#### "MY INTERVIEW WITH MY HUSBAND"

#### GEORGE CREEL THINKS **BLANCHE SHOULD VOTE**

But She Doesn't Agree and Just Won't Vote Even for His Sake.

TALK LABOR UNIONS

Blanche Finds Out George Favors Organized Labor and Again Disagrees.

#### (Foreword)

"My husband and I disagree about everything except that we think each other the most wonderful person in the world," states Blanche Bates. As this is true concerning Miss Bates and her husband, George Creel, it would seem to be an excellent prescription for a happy marriage.

George Creel, dressed in a lovely gray Japanese silk robe lined with orange, lay in an old-fashioned fournosted bed convalescing from diph theria, A desk was in one corner, where a stenographer sat answering a huge pile of correspondence.

Besides him was seated Blanche Bates looking very much as she did sixteen years ago when she delighted audiences all over the United States as "Cigarette" in "Under Two Flags." Dressed In a dark brown brocaded cloth street dress, the clear pallor of her skin and her soft brown eyes

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BLANCHE BATES AND GEORGE CREEL.

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Everything about Blanche Bates lives. The various rooms in her house place was in the home." express a gracious vital personality. Flowers were everywhere, but they merely a part of the warmth and color of the room. Blanche Bates' most striking char-

acteristic is her mental directness. The interview with her husband brought memories of the rallies between champions at the national tennis matches, so clear and spontaneous was the give and take of their talk. Both were straight in their attack, comprehensive of each other's meaning and very fair-minded.

(By Blanche Bates.).

Of course George and I disagree about everything in the world, except our mutual feeling that the grandmother, Virginia." other is perfection. When I told George that I was going to interview him officially even it he were still in bed convalescing from diphtheria, I said:

"It's perfectly fair you see because think of all the times that you have told me that woman's place was not in the home, and remember how glad you were to find this woman in the home to take care of you when you came home ill."

To which Goo

"I am reminded that Woodrow Wilson said: 'Intelligence is the ability to relate one thing to another.' Don't think me inconsistent. Blanche. Remember that during the woman's suffrage campaign, when I was busy explaining at political meetings what a terrible thing it would be to always be sure that one's wife was at home, I never said that I would not

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gave a vivid impression of youth, Meanwhile you were going about the country acting, and explaining at laugh, anti-suffrage meetings that woman's

Of course, I went on the stage not were not just "pretty" flowers. They cause I wanted to act more than one just because a lot of people that were chrysanthemums and seemed anything else in the world, so what I don't agree with think I should be. view very formally as if I were not won't." talking to my husband at all. "Mr. Creel, what do you think about

the education of children?" "Everything that you don't.

This made me laugh, for I reborn. I had said very firmly to

"She shall be named after grandmother, Frances." To which he had replied equal firmness: "No, she will be named after my

We baptized her Frances Virginia. "Well, go on Mr. Creel," I urged.

Squeeze It To Fit. "You believe in growth as a thing of formal patterns. If child nature doesn't fit the molds provided, squeeze it, jam it, and prune it." "Two opinions and only one set of

"Mental discipline is all right," my of individuality, originality and table beside him. imagination."

George is an individualist you see I smiled at my husband as I said: "But, Mr. Creel, since you so believe in freedom why do you at the to a strict organization like the American Federation of Labor? Why do you believe in people with minds and imaginations, in other words brainworkers, belonging to an organization of people who work with their hands? And furthermore, Mr. Creel" was making a good point), "if you believe in brain workers belonging to a union why not have the Authors' League join the American Federation of Labor?"

"The organization does not make erms about the way people's brains should work, or their imaginations either," my husband replied. "But shall be done. Creation is individual

"Because," I replied, "we felt that

Equity had everything its own way with joining the A. F. of L. And that it harmed us very much to belong or be affiliated with an organization that had fallen into absolute public dis-

I felt very strongly on this point,

and George feels just as strongly on the opposite side of the question, "Nonsense," said my husband, sitting up in bed, and getting up some of his anti-diphtheria enthusiasm, "Harding was elected to crush organized labor, and for two years Dougherty and the federal judiciary tried their best to crush it in the campaign pledge. With what result? The recent election that repudiated Harding and his policies. Governor Miller ran on a reactionary antiunion platform, and the adding machine broke under the strain of Smith's majority. I can hardly see how can you say that organized labor

is in public disfavor." George has always been an enthusiastic admirer and supporter of Woodrow Wilson.

"Don't you regard that," I asked. as a dangerous symptom of the "No," my husband replied, "I don't

wish to see class rule, but if it is a choice between Judge Gary or Samuel Gompers, I would rather have Gompers. If you feel so strongly about these political matters, I can't undertand why you don't vote." George and I have discussed this

very often, and it always makes me

I Won't Vote.

"I'm not a citizen." I said "I was not born a citizen, if by being a citifor any theoretical reason, but be- zen you mean a voter, and I won't be was the use of arguing over that As I said before: let them that wants matter. I went on with my inter- to, do it. I don't want to, and I

Then we both laughed because, as usual, we had talked right around a circle, and were back at the place we started from. Nothing in this world can ever convince me, and membered the day our little girl was nothing will ever make me want to ote. On the other hand, nothing can ever change George in his feeling that it is my duty to vote, and should be my pleasure to want to.

As I said before we had talked about it often and never changed each other at all, but then we have a great deal of fun talking just the same. That I contend is one of the interesting parts of our marriage, that both of us, having a sense of humor, and disagreeing so much, we always have a great deal to talk about

"To go back to education," George said, "there is one thing we do agree children," I answered. "Yes, Mr. on. The schools of California are Creel I wish our children to have much better than the eastern ones," And as I agreed with him, I made mental discipline as soon as posno reply.

After a minute, my husband began to look over some letters on th

"I had a letter from Woodrow Wilson, this morning," he said, "in answer to one of mine congratulating him on a newspaper story, in which I had read he was able to be up and same time believe in actors belonging walk by himself. He replied that untrue, but that he was very happy be-cause, his physicians had promised complete recovery before lor

"Well, Mr. Creel," I said, "we have not agreed on one thing yet in this interview. Not about where women should be in the home, about politics, or how children should be brought up. hands? And furthermore, Mr. Creel" But we can agree that we always have there I spoke gaily, for I felt that I a great deal to disagree about." (Copyright, 1923, Women's News Service, Inc.)

#### Keep Little Ones Well in Winter

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"Because." I replied "we felt that" •••••<del>•••</del>•••••••<del>••</del>

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