

# SUFFRAGETTE TRIES BALLOON CAMPAIGN

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**London Expected to See Pamphlets Showered on Parliament, but Didn't.**

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**DECOROUS DEBATE HERE**

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**Mrs. Bailey Defines the Suffragist as a Converter of Women, the Suffragette as a Converter of Men.**

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LONDON, Feb. 16.—Propaganda by airship is the latest and the most ambitious exploit of the militant woman suffragists. An eighty-foot airship, hired for the occasion and manned by Percival Spencer, the aeronaut, and Miss Muriel Matters, one of the heroines of the grille incident in the House of Commons, went up at Hendon this afternoon, coincident with the opening of Parliament, and headed toward London.

The balloon was decorated with flags, and Miss Matters was plentifully supplied with handbills favorable to the cause to be thrown out and gathered up by the people below.

It was the intention of Miss Matters to pass over Westminster and distribute suffragist literature to the crowds attracted by the reassembling of Parliament. The feeble motor on the balloon, however, was not able to cope with the adverse wind, and the airship never got within sight of the House of Commons. After an erratic flight it descended at Croydon.

The grille incident, in which Miss Matters took part, occurred in the House of Commons. A number of militant suffragettes entered the visitors' gallery during a session of the House and disturbed the proceedings by shouting their war cries and interrupting the speakers.

When the officers sought to remove the ringleaders in this demonstration it was discovered that they had chained themselves to the iron grille placed in front of the balcony to prevent visitors from throwing petitions or missiles to the floor of the House.

The police were called in, and it was necessary finally to remove the grille in order to remove the suffragettes chained to it, an operation that required more than an hour.

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