

lords and dukes and even the widows and laborers have willingly bought this scrip. They all draw their interest, but before it gets half-way to their hand the Government takes the most of it from them. That means the scrip draws two or even one per cent.; that is to say, your scrip is worth almost nothing. That looks like repudiation, but it isn't, it's only confiscation. In the case of inheritance the money goes to the Government instead of the heirs-apparent. This all looks like moonshine. But we may be sure of one thing—cheap money, taxation or plain repudiation will be adopted as a means of paying interest on the bonded indebtedness in every one, at least, of the helligrent nations.

Men and women, too, are out of joint in civil life. The men have gone to the front—single men, married men, fathers and sons—or they've gone to the factory to make munitions. A social vacuum, like a physical vacuum, is impossible and the women have rushed in—were drawn in or were pushed in—to take their places. Women now are in the fields, in the factories, in theatres, in the banks, on the trains, automobiles, street cars, everywhere in fact, where we were wont to see men. They are ill-suited physically for much of this sort of work, but if they hang on to their new-found jobs they will displace the returning soldiers, and make it difficult for statesmen to solve the problems of settlement. The experience, too, will give women confidence and a consciousness of their capabilities under strain of necessity, and they will naturally conclude that in times of peace they ought to have more to say about war and peace. They may reflect that men have made a fool of world-politics and that they could not do any worse. A change in the psychology of a class, as it certainly will come to women, will give statesmanship a problem that it will have to face and solve. They will have the consciousness of political rights based on personal rights, as John Stewart Mill put it, long before the war. Here in America it was received rather cordially. Chicago had experimental voting booths in every drug store to educate women to use the franchise. Manitoba, the first of our Federation, has granted women political equality with men. Probably all of the Western Provinces will follow suit for they seem to follow Wisconsin, the most radical and progressive of modern democracies, except Australia and New Zealand; and then Eastern Canada will at least consider the question. In fact, they have been thinking it over but in these parts they are undoubtedly held back by the fear they have of women on the temperance question. In England the struggle of the suffragettes and suffragists was somewhat picturesque and even tragic in one or two instances. But the lords and their ladies (save the mark!) stand in the