

HOLDS WOMEN IN POLITICS TO HELP IN WORLD

Feminine Head of British Columbia Council Gives
Suffrage Views.

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VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 9.—Firm belief that the future of women in politics will lead them to places as high and responsibilities as great as any men have carried was expressed today by Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, in an interview.

Mrs. Smith has just become president of the council of the British Columbia government, the first woman in history to hold a cabinet office.

Her selection, she declared, "is not a question of personal dignity so much as recognition of womanhood."

"I have the greatest admiration for American women and have closely followed their battle for the right of female participation in political activities," Mrs. Smith declared.

"American and British women can well afford to work together and stand shoulder to shoulder in advancing civilization. I believe it has been given to both peoples to say to the world, since we are united that many things internationally detrimental, such as the horrors of war, will not only be improbable, but impossible in the future."

Mrs. Smith expressed the belief that women will some day hold the highest offices in Canada and the United States.

HIGHEST OFFICES IN PROSPECT.
"The men, in the very near future, will cooperate to give women the highest offices in the gift of the countries," she said. "Brains are sexless. God created man and woman equally. There isn't anything in history to prove that man had brains superior to woman. There is a place for each sex in the political world and by cooperation the desired goal may be reached. Balance is the thing necessary in our public women. The franchise is not a toy. It is sacred and given to us as a right by the manhood of the United States and Great Britain. We must not disappoint them by being extremists."

Mrs. Smith is the widow of the late Ralph Smith, for many years minister of education. She is 40 years of age.

THOUSANDS ARE IDLE IN W. VA.

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Feb. 9.—The number of idle men throughout West Virginia runs into the thousands, while tens of thousands are working on reduced time, says a report issued by Samuel B. Montgomery, commissioner of labor.

Replies to questionnaires were received from 150 concerns employing 100 persons or more. They show decrease in employment in various industries as follows:

Glassware, 42 per cent; iron and steel, 51 per cent; lumber and planing mills, 21 per cent; pottery and chinaware, 10 per cent; chemicals and by-products, 64 per cent; leather and rubber goods, 29 per cent; brick and cement, 77 per cent; clothing products, 24 per cent; railroad shops, 15 per cent; tobacco and stogie factories, 1 per cent.

Seventeen other concerns reported wage cuts of from 5 to 30 per cent.

Youth's Mother Is Stricken by News

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Anna Walker of this city fainted when she was told that Governor Miller of New York had refused to commute the sentence of her son, Jesse Walker, 19, to life imprisonment and that he must die in the electric chair Thursday night, in Sing Sing Prison.

The body of the youth will be sent Friday to Henderson, Ky., where he was born and formerly lived and will be buried by the side of his father, who was a Baptist minister.

Mrs. Walker was convicted with Guy Nichols of the murder of a Brooklyn merchant during a hold-up. Many organizations and men of prominence united forces in pleas for mercy. Walker served in the Navy during the war.

Trustee Aids 405 Families in 13 Days

A report compiled in the office of William H. Evans, school trustee for Center Township, shows that in the first thirteen days of this month, which began Jan. 26, 405 families were aided as follows:

Supplied with groceries, 210 at a cost of \$967.
Supplied with coal, 184 at a cost of \$1,324.
Assisted in burials, three at a cost of \$60.
Taken to poor farm, eight at a cost of \$24.

Total families aided, 405 at a cost of \$2,394.

Savants Look With Doubt on Death Theory

Edison's Suggestion of Communication With Spirits Causes Wide Comment

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 8.—

The faculty of the college of psychology of the University of Oregon went into special session last night to consider the startling statement of Thomas A. Edison, as disclosed in an interview Tuesday to the effect that an apparatus could be devised to receive communications from the dead.

Dr. Edmund S. Conklin, dean of the college of psychology, and one of the leading metaphysicians in America, read the interview to the faculty and an intensive study of the great scientist's theory was made. The savants reached the decision that the realization of Edison's proposition is extremely doubtful, but not impossible.

Dr. Conklin gave the written opinions of the faculty to the press and added that a further study will be made with the help of the recent report of Professor Jastrow of the University of Wisconsin, who made an investigation of the subject among the leading psychologists of this country and Europe. The student body of the college of psychology here will be asked to study the theory further in concert with the faculty.

Dr. Conklin said:

"I am extremely doubtful of the possibility of devising an apparatus that will receive communications from mind or memory. Extensive research and laboratory experiments have failed to reveal the existence of any such communications. It would be very interesting to see the least, if Edison should succeed in constructing such an apparatus as he claims he has in mind. I say this in face of present knowledge. But in the face of present knowledge only it is impossible."

