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Only Hurting the Cause of Suffrage

Its unqualified belief in woman suffrage does not prevent The Chronicle from being disgusted at some of the tactics pursued by extremists.

Picketing the White House at such a time as this is about the most stupid and senseless move imaginable.

When coupled with the display of banners accusing the president and the high commissioners of deceiving the Russian people, it becomes really irritating.

Those misguided ladies who are idling their time away in such foolishness would better prove their ability to participate in government by helping solve some of the real problems which we face.

They are not doing their country, their cause nor themselves the slightest good, but they are casting discredit on millions of sincere women and are hurting a movement which has almost gained public approval all over the country.

The manner in which they have been attacked by mobs of angry men is not to be excused nor encouraged, but at the same time it must be regarded as little more than might have been expected under the circumstances.

Their insinuating insults to Mr. Root, and to the president for appointing him, constitute neither more nor less than unnecessary criticism of public officials, and criticism which no sensible person would construe as having any bearing on the issue of woman suffrage.

It is fortunate indeed that the American people have sufficient discrimination to separate these agitators from the great multitude of wives, sisters and mothers who show their capacity for using the ballot by generous co-operation with the government in this emergency.

We may well rejoice that what is being done for the Red Cross by millions of conscientious women will more than offset the silly spectacle of White House picketing, and rescue the cause of suffrage from the public contempt into which such tactics would be bound to plunge it.