

Battle-Scarred Suffragette Lauds 1911 London's Rioters

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"If I were in London I should be in the fighting line. I can throw a stone pretty straight myself!" exclaimed Miss Elizabeth Freeman, at headquarters of the Woman Suffrage party, 1 Madison avenue, when asked to-day what she thought of the arrest of 225 suffragettes in yesterday's riots.

"Stone-throwing is the only language that the British politician understands," continued Miss Freeman, with flashing eyes.

She was converted to woman suffrage in England and only recently returned to aid in the work here.

American Men Chivalrous.

"I don't wish to be understood," she said, "as advocating militant methods in this country. American men are so chivalrous that they are unnecessary.

"But in England the women are simply following the precedent of the men when they were fighting for the ballot. In 1832 \$50,000 damage was done in Bristol in six hours by rioters.

"Again in 1867 when the householders were fighting for votes, crowds rioted in the streets. Hyde Park railings were broken down and several lives were lost.

Don't Destroy Private Property.

"But I do not think the reports of what occurred yesterday in the attempt to reach the houses of Parliament are correct.

"It has always been against the policy of suffragettes in England, even the militants, to destroy private property. I do not believe they did it yesterday. The rough element

that always appears when crowds gather was probably responsible.

Believe in Destruction.

"But the English women who are fighting for suffrage do think it justifiable to destroy government property. It is the only way they can get results.

"In the United States the men have never been forced to violence to get their rights at the polls. Nor is it necessary that women adopt such methods. But in England the present situation is only a logical sequence of the fights workingmen had to make for the franchise."

