

## HOLDS WOMEN IN POLITICS TO HELP IN WORLD

Feminine Head of British Columbia Council Gives Suffrage Views.

### ADMIRERS U. S. PROGRESS

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 9.—Firm belief that the future of women in politics will be as high as their responsibilities as ever at any time has been carried was expressed yesterday 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 do so.

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

### ADMIRATION FOR AMERICAN WOMEN

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

"American and British women can well afford to work together and stand shoulder to shoulder. In advancing their cause, 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."

Mrs. Smith expressed the belief that women will some day hold the highest offices in Canada and in 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 country," she said. "Women are created equal. 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 political world. The franchise is not a toy. It is served to give 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, reduced time, says a report issued by Samuel D. Montgomery, commissioner of labor.

Replies to questionnaires were received from 180 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; coal and by-products, 10 per cent; leather and rubber goods, 20 per cent; brick and cement, 77 per cent; clothing products, 24 per cent; hardware, 15 per cent; tobacco and stogies 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.

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.

Young 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 plea 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 \$90.

Taken to poor farm, eight at a cost of \$324.

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. 9.—The faculty of the college of psychology of the University of Oregon went into special session last night to discuss the startling statements 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 interviewers to the faculty, read an intensive study of the great adhesion 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 further study will be made with the help of a 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 may be asked to study the theory further in concert with the faculty.

Dr. Conklin said: "The most extreme doubt 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 know the least, if Edison should succeed in constructing such an apparatus, what it would seem he has in mind. I say this in face of present knowledge only is it impossible."

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Prof. A. A. Michelson of the University of Chicago, who has invented instruments for measuring the exact size of celestial bodies, does not believe that Thomas A. Edison ever will be able to invent a device by which spirits of the dead may communicate with the living.

"I don't see anything in it," Professor Michelson declared today. "I don't believe in communication with spirits because I don't believe in spirits."

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 9.—Communication between disembodied personalities and the living may be based upon their control of sources of energy in the body, 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:

"I am not yet given to believe in a mechanism whereby a 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 or phase of energy. Matter and energy appear to be indestructible and man has long cherished the hope that personality which we know as dwelling in matter, is functioning in the release of energy. Matter and energy are likewise immaterial. The 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 in the last generation. If energy and knowledge increase, we will be able to find the answers to many problems of life and to life itself."

The meeting was called by Lee Schultheis, Vincennes, president of the association, on suggestion of John A. Gilmore, Charlotte, Va., chairman of the executive committee of the Retail Furniture Association of the United States, who will explain the campaign at the banquet.

The executive committee of the association will meet in the afternoon.

The purpose of the get-together meeting is to interest the trade among dealers and manufacturers of furniture in a cooperative national advertising movement to make better American homes through better furniture.

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The following is the schedule of the trip and expenses:

Leave Indianapolis 7:30 a. m., Travel Terminal.

Arrive Zionsville 8:00 a. m.

Arrive Whitewater 8:30 a. m.

Leave Whitewater 9:30 a. m.

Arrive Lebanon 9:32 a. m.

Leave Lebanon 11:32 a. m.

Arrive Frankfort 11:07 a. m. Remain in Frankfort for the period.

Leave Frankfort 1:30 p. m.

Arrive Mulberry 2:30 p. m.

Arrive Dayton, 2:35 p. m.

Arrive Cincinnati 4:30 p. m.

Arrive Lafayette 3:25 p. m. Dinner will be served at the Fowler Hotel at 6:35 p. m.

LUMBER FALLS ON WORKER.

Clinton Johnson, 34, of 425 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.

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

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 their associates a sum 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.

Plans call for a building having the Legislature take the first step in the appropriation of \$250,000, and it is believed 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. Schaefer, secretary, or E. E. Schortemeyer, director, at Indianapolis.

### CROSS TALKS TO LOCAL REALTORS

Describes Florida Trip at Weekly Luncheon.

C. M. Cross described his trip through Florida, following the national association mid-winter meeting at the weekly luncheon of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board at the Club. The conference is to discuss Open discussions will be had on a number of measures before the Legislature which have bearing on the realty business.

Committees for 1921 have been named by the Realtors as follows:

Archie C. Charles, H. Badger, chairman; Frank E. Brown, Robert M. Miller, James W. Hurt, Edward M. Knight, Walter T. White.

Legislative—William E. Bush, chairman; Fred E. Brewer, Alex. Chambers, Civic Improvement—Lacey E. Hearn, chairman; Albert J. Hueber, M. S. Lewis, L. B. Calhoun, E. W. Chalif, Obie J. G. Tompkins.

Good Roads—Donald L. Rose, chairman; Dan W. LeGore, Felix Devereux, H. H. Hisinger and S. S. Woodward, C. L. Verner, chairman; Fred A. Dunlop, H. E. Elsner, T. C. Holtege, J. G. McCullough.

New Business—Fred J. T. Tuck, chairman; Harry L. Tuck, LaFayette Perkins, F. L. Moore.

WEEKLY LUNCHEON PROGRAM—Robert S. McGehee, chairman; E. H. Whaley, John M. T. J. Morris, James S. Cruse, H. G. Tompkins.

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### 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. Stelzner building. Festoons and streamers of blue and gold, the club colors, combined with the American flags, were used throughout the ballroom. The dance programs were also in the club colors. Cotillion figures were danced, led by Earl J. Marsh, and novel figures of various kinds were distributed to the participants.

A pretty feature of the evening was the group of interpretive dances presented by Misses Madeline and Miss Dorothy Smith, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Irvin Morris, James S. Cruse, H. G. Tompkins.

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. Barrer Sr., W. H. Barrer Jr., H. L. Barrer, T. B. Bobbitt, S. C. Bobbitt, D. S. Brooks, Donald Brown, Will H. Brown, Paul Buchanan, C. L. Buschmann, Henry F. Campbell, J. J. Cole, W. K. Cooper, E. H. Darrach, R. H. Dergerton, William E. English, Frank D. Frawley, C. Glazer, James P. Gray, A. R. Helsker, Wallace O. Lee, R. A. Lencke, Howard M. L. Miller, R. E. Miller, Fred N. Miller, Dick Miller, T. E. Myers, Meredith Nicholson, W. H. Okes, C. J. Orbison, W. S. Reed, Ernest N. Smith, D. A. Stackhouse, E. W. Steinhart, H. R. Ettemeyer, Dr. E. W. Storms, Harry C. Stutz, W. N. Thompson, Edward R. Treat, L. M. Walwright, C. H. Wallerich, C. S. Wallace, Frank F. Woolling and T. A. Wynne.

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"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, an employment service for the unemployed service men, and a greater interest in the legion among the other 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 which will be a great patriotic organization."

"Not only should Indianapolis be the leading American Legion city in this section of the country, it should be the

model American Legion city of the United States. This is the home of the American Legion and Indianapolis shows in recognition of the fact and the distinction of having its headquarters here, have the strongest American Legion organization in the nation."

### Flags at Half Mast for Asa E. Matthews

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 9.—Flags at half mast have 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. Yancy pastor of Mt. Pleasant church, officiating.

The body will lie in state at the Matthews home until the funeral.

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