

# The Suffragette Siege of Prime Minister Asquith

— From targeted protests to wartime truce —

5 SEPTEMBER 1909



## Lympne Castle Encounter

Suffragettes Vera Wentworth, Elsie Howey & Jessie Kenney accosted Asquith at Lympne Castle in Kent, even breaking a window to confront him.

LATE SEPTEMBER 1909



## Government Alarm

Cabinet received a report that women were practicing with pistols in London, raising fears of an assassination attempt.

19 JULY 1912



## Hatchet Attack in Dublin

Mary Leigh threw a hatchet at Asquith's carriage, narrowly missing him and hitting another politician.

29 JANUARY 1913



## Mail Bombs & Escalation

Letter bombs sent to Asquith and arson attacks on cabinet members' homes and churches.

AUGUST 1914



## World War I Begins

With the outbreak of war, suffragette militancy was suspended.

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