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AT ISSUE WITH WILSON

Mrs. Wild Objects To His Reply To
French Suffragists.

"IS FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG"

Charges That Suffragists Have Ear
Of President At All Times, To
Disadvantage Of Opponents.

Mrs. M. B. Wild, president of the Maryland Association Opposed to Woman's Suffrage, in an interview yesterday, declared that President Wilson's reply to the memorial sent him by the French Union of Woman Suffragists, presented by Miss Catt, in which he expressed the hope that the Senate would act favorably on the Federal amendment, is fundamentally wrong.

"The French women," said Mrs. Wild, "are not asking for the vote any more than the American women or the English women did. The word 'woman' does not mean 'suffragists,' and the two words are continually misappropriated and confused. The women of the world are splendidly doing their duty to help win the war, while the suffragists are working for little else than the vote.

Enfranchisement Of Women Grave Evil.

"Miss Eva Fenton, examiner of munitions, who was recently here from England, told me that she considered the enfranchisement of women in England a grave evil and that the majority of the women there did not want the vote. The anti-suffragists in England enrolled four times as many war workers as the suffragists in a petition which was presented. However, I have always thought that the position of the women in England could not be used as an argument for America. The men in making and enacting laws for the protection and benefit of the women in our country have never failed to give the advantage and justice to her. Should universal suffrage obtain the dangers by increasing the Socialistic, radical and race vote would be more than grave. States' rights, on which the Constitution was founded and which has been fought for, is rapidly being relegated to the scrap heap."

The teaching that the Child Labor law of 1916 was decided invalid and unconstitutional because the power of the states to regulate their purely internal affairs by such laws as seem wise to the local authorities is inherent and has never been surrendered.

Suffrage Defeated In 13 States To Date.

"Why, therefore, are state legislatures and referendums to be disregarded as applied to woman suffrage. Woman suffrage was defeated in 20 state legislatures last year, and by the vote of the people of 13 states in the past five years.

"It seems that the heads of the suffrage organizations have the ear of the President at all times, whereas the representatives of the women of the country who are not asking the franchise and are doing the real war work are refused a hearing by President Wilson. This was the case recently. If our cause were as constantly kept in the limelight as the suffrage cause, perhaps the President would realize that other than suffrage females exist and have some right to be considered. I wonder what would happen if all the women who are not interested in suffrage should stop doing war work because they go unrecognized. I fear the ranks would be so depleted and the work so crippled that nothing would be done and the workrooms have to close. Why should the minority be given the preference over the great majority?"