

WOMAN ARRESTS SUFFRAGE PICKETS

White House Banner Bearers Protest, but Offer No Resistance.

WILL HAVE HEARING TODAY

Ex-Official of Czar's Government Writes Letter Which Bakmetieff Mission Repudiates.

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WASHINGTON, June 22.—The Washington police decided today to adopt firm methods in dealing with the members of the Woman's Party who have been picketing the gates of the White House and displaying banners containing inscriptions directed against President Wilson that were regarded as inciting disloyalty. As a result of this decision two of the militants were arrested when they appeared at one of the White House gates today. The banner they carried contained only a statement taken from one of President Wilson's speeches, but the police were instructed to permit no more disorder in front of the White House and they arrested the banner bearers, Miss Lucy Burns, a member of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Party, and Miss Katherine Morey of the party's advisory council in Massachusetts.

The banner carried by Miss Burns and Miss Morey bore this inscription:

We shall fight for the things we have always held nearest our hearts, for democracy, for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own Government.

President Wilson's War Message.

The banner was stretched between two uprights, one held by Miss Burns and the other by Miss Morey. Six policemen and a policewoman surrounded the two suffragists after a consultation. As they approached Miss Burns and Miss Morey, the pickets grasped the supports of the banner with determination. Then Miss Burns said:

"This is private property, and you have no right to touch our banner."

Miss Farley, the policewoman, was not impressed. "Miss Burns," she said, "wouldn't you rather give this up peaceably than be arrested?"

In reply, Miss Burns insisted that she had a right to stand there. So she and Miss Morey, unresisting, were led to a waiting motor car that carried them to Police Headquarters.

Inspector Grant, Chief of Detectives, accompanied by Major Pullman, Superintendent of Police, talked with the two suffragists, who wanted to know why they had been arrested. Major Pullman replied that the charge was blocking of traffic and unlawful assemblage. Miss Burns argued the point. She and Miss Morey, she contended, had acted in a peaceable manner, and had simply stood on their rights as citizens to advance their cause by reasonable argument. The discussion was ended by Major Pullman, who ordered a charge placed against them and released them under personal bonds for a hearing tomorrow.

Miss Alice Paul, one of the leaders of the Woman's Party, made public today a letter signed with the name of a Russian now in New York, who is said to have been in this country two years. The letter reads:

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Miss Alice Paul: I just read in THE NEW YORK TIMES about the "deplorable incident" at the White House. From all my heart and soul I am proud of the courage of American women who so boldly defend real liberty and democracy. I pray all good forces in the world to give you the courage to stay unshaken, finding in high ideals an unlimited source of joy and helping you not to fall down spiritually.

I am proud of Miss Burns and Mrs. Lewis, who stood so courageously despite the angry crowd.

In Russia a different kind of oppressors did the very same things the American police do now. Yet a real liberty was won at last, and there are not forces on earth which could deprive humanity of it.

With deepest respect and admiration,
N. A. NESSARAGOFF,
Junior Inspector Russian Artillery Commission.

At the residence of Hennen Jennings, where the Russian Commission headed by Boris Bakhmetieff is stopping, it was said Nessaragoff was not connected with the party. Colonel Orvanosky, President of the Artillery Commission which accompanied M. Bakhmetieff, said Nessaragoff came to this country two years ago as the head of the Imperial Government's Artillery Commission, but was not connected with the new Government in any way. Keen regret that the letter had been written was expressed by members of the mission.

RESENT PICKETS' 'DISLOYALTY'

Suffragists Here Continue to Condemn Woman's Party Tactics.

Members of the New York State Woman Suffrage Party continued yesterday to express their disapproval of the conduct of the Woman's Party pickets at the White House.

"Since the war began the New York suffragists have been devoting themselves and all the strength of their organizations to Government service," said Mrs. Raymond Brown, Chairman of State organization work. "We believe that the vote carries with it the obligation of loyalty and service, and any incident that is not in harmony with that spirit must be deeply regretted by the great body of suffragists."

Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, Chairman of the Congressional Committee of the State organization, said:

"Although the Washington group of suffragists are only our distant cousins, we realize that the world considers us all one family, and we have a distinct feeling of shame that the only notable record of disorder or disloyalty in this heterogeneous melting pot of nations, the United States, should emanate from the suffragists."