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BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 9.—Communication between disembodied personalities and the living may depend upon the control of sources of energy in the opinion of Prof. Charles Atwood Kofoid, one of the leading biologists of the country and head of the department of zoology of the University of California. Discussing Thomas A. Edison's theory of the possibility of communication between the living and dead today, he said:

"Science has not yet given us any clue to mechanism whereby one person may communicate with another except as each is embodied in a material body with sense organs evolved to receive impressions created by the impact of some form of physical energy. Matter and energy appear to be inseparable and man has long cherished the hope that personalities which we know as dwelling in matter and functioning by the release of energy are likewise immortal. Communication between such disembodied personalities and ourselves will perhaps depend upon their control of sources of energy to us and upon our having the right kind of receivers to catch the signals. Man's control of hitherto unsuspected sources of energy has enormously expanded with the last generation. If memory and knowledge persist in disembodied scientists our chances for receiving intelligible signals from the bourne frame whence no traveler has yet returned will increase as knowledge grows. Meanwhile we have enough to keep us busy."

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RILEY MEMORIAL PLANS ENLARGED

Persons in State May Acquire Memberships.

Membership in the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association is to be extended to persons throughout the State who are interested in the building of a children's hospital and similar projects in the Hoosier poet's memory. The association originally was formed by personal friends of Mr. Riley.

A number of citizens already have given the association assurance of their assistance in equipping the hospital and other services in connection with its establishment and maintenance if the proposed legislation is approved by the Indiana General Assembly now in session.

The plan contemplates having the Legislature take the first step with an appropriation of \$200,000, and it is hoped individual gifts will make possible the erection of a million-dollar hospital of which the State would bear only a minor part of the expense.

Persons interested may communicate with W. C. Bobbs, secretary, or F. D. Schortemeier, director, at Indianapolis.

CROSS TALKS TO LOCAL REALTORS

Describes Florida Trip at
Weekly Luncheon.

500 ATTEND BALL OF ATHLETIC CLUB

Interpretive Dances Feature
Social Affair.

One of the most attractive social affairs of the season was the "debut ball" of the Indianapolis Athletic Club, held last evening in the Louis IV room of the E. W. Steinhardt building. Festoons and streamers of blue and gold, the club colors, combined with large American flags, were used through the ballroom. The dance programs were also in the club colors. Cotillion figures were danced, led by Earl J. Marsh, and novel favors of various kinds were distributed to the participants.

A pretty feature of the evening was the group of interpretive dances presented by Miss Madeline and Miss Dorothy L. B. Calvelle, E. W. Challie, Oble J. Smith, Irvin Morris, James S. Cruise, H. G. Templeton.

For the pleasure of those who did not dance, card tables were arranged on the mezzanine floor. Over five hundred members, together with their guests, attended the function.

The reception committee included A. H. Adams, W. H. Barreter Sr., W. H. Barreter Jr., H. L. Bass, B. B. Bobbitt, S. C. Robinson, D. S. Brooks, Paul Donald Brown, Will H. Brown, Paul Buchanan, C. L. Buschmann, Henry F. Campbell, J. J. Cole, W. K. Cooper, E. H. Darrach, R. H. Edgerton, William E. English, Frank D. Frawley, C. Glazer, James P. Gray, A. R. Helskell, Wallace O. Lee, R. A. Lemcke, Homer McKee, E. J. Marsh, F. E. Matson, R. L. Mellett, Dick Miller, T. E. Myers, Meredith Nicholson, W. H. Oakes, C. J. Orin, W. S. Reed, Ernest N. Smith, D. A. Stackhouse, E. W. Steinhart, H. R. Ettingmeyer, Dr. R. B. Storms, Harry C. Stutz, W. N. Thompson, Edward R. Treat, L. M. Watnright, C. H. Wallerich, C. S. Walker, Frank F. Wooling and T. A. Wynne.

SET TUESDAY FOR COUNTRY TRIP

Lebanon, Frankfort and Lafayette on Route.

Plans for a courtesy trip for Indianapolis wholesalers to Lebanon, Frankfort and Lafayette were announced today by John B. Reynolds, general secretary of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

The wholesalers will leave Indianapolis on special Indianapolis cars next Tuesday. Not only will they have a luncheon meeting with the business men of Frankfort and a dinner at the Fowler Hotel in Lafayette, but they expect to stop at all the smaller towns, including Zionsville, Whitestown, Mulberry and Dayton.

This is the second courtesy trip. The first one was to Muncie and Anderson just before the holidays, when ninety Indianapolis wholesalers made the trip. At least 150 are expected to go on the trip Tuesday, according to Fred B. Takeman, secretary of the wholesale trade division of the chamber, who is handling the details of the trip.

