eGorge W. Kirchwey, Federal Director of Employment for New York State, who realized the need of co-ordination in all efforts to find jobs for soldiers and sailors.

## Veterans Learn Vocational Work

WASHINGTON.—Since the newspapers of the country have been carrying the information that the Federal Board for Vocational Education was prepared to offer retraining to disabled soldiers, sailors and marines, the response has been immediate. Many men who had gotten out in civil life and were endeavoring to "carry on", often under handicaps, have learned that they may have their disabilities neutralized by special training and be comfortably supported while this is being accomplished, with their dependents adequately cared for during the period and with a certainty of employment at the completion of the course, if the training is for a wage-earning occupation.

Since the co-operation of the daily newspapers has been tendered the federal board, 4,725 men have made application for the training, and in a large percentage of these cases the men attributed their contact with the federal board to information they had gained by reading newspapers. Other agencies in various communities of the country have been stimulated into activity by the same means, and 1,765 disabled men have been brought in contact with the federal board in this way, traceable directly to the influence of the newspapers and interesting individuals and local societies in the welfare of disabled men of the various neighborhoods.

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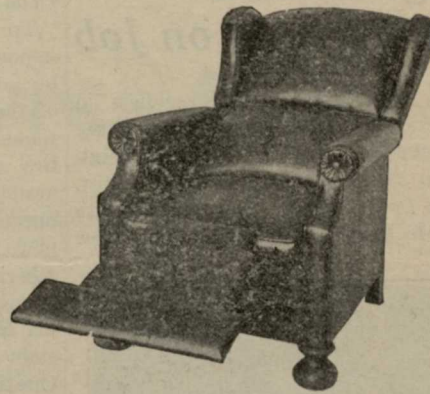
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