

the blast nearly carried her overboard, but she crept along the poop until her hands grasped the wheel. The vessel had brought up in the wind. Rigging, sails and flying splinters fell around the intrepid woman. She managed to swing the heavy wheel over and brought the vessel about.

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WOMEN TAKING PART IN MEX- ICAN FIGHTING

**Acting as Soldaderas Members of the
Feminine Sex Risk Their Lives
for Relatives**

Delrio, Tex., Nov. 2.—Women of Mexico are playing a prominent part in the welfare of the southern republic, either as "soldaderas," forging successfully for their menfolk in the armies, or occasionally as actual fighters. Many women have left their homes rather than remain alone, and a few of them have gone under fire from motives of revenge.

In the siege now in progress at Monterrey, a valued member of General Pablo Gonzales' constitutionalist command is Senorita Mariasanchez, said to be a wealthy Castilian, whose brother was shot by a federal regular. She left a luxurious home and begged permission to replace her brother.

Recently at Monclova a son of Senora Pimental, of that city, had been sentenced to be shot. The mother, it is said, entered the federal jail by stealth and, stabbing two guards, released her boy and both escaped to the constitutionalists' headquarters at Hermanos.

In the federal ranks there is told the story of the wife of an officer who led the rebels into an ambushade at Puerta Carmen and though fired on by the angered rebels, galloped through the lines to her husband's side.

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Historic Women Complaint

Washington, D.C., Nov. 25.—Women of history are not given fair play and are, in fact, virtually ignored in the histories used in the local schools, members of college of women's equal suf-

frage league announced today. Their protest was aroused by the report of a special committee appointed several weeks ago to look into the school books.

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German Women Are Seeking the Vote

Berlin, Nov. 25.—A petition for the introduction of woman suffrage in Germany was among those presented to the imperial parliament when it met today after a recess of nearly five months.

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Crime and Punishment

Letters have appeared in the "Manchester Guardian" calling attention to the extremely disproportionate punishment inflicted upon a young married man convicted of assaulting a little girl in the darkness of a picture theatre. He was fined 20s. Miss Evelyn Sharp, in her letter, contrasted this sentence with the one of two months' hard labour passed upon a man at Bow Street for stealing a pet dog, which he sold for £2, and of three years' penal servitude given to another man with previous convictions against him for stealing 2s. 4d. and a collar stud. The case is one degree worse, Miss Sharp remarks, than that reported recently of a labourer given one month's hard labour without the option of a fine for committing the same offence upon a baby of four. Miss Sharp points out that there is a third class of offenders who receive sentences ranging from a week to three and five years' penal servitude. These offenders are women who have committed damage, or incited others to commit damage, because they believe that little girls are worth more than pet dogs and collar studs, and because it is no longer tolerable to them to acquiesce in a political subjection that keeps them from reforming a society in which it is possible for little girls to be rated lower than pet dogs and collar studs. We echo Miss Sharp's query whether the magistrates who allowed this man to pay for what he did with a sovereign realised the number of militant suffragists they have made.