WHAT ARE THE WAR AIMS AND PEACE TERMS OF THE AMERICAN WOMEN?

Why have we American women declared war on German women?
What do we demand?
Upon what terms will we make peace?

THE "SISTER SUSIE" PERIL.

The self-supporting and family-supporting women of the country are threatened by a deluge of volunteers, amateurs, and underbidding competitors. Even in ante-bellum days, there was but frail protection for the minority of women wage-earners against the majority who did not earn but formed a large labor reserve which helped employers to keep down the wages of both women and men. Now, the danger has been suddenly intensified by the peculiarly infantile form of patriotism of those who have been dubbed "Sister Susies" in England and who now threaten to dump their unskill and inexperience on the disturbed labor market of this country.

Innocent of economics, societies of well-to-do women,—"militias of mercy" and the like,—are distributing wool and urging women to knit and sew for the soldiers. In spite of the common report that the sailors use the knitted garments for cleaning guns and swabbing decks; in spite of the statement of a British officer who openly advised the guardsmen for the good of their feet to refuse to wear home-knit socks; in spite of the fact that the government has ordered three and a half million pairs of socks;—the knitting goes merrily on. (So merrily, indeed, that a psycho-analyst was heard to remark the other day that much of the Red Cross zeal must be sex-antagonism released.)

One can only hope that the productive capacity of this sentimental army of knitters will not amount to a great deal; otherwise, in the interest of the thousands of women massed in the garment factories and knitting mills, they ought to be legally restrained.

The story of the amateur census-takers in New York is now on old one. The confusion and incompetence of the census were such as to require some public explanation. The director came forward with the theory that the traditional unwillingness of women to tell their ages was to blame. As a matter of fact, the last Federal census proves that men, rather than women, withhold their ages from the census taker. In New York City, 5,196 men got by with unknown ages as compared with 1,606 women. The theory offered by the New York "Times" for the inefficiency of the census is a better one: "The knowledge obtained by the state census will be of some value, though it would have been of more worth had it not been gathered by unpaid agents."

Let us hope that such statements may be pondered by the women who yearn to give unpaid service. It may help them to think twice before launching projects which must finally result in throwing other women out of work.

KATHARINE ANTHONY.
WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN PERIL.
If the Germans should invade New York, women couldn't vote any more.
Any more than who.
Any more now.

TURN YOUR OLD CHROMES INTO ROCKING-CHAIRS.
According to a press dispatch from Helsingfors the Finnish throne of the late Russian dynasty has been placed in the National Museum there.
This is only one of many thrones that are going to be discarded. Soon the museums will be crowded with fragments of rock-crystal chairs with arms and an antimacassar.

A manufacturer whose identity is not stated further than that he employs 176 men in a small town in Pennsylvania where there are no newspapers. He plans to use the labor of 200 men for the wholesale waste of the food manipulators.
He reveals the cloven hoof of the military dictator, thus:
"In any event, this woman's attitude is one that we simply cannot stand for...."

WHAT LESSON DOES THIS TEACH US?
A crippled veteran talked to the school children of a Southern State of the privation and the glories of war.
After he had gone, one of the women teachers, fearing, perhaps, that the children's eyes were sharper than their ears, said to the principal: "Of course, some soldiers get wounded, but they get pensions.
It won't always be that way. What proportion of women agree that "From the standpoint of the interests of society she had much better be dead."

HOOVER, HOW CAN YOU?
Evidently the women of the country are of two minds on the subject of the Labor Day.
Some are for the Department of Labor, others against.
Women of both types have launched a half day's strike against the secretary of Labor and over the heads of their men.

WOMAN'S BROADENING SPHERE.
A recent visitor to one of the Southern States, according to a New York "Times" editorial of July 4, reports the existence in the State of vixen of a curious and mystifying condition of affairs among women.
"The women were ardently for war. The men were ardently against.
Not only did most of them reveal themselves as vehement pacificists, but they were betrayed by a seemingly complete lack of information as to the facts of the war, and an indifference, also seemingly complete, as to its outcome in victory or defeat for the Allies.
Between the different antagonists they manifested no preferences, but instead a vehement inclination to join them all in a common condemnation for fighting at all for any reason.
And it was impossible to convince them that Americans were under any obligation to join either side in carrying on the "wicked slaughter."

INSULTING THE FLAG.
Samuel Abels, convicted June 18th on a charge of desecrating the nation's emblem, appealed to the supreme court June 20th.
The charge against Abels rested on his wearing a small button showing the American flag, around which was printed the words; "Our rights, but no war."

