

# WOMEN WARRIORS TALK

## Fighting Section of Suffragists Yearn for Battle.

### JAIL GRADUATES IN FRONT

#### One Speaker Intimates She Can Lick Any Man in Crowd— Finds No Takers.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have the honor to introduce a criminal, a jailbird, a woman who has done time," announced Mrs. Margaret Charter to the audience which gathered around a votes-for-women banner hoisted on west side of Columbus Circle last night.

Mrs. Charter stepped down from the soap box and Miss Mary Keegan stepped up. She looked perfectly harmless and in-offensive, and she testified in the mildest accents that it was a "divine call" in the form of a handful of mud flung in her face by a medical student which had brought her into the militant suffrage movement.

Previous to this illuminating incident it had "hurt her to her heart and soul" to think that women should do such things as the militants were doing.

After Miss Keegan came Miss Elizabeth Freeman, arrested nine times and in jail three times.

"I saw her once," said Mrs. Charter, "under the feet of a policeman's horse, and she was pummelling the horse, no doubt thinking it was the policeman. But she lived to do time and get arrested again."

Miss Freeman, who is still very much alive, in spite of the efforts of the English government to suppress her, told the audience that when militant tactics were first adopted in England, seven years ago, the suffrage movement was "ready for decent interment," and that the progress which had been made since in the rest of the world was due to English influence. There was no reason, she added, why such tactics shouldn't work perfectly well in America, and they would certainly be adopted if the women were kept waiting too long for the vote.

Mrs. Charter having just remarked that in England people go crazy with fright when they hear the word suffragette, the listeners were in a position to appreciate the seriousness of this threat.

Mrs. Charter, who acted as chairman of the meeting, has a record equal to that of Miss Freeman. She has not been arrested so many times, but she has been forcibly fed, and she is going back to Ireland next week to do some more fighting. Her fiery remarks, which reached easily to the outskirts of the crowd, made it easy to understand why the word suffragette inspires such terror in the brave hearts of England.

"They tell us women can't fight," she said, "but I'd like to see any man in this crowd who can fight better than I can. When they say women can't fight they forget the women of Limerick, who locked their own men out of the city when they went out to surrender to the English. We can fight until we die, and no government can stop us.

"I am proud to tell you that I've been in prison," she continued, "and I'll go a hundred times more if need be. I went there and I am prepared to go again. I have made matches for \$1.75 a week. I have worked in a jam factory for \$1.40 a week. I have made chains at five cents a yard. I know that nothing will help the women who work in these places but the vote, but when we asked the men of England to give it to them they sent out policemen with clubs to