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PUBLIC INTERESTS' LEAGUE  
OF THE  
WOMEN'S ANTI-SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS

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"First--Win the War"

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Hon. Howard Sutherland,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Do you want Germany to win the war? If you do, be sure to vote for the Suffrage Amendment. Woman Suffrage and Socialism, which always go hand in hand, are proving themselves Germany's strongest allies. In Finland woman suffrage brought first Socialism, then pacifism, anarchy followed, and then German rule. In Russia woman suffrage and Socialism came in together, and brought ruin to Russia and triumph to Germany. Australia is the one part of the British Empire which has had Woman Suffrage long enough to learn how it works. Australia is completely in the hands of the Socialists, and is the one part of the British Empire, outside Ireland, which refuses to adopt conscription. At the recent election in South Australia, with women voting, the Vaughn party (which seceded from the Socialist party because of the latter's opposition to conscription) was unable to elect a single candidate! In Queensland too, the Socialists have had a sweeping victory, and the control of the next Federal Government will be in the hands of the militant International Socialists. Could Germany ask anything better?

England, without allowing the people any voice in the matter, has made the appalling mistake of enfranchising 6,000,000 women in war time. The Socialists, knowing well what a rich harvest that promises for them, are putting up between 300 and 400 candidates for parliament. One of these is Mrs. Philip Snowden, the Socialist who has adorned many suffrage platforms in this country. If Germany can prolong the war until the Socialists in England, strengthened by woman suffrage, have had time to get in their deadly work, Germany can hope to annex England as she annexed Finland and Russia.

Germany's last and greatest victory would come with the passage of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment by the Senate of the United States. At the very beginning of the war, Germany sent a clever agent to the United States, Frau Rosika Schimmer, to work for woman suffrage in this country. Why?

The pro-German Socialists in New York city worked so hard for Woman Suffrage that they fastened it on the state. Why? They declare that by 1920 when the foreign Socialist women have had time to be naturalized, that Socialism in New York will be unbeatable. What could Germany ask better?

Every Anti-American element in the country favors Woman Suffrage. Why?



Every man and woman arrested and convicted of disloyalty in the country is an ardent advocate of Woman Suffrage. Why?

The Non-partisan League, whose leaders have been arrested for disloyalty, and whose membership is largely made up of Germans and other un-American elements, gained control of the North Dakota legislature last fall; their first act was to pass a Woman Suffrage bill. Why?

There is reason to believe that Woman Suffrage has been part of the German propaganda in Finland, Russia, and England, as we know it has been in America. Will the Senate walk into the trap? With America and England in the grip of the suffrage-socialist-pacifist element--and Socialism and pacifism follow Woman Suffrage, as certainly as night follows day--Prussia can rule the world.

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~~Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 13, 1912~~