WANTED—An Australian Statesman. (Adela Pankhurst, April 27, 1918)

FOUND—Vida Goldstein, an Australian Stateswoman

(Cecilia John, same date a year later)

SENATE ELECTION MANIFESTO

Of The People's Candidate,

MISS VIDA GOLDSTEIN

Fellow Citizens,—For the third time I ask you to return me as a member of the Senate. In these many centuries, when tradition, prejudice, and corruption have stood in the way, it has been shown that the people will not hesitate to go as far in this direction as other countries have gone, and return me to the Senate.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST!

NOT IN LEGISLATION.

Each year women and children suffer directly. Women and children need not be taken by Parliament, but they are held quite generally by the Community. They are held quite generally by the Community. They have strong, statesmanlike views, and those views should be expressed in Parliament.

OBJECTS OF CANDIDATURE.

1. Bringing forward in Parliament questions affecting women and children, which men have ignored before.

2. Voting in Parliament the views of men and women which are available in increasing questions in the Senate.

WAR IS OUT OF DATE.

War is out of date. Under modern conditions it cannot accomplish what those who support war want it to accomplish. Every deadly weapon is met by the invention of a new and more deadly weapon. To-day, neither strategy, skill, nor clear thinking can prevent such a fate.

THE PRIME MINISTER has admitted that this war is absolutely vital. Upon an ample supply of all the new fangled weapons, which are available in increasing quantities, the products necessary to enable the Empire and its allies to win the war stay.

TO HEAD THE POLL.

Claim of the Electrorate: I claim that you should return me at the head of the poll.

(a) Because every just person believes in a fair deal. The Statesman has given the woman of Australia one of the most wonderful gifts, and the reason why she never declared war. The Statesman never declared war. Therefore, if we have a war, let us have a Statesman.

(b) Because, in the words of the Prime Minister, this war is absolutely vital. Without a steady supply of all the new fangled weapons, which are available in increasing quantities, the products necessary to enable the Empire and its allies to win the war stay.

SPLITTING THE TICKET.

You may say, "Yes, that is all true, but...

away by this argument. Fare leniently. Both the Labour and National Parties are in favour of Conscription. Both vie with each other in classifying women as "vital" professions, and Conscription is a means of getting women into the army. As much as the Labour Party stands for women's suffrage, the more it would lead the people of Australia to freedom and prosperity.

The Referendum defeated Conscription for overseas, but in a few years' time, under the Defence Act, every man in Australia will be a conscript.

In my opinion there is no essential difference between Conscription for overseas and Conscription for overseas. The one will involve a so-called "vital" profession, and the other a "vital" profession. One will lead the people to the freedom of the British Empire, and the other to the freedom of the Commonwealth.

The DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS V. THE DIVINE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE.

For the first time in Australia, the people are in a fair deal. They have the opportunity of taking a new line of action, of establishing a new democracy. Instead of accepting the worst features of European militarism, which, for centuries, has been used to bolster the Divine Right of Capitalism, they have the opportunity of taking a new line of action, of establishing a new democracy.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME.

My lengthy programme for candidates of all parties is summed up in the following:

For Women and Children: Not in the Senate.

For the People: The Statesman.

For a New Australia: The Statesman.

For Constructive Peace by Negotiation: Against Militarism and Imperialism.

Yours truthfully,

V. GOLDSMITH

March 29, 1917.

MISS JEANETTE RANKIN

A Woman in Parliament.

These women have gathered in many parts of the country on dry lands farms, having themselves wholeheartedly and energetically in the││ and they then turned to the business of running for Congress. They worked in the most energetic way, but as members of Congress, they had to be more energetic, more effective, and more efficient.

The women in Congress. The women in Congress were not as enthusiastically as they were in the Statesman. One of them, for instance, never took her wife out for a ride without going at every mail box to drop in some of the women's papers.

And so now this woman who is to sit in Congress, as soon as it is called, modestly and quietly takes it on herself to lend other women to serve their country, and making them realize the doors of Congress.