

Suffragette Hikers Releasing *Aug 1* Homing Pigeons as Trip Starts

(Photo by Powers.)



Miss Elizabeth Freeman.

Miss Elsie McKenzie.

Just as Asquith was gently but firmly prodded into a leisurely walk one of the women released three homing pigeons which came from Boston, where the first leg of the race will be finished.

Being ignorant gentleman pigeons the homers didn't home as readily as they should. They started for the gilded civic charmer who lives on top of the Municipal building, took one look and decided to go away from there.

After that they seemed to want to deliver their letters to Mayor Gaynor, for they circled around the cupola of the city hall half a dozen times before they laid a course toward Coney Island.

Patrolman Thomas Hardy, when he heard the wagon contained a "hurdy-gurdy" hand organ, requested the hikers to leave Asquith and his load in Park row while they went to see the mayor.

Mayor Too Busy to Write.

The suffragettes expected a letter from Mayor Gaynor to Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston, but they didn't get it. The mayor sent out word he was busy.

All but Miss Craft were dressed in white. She wore her "on to Washington" uniform. The hand organ, which somebody said cost \$150, will be played for pennies to help on the hike and the suffragette cause.

Just before the procession finally moved on, Gen. Rosalie Jones, who was on hand to say good-by and get into the excitement, tried to convert Policeman Hardy.

"Won't you join the suffrage cause?" she asked.

"I'm afraid it's too hot," replied the policeman.

"Well, here's a votes for women banner, anyway," she said.

"Thanks," answered Hardy. "I'll take it home to my wife."

'ASQUITH' JOINS SUFFRAGE HIKE

Premier's Equine Namesake
Pulls Hand Organ for 'Army'
of Four Bound for Chicago.

With the avowed intention of scattering literary seeds of suffrage over the rock-ribbed surface of New England, three English militants and an American suffragette "colonel" started from city hall to-day on a hike that will end in Chicago—if Asquith, their most unmilitant "hoss," lives that long.

The British brigade included Miss Elizabeth Freeman, Miss Elsie McKenzie and Miss Vera Wentworth. Col. Ida Craft, the seasoned, yet unscarred, veteran of a score of gruelling "hikes," led the Yankee corps, which consisted of herself.

The "supply train" of the marchers consisted of one ex-delivery wagon, drawn by Asquith, named for, but not in honor of, the British premier. The hikers said Asquith needs much urging, hence the name.

Saffron Battle Cries.

He started on time, however, pulling an ancient vehicle repainted in suffrage saffron, with such battle cries as "Votes for Women," "Woman Governs the Home, Let Her Govern Everything Else" and "Uncivilized, Ignorant, Man-Governed States."