

Mrs. Pankhurst---Premier Hearst

What a difference whether one is for or against the Government.

Before the war the world was ringing with the name of Mrs. Pankhurst, because she had the courage to defy the British Government, break its laws, get imprisoned, hunger strike, thirst strike and sleep strike, and do all manner of outrageous and difficult things—get herself punished so that she was time and again at the very doors of death. And all for what reason?

For Democracy's sake—that she might have a say in the Government which made the laws that governed her.

Her daughter Christabel, had passed her legal examinations, but could not practice her profession because of her sex.

Mrs. Pankhurst was acknowledged by all to be a woman of the rarest ability. Refined and gentle, but with volcanic force and fire that swayed vast audiences to do and dare and sacrifice for her cause.

Surely she had a real grievance—the British Government not only denied her the right to vote, but had even denied her the right to petition. The boasted democracy of Britain was but a name when it came to her women. They were being flung in and out of prison—ghastly victims—under the “Cat and Mouse Act.”

Then war is declared against Germany—why?—because of German Autocracy—because German ideals are “might is right” and England says “right is might.” England calls upon her sons from all the Empire's colonies to help fight for Democracy—to help keep the flag of Freedom waving.

Help—and the Empire rallied round the flag.

Then Mrs. Pankhurst—English first and Democrat afterwards—called a truce. She was pardoned and she has been with and for the Government ever since. Twice before Mrs. Pankhurst had been in America—she loomed large, both in Canada and the United States. She gave an impetus to the cause of “Woman's Suffrage” that all must acknowledge and that nothing can now stop—but her very name was anathema in Governmental circles.

To-day she is in favor with the Government—she is fighting for them and not against them.