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WOMEN JOY IN VICTORY CONVENTION

Party Members Nearly Develop Split at Meeting of League of Women Voters, Mrs. Catt Leads Speaking.

GUN FOR SENATORS

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—The fifty-first annual and final convention of the National American woman suffrage association opened here today with 2,000 delegates in attendance.

The first meeting turned chiefly to a celebration of expected early victory of equal suffrage for women, and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the association, urged the delegates to rejoice because "there is no earthly power that can do more than delay by a trifling the final enfranchisement of women."

"Oh, women, be glad to today," the president said, "let your voices ring out the gladness in your hearts. There will never come another day like this. Let the joy be unconfined and let it speak so clearly that its echo will be heard around the world and find its way into the soul of every woman of any and every race and nationality, who is yearning for opportunity and liberty still denied her sex."

Split on Politics.

A congress of the League of Women Voters, which suffrage leaders expect will absorb the suffrage association, began yesterday to continue through next Wednesday.

Its initial meeting developed sharp difficulties of opinion among Republican and Democratic women and political observers today were interested awaiting developments which suffrage leaders themselves said would indicate whether women of widely divergent political opinions could establish and maintain a non-partisan political organization. The purpose of the League of Women Voters as announced, is to shape legislation to the interests of women.

A number of conferences today were formulating a legislative program which will be submitted to the League of Women Voters Monday, and which, if adopted, would become the league's platform.

The "victory" convention of the suffrage association gave no hint of the possible political alignment of the new League of Women Voters. Mrs. Catt, in her address urged women voters to the defense of senators who call special sessions of their legislature to ratify the suffrage amendment, and added:

"If the governor is a Republican, the facts are that he had not been of the two Republican senators, namely, Senator Borah of Idaho, and Senator Wadsworth of New York, refused to represent their states as indicated by votes at the polls, resolutions by their respective legislatures and planks in their party platforms, the suffrage amendment would have passed the sixty-fifth congress."

**Army Carrier Pigeon Falls
Into Hibberd Ventilator;
Is Sent On Its Way**

"The Rainbow Division, Indiana-pols," was the identification attached to an alert, but shell-shocked little carrier pigeon found in an air ventilator at Hibberd Public school on South Eighth street, Thursday afternoon, by Mrs. O. F. Ward, a teacher.

She notified her nephew, Emerson Ashinger, lately with the A. E. F., who telegraphed the Indianapolis headquarters of the Rainbow Division.

"Will you keep it warm; feed it and start it west Friday morning about 9 o'clock," came the reply from Indianapolis. Mrs. Ward took the bird home with her and this morning the message-taker was started on its way before all the children of Hibberd school and a considerable group of interested neighbors. The purpose of its trip was not learned.

**Get 1920 Auto Licenses
Is Warning of Wenger**

Following receipt of a message from the secretary of state to the effect that enough 1920 auto license plates are now available, Police Superintendent Wenger said Friday that machine owners must immediately procure plates.

"Under no condition will automobile owners be allowed to operate their cars after March 1, on 1919 licenses," said Wenger. "It is as much a crime even now to operate an automobile on a 1919 license as it is to violate any law. There are plenty of plates in the office of the secretary of state, and machine owners can get them within a few hours after making application. Automobilists need not think they will be permitted to operate their cars indefinitely on the old license."

**Cold Wave to Swoop
From North, Prediction**

A cold wave, very close at hand, was announced at noon Friday by Weatherman Moore, to arrive in the next 24 hours. The mercury will drop five below freezing and there will be slight snow fall. Fourteen years ago Saturday, Feb. 14, 1906, the mercury dropped to 22 below zero, and it was said to be the coldest day in February for 20 years.

INDIANAPOLIS. Feb. 13.—A drop of 15 degrees in temperature by Saturday morning was predicted today by the local weather bureau. Cold weather now is sweeping toward Indiana from the north, it was said.

Organizes Women Democrats of U. S.



Miss Margaret Vale.

Misunderstandings which led to the formation of the Women Democrats of America have been dissipated, says Miss Margaret Vale, sponsor of the society, and a permanent organization has resulted.

BUILDING IS SAFE, K. OF P. HEARS; CITY MAY CALL EXPERT

It was understood Friday that the committee, appointed by council, to investigate safety of the new Knights of Pythias lodge building, on South Eighth street, would ask for more time at the council meeting Monday night. The committee is said to be planning to engage an expert engineer to go over the building and submit a report.

A report of the building committee of the lodge in regard to the condition of the building was read at the K. of P. meeting Thursday night. The building was declared absolutely safe by the building inspector and fire chief, and there was no reason for condemning the structure, said the reporter.

The fact that the top of the building was unfinished, and water and frost collected between the walls caused the front to fall, was shown by the report. The building will be completed as soon as possible.

Plans were also discussed at Thursday's meeting for the formal opening of the new building. The opening is in charge of a special committee, which plans a county-wide celebration.

**Lost Pocketbook; Says
Finder Gave It To Wrong
Party; Sues for \$101**

All the evidence in the suit of Joseph E. Phillips against Buehler Bros. Meat Market was completed at the morning session of circuit court Friday and argument was to be heard Friday afternoon.

Phillips claims that he lost a pocketbook in the store last December, containing \$101 in money and a \$50 Liberty bond of the third issue, and that the meat market gave the pocketbook back to him.

The embassy has been instructed to call this to the attention of the foreign office.

Action was prompted by the refusal of passport vise to Henry Forres, following his appearance before the committee. While the right of Mexico to refuse persons regarded as undesirable is not challenged, it was said at the state department, Americans who may be subpoenaed to appear before the committee must testify.

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The defendants claim that the pocketbook found only contained \$5 in money and a draft registration card bearing the name of Earl J. Phillips. They further claim that a man purporting to be Phillips called for the pocketbook within an hour after it was found, and identified it accurately.

The description of the man who is guilty, secured by the Marion police is exactly the same as the one on hand at local headquarters. The letter also states that the Marion department has been advised by Anderson, Lafayette, Kokomo, Elwood, and several other cities that merchants have been fooled by the checks.

The co-operation of these cities with the Richmond police department will undoubtedly cause the guilty party to be apprehended," said Wenger.

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**2,000 Armenians Killed,
Says Asia Minor Dispatch**

(By Associated Press)

THE HAGUE, Feb. 13.—Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and Holland will be represented at the conference which opens at the peace palace here on Feb. 16 to discuss the formation of an international court of justice. This conference will aim to establish by comparing and examining plans already drawn by commissions of experts from other countries, a uniform plan for a permanent tribunal such as is provided for in Article XIV of the covenant of the league of nations.

TRIAL BY DEFAULT FOR GERMANS URGED BY FRENCH PREMIER

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Feb. 13.—Premier Millerand, of France, who is attending the meeting of the supreme allied council in London, is energetically insisting on the execution of the extradition clause of the Versailles treaty, and urging if the Germans refuse to surrender men accused of war crimes that they be tried by default, says the Echo de Paris.

Germany's proposal that she try the alleged culprits is "no more likely to be adopted at London than in Paris," says the Petit Parisian, which adds the council will establish the culpability of former Emperor William and again demand his extradition from Holland.

On the other hand the Matin says it is informed that although a firm note will be sent to Germany, the door will be left open for further discussions, consideration being taken of Premier Lloyd George's suggestions and the political situation in England. Discussing the financial phases of the London conference, several newspapers say moral help and occasional material