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I WANT TO RAISE MY GIRL TO BE A SOLDIER.
The Association of Collegiate Alumnae has submitted to the Woman's Committee of the Defence Council a plan to enroll for training all girls between sixteen and twenty-one years of age.

How Men's Minds Work.
Germany has not restricted alcoholic beverages in any way, which is probably why her soldiers retain their ration.
I think nobody will dispute that the German and French soldiers are of good fighting qualities.
Senator Lodge, June 88.

The time has come for every such traitor instantly to be seized and punished according to his deserts. In Germany, for a show of one-tenth the loyalty that is shown in America, these Jewish Socialists would hang the offenders higher than Haman.—Theodore Roosevelt.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON.
The "Clutching Hand" band is a gang of London boys whose leader is barely twelve years old.

Events that pass

THE PATIENT RICH.
The rise in the cost of living hits the rich as well as the poor.
Onions advanced in price 180 per cent and potatoes 113 per cent between March, 1916, and March, 1917. The advance in objects of art appears to have made a bit of an impact. In January, 1911, Henry C. Frick paid $80,000 for four Boucher paintings of the seasons, but in February he was obliged to pay $25,000 for only one painting by Van Dyke.
Yet how patient are the rich! Mr. Frick never goes on a steel strike.

While Susie Sews

steal parcels from delivery wagons and spend the money they get for them on pistols, knives, torches and swords.
An unpatriotic government is sending the youngsters to reformatories.

SAVE SOILED NAPKINS.
S. N. Fraser of Brooklyn, a student at the College of Liberal Arts, Syracuse University, was taken from his room in Sims Hall, one of the dormitories, May 18, by a mob of students, who declared he had committed an unpatriotic act when he burned a paper napkin on which was printed an American flag.
He was thrown into the outskirts of the city and then pummelled until insensible.
He was left at the hospital without explanation.

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WE'LL LIKE THE ADDRESS OF THIS GARBAGE BUCKET, PLEASE.
"The following," he says, "represents a half day's garbage from a residence of three rooms.
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WHY WOMEN DON'T FIGHT.

WHAT did American women win in the Revolutionary War?
The right of American men to chose their government.

WHAT did American women win in the War of 1812?
The right of men to trade as they chose.

WHAT did American women win in the Civil War?
The right of Negro men to vote.

WHAT are American women going to win in the Great War?
Child labor, long hours, scant food, high prices, lowered standard of living, loss of constitutional guarantees of freedom, martial law, syphilis, infant mortality, bereavement, and desolation.

WOMEN'S TONGUES.

"And I have the impression that even the women of the warring countries feel for each other... The women of the warring countries not only sorrow with their personal grief. They sorrow for their labors, that are buried with the millions of bodies that fill the battlefields, the trenches, roads, and streams."
—Ellen Key.

"We, the bearers of men's bodies, who supply its most valuable munition, who... shed our blood and face death that the battlefield may have its food, a food more precious to us than our heart's blood,—it is we especially who, in the domain of war, have our word to say, a word no man can say for us."
—Olive Schreiner.

"So long as words can pass my lips, so long as blood flows in my veins, I shall work for the cause of peace, even though the work should rob me of happiness and blessings."
—Selma Lagerlöf.

"Armies do, indeed, fight to protect children—their own, by destroying other people's children. Organized warfare claims to protect women—each nation its own by starving or ruining the women of another nation. "To gain political equality is, therefore, the most urgent, vital and irrepressible need of our times, and those women who, disregarding all war cries and lessons of hatred, press forward to grasp it may well be acknowledged by a later generation to have had a truer perception of patriotism in the loftiest sense than those who believed they were serving the nation by meek self-abnegation in palliative services."
—Lavinia L. Dock.

"On that day, when we shall have brought it to pass that the horror of killing men, in the interest of the State, has become as strong as the horror now felt by the normal man as a matter of course against the killing of an individual in private life, this horror will find expression in the constitutions of the states. On that day the killing of human beings "in defense of the fatherland" will be made as impossible and forgotten as is for us to-day the eating of human flesh."
—Helene Stöcker.

"Wars are at the present time a result of the competition of various capitalist groups and of the necessity of capitalist expansion. Now, these two forces are not operative only while the cannon are booming; they are active in peace as well, and it is precisely in time of peace that they influence our life in such a way as to make the outbreak of war inevitable. For war is, as Kautsky loves to quote from Clausewitz, the continuation of politics by other means."
—Rosa Luxemburg.

"I want to stand by my country, but I cannot vote for war."
—Jeannette Rankin.

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