

500 WOMEN CHEER FOR MOTHER JONES

Not a Man Allowed at Dinner
Given for Agitator by Six
of Her Admirers.

SUFFRAGISTS GET A SHOCK

Guest Says Colorado Mine Owner
Ascribed Control Over the Work-
ers to the Women's Votes.

Mother Jones, the agitator, gave women some lights on suffrage at a dinner given for her at the Café Bohème, Second Avenue and Tenth Street, last evening. Not a man was allowed at the gathering.

Mother Jones spoke an hour and a half, and then read a few facts. She told the women they must stand for free speech in the streets, that it was their right, and they must have it.

"But how can we get it, mother? We haven't the vote," cried a voice from the audience.

"I have no vote," answered Mother Jones cheerfully, "and I've raised hell all over this country."

The entire roomfull of women shrieked with glee. The dinner was arranged by six women—Katherine Leckie, Marie Jenney Howe, Edna Kenton, Fola La Follette, Rose Young, and Florence Woolston—and the number of guests was limited to 500. There were writers, artists, women of wealth, a few suffrage leaders, and women interested in labor movements and philanthropy.

Mother Jones was kept quietly in a rear room while the dinner was in progress to conserve her strength, but she showed no weight of her 82 years when she went into the big dining room and stood on a chair to speak. The women, standing, gave cheers of welcome. Mother Jones is fond of the frills and accessories of dress. She wore a figured bodice with the dark skirt of her gown. There were ruffles at the neck and wrists; little dingley ornaments at the latter and her white hair was arranged in the style that was known some years ago as a "French twist." In front it had been cut in something of a bang and fluffed over her forehead. There were two little side combs and a glittering ornament was at the base of the twist.

Behind her gold-rimmed, gold-bowed glasses Mother Jones's blue eyes twinkled. She likes to talk, and she does not mind using what she calls classic language. Her talk was more or less of a rambling description of different strikes in which she had taken part, with sometimes thrilling and often amusing descriptions.

"There is going to be no speaking," said Miss Leckie, who introduced her, "and only one talk by the biggest woman in the world. She loves every man, woman, and child in it, and we love her."

Mother Jones started in, beginning with Rome, so it was not surprising that it took her nearly two hours to tell the women all about it. The remarks on suffrage were an interlude and a surprise to many, and she said things about the Colorado women to which some of the guests took exception.

"Some one says I'm an anti-suffragist," said Mother Jones. "Well, that's a horrible crime. I'll tell you something, girls."

The women smiled at that nice little familiar word.

"I'm not an anti to anything that will bring freedom. But I'm going to be honest with you about those women in Colorado. There is no use in throwing bouquets. They have had the vote for nineteen years, and this is what some one who was present at a meeting of mine owners told me. One of the men proposed disenfranchising the women and another jumped to his feet and shouted:

"For God's sake, what are you talking about? If it hadn't been for the women, the miners would have beat us long ago?"

There was a gasp of horror from the women in the room, and one woman asked if Mother Jones would not explain that statement.

"You see," said Mother Jones, "the women got the vote without knowing anything about the civic conditions, but now they are waking up, and when the women in America wake up there will be something done. A woman in a comfortable home who is reading her books and amusing her children says to me:

"Why, really, we didn't know anything about these terrible conditions."

"Well," I answer, "I was 1,800 miles away and I knew all about it."

"I don't believe in the rights of women or the rights of men, but human rights. No country can rise higher than its women, and I don't have to see the mother to know what she is. I can tell when I see the man she has raised. And there are not as many good mothers as there should be."

In telling the women to go on with their work Mother Jones said:

"Never mind if you are not lady-like, you are woman-like. God Almighty made the woman and the Rockefeller gang of thieves made the ladies."

Speaking of Mexico, she told of her

acquaintance with Villa. "I went over to see Villa, and I was wishing to God that we had two or three Villas in this country."

Mrs. Havelock Ellis was one of the women at the speakers' table with Mrs. John F. Trow, Dr. Gertrude Kelley, and Miss Livinia Dock. Among others present were Mrs. Frank Cothren, Miss Elizabeth Dutcher, Mrs. Mary Ware Dennett, Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Mrs. Calvin Tomkins, Mrs. Robert Adamson, Marla Thompson Daviess, Lou Rogers, Miss Knox, and Maude Malone.

WOMAN BURGLAR GUILTY.

Emily Lutz, Once Dancing Partner
of "Chuck" Connors, Sentenced.

Emily Lutz, who for fourteen years was a dancing partner of "Chuck" Connors, a Bowery and Chinatown character, who died about a year ago, pleaded guilty to burglary in the third degree before Judge Malone, in General Sessions, yesterday, and was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary. It was the first conviction of a woman for burglary in this county for many years.

The woman was indicted for stealing \$19 worth of clothing and jewelry on the morning of April 21. Through a scuttle and over roofs, she gained an entrance to 388 Eighth Avenue, and got into the room of Michael Powers. She quickly gathered all the articles of value in sight, and hurried away to a pawnshop, where she got about fifty cents for the lot.

When she pleaded guilty to the charge she said that she needed the money to buy heroin.

\$15,000 A YEAR FOR GIRL 18.

Referee Favors Increasing Income
of Miss Schermerhorn.

Frederic I. Lockman, the referee appointed to examine into the application of Miss Katie C. Schermerhorn for an increase in her income from the estates of her parents from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year, yesterday reported in favor of the larger allowance. Miss Schermerhorn is 18 years old, and she contemplates marrying.

The will of John Egmont Schermerhorn, her father, left in trust for her \$290,000, and the will of her mother increased the amount by \$329,000. The total annual amount of the income earned by these trusts is \$23,500.

The referee reported that Miss Schermerhorn was reared tenderly and luxuriously, and maintains her own establishment at 969 Park Avenue at a rental of \$2,800 a year. Including this expense, the wages of servants, a woman companion, and frequent entertainments which she delighted to give for her friends, her average monthly expenditures amounted to \$1,000.