The following is the schedule of the trip and stopovers:

Leave Indianapolis 7:30 a. m., Trac-Ton Terminal.
Arrive Zionsville 8:00 a. m.
Leave Zionsville 8:30 a. m.
Arrive Whitestown 8:50 a. m.
Leave Whitestown 9:15 a. m.
Arrive Lebanon 9:32 a. m.
Leave Lebanon 10:32 a. m.
Arrive Frankfort 11:07 a. m. Remain in Frankfort over lunch period.
Leave Frankfort 1:30 p. m.
Arrive Mulberry 1:50 p. m.
Leave Mulberry 2:20 p. m.
Arrive Dayton 2:35 p. m.
Leave Dayton 2:55 p. m.
Arrive Lafayette 3:25 p. m. Dinner will be served at the Fowler Hotel at 6:15 p. m.

LUMBER FALLS ON WORKER.
Clinton Johnson, 34, of 423 Madison avenue, suffered a possible fracture of the shoulder and was badly bruised when caught by falling lumber at the Indiana Refrigerating company's plant, 232 South Pennsylvania street, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Johnson was taking the lumber to an upper floor on a freight elevator.

FURNITURE MEN WILL BANQUET

'Better Homes' Campaign to Be Discussed.

A get-together meeting and banquet to which manufacturers of furniture in the State have been invited, will be held at the Claypool Hotel tomorrow evening under auspices of the Indiana Retail Furniture Dealers' Association.

The executive committee of the association will meet in the afternoon. The purpose of the get-together meeting is to create a wider interest among dealers and manufacturers of furniture in a cooperative national advertising movement to make better American homes through better furniture.

The meeting was called by Leo Schubert, Vincent president of the president of the association, on suggestion of John A. Gilmore, Charlottesville, Va., chairman of the executive committee of the Retail Furniture Association of the United States, who will explain the campaign at the banquet.

Transportation Club Heads to Be Guests

A dinner for past presidents of the organization, formerly known as the Transportation Club will be held by the Indianapolis Traffic Club tomorrow evening at the Hotel Severin, with Frank A. Butler, president of the club, as toastmaster, and Dick Miller one of the principal speakers. Other talks will be made by past presidents.

Guy K. Jeffries, general superintendent of the T. H. I. & E. Traction Company, is chairman of the entertainment committee.

The weekly luncheon of the Indianapolis Traffic Club will be held at the Hotel Lincoln tomorrow noon.

AWARDS OFFERED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Legion Posts Hop Off Monday
on Big Drive.

Announcement was made at the headquarters of the Marion County Council of the American Legion today that two cash awards and additional honors will be offered the local posts which gain the greatest percentage of new members during the membership campaign which will begin Monday under the direction of the Legion Council.

A cash award of \$50 will be given the post which gains the greatest percentage of new members and \$25 will be given the post which gains the second greatest percentage. The other honors to be bestowed consist of positions in the Fourth of July parade, which will be one of the most elaborate patriotic events since the war, according to the plans now being made by the officials of the local council of the legion. The post winning first place in the membership competition will have first place in the parade, the post winning second place in the membership work will be second in the parade and so on down the line.

J. F. Cantwell chairman of the Marion County Council of the American Legion, has called a meeting for Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock of post commanders, post membership directors, and all team captains to complete the preliminaries for the legion's membership campaign, which will open Monday. The conference will be held at the Marion Club.

Reports on the progress of the organization work each post has made in preparation for the canvass for new members will be heard and the thirty-four posts of the county will be divided into six groups, and a division chief will be appointed to help direct the campaign work in each group.

"Not only members of the legion, but all service men are showing a renewed interest in legion affairs," Mr. Cantwell said today. "The program of work undertaken by the county council, which includes help for the disabled and employment service for the unemployed service men, and a greater interest in civic affairs, appeals to the class of young men who make up the membership of the legion and they are responding readily to the council's call to get behind the movement to increase the membership and strengthen the organization to an extent that will enable it to take its proper rank among leading civic and patriotic organizations."

"Not only should Indianapolis be the leading American Legion city, this section of the county, it should be the leading American Legion city of the nation."

Flags at Half Mast for Asa E. Matthews

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 9.—Flags flew at half staff here today in honor of the late Representative Asa E. Matthews, who died at Indianapolis Monday night.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon from the late residence of the Representative, two miles west of this city, and burial will be held in Highland cemetery, Rev. Young, pastor of Mt. Pleasant church, officiating. The body will lie in state at the Matthews home until the funeral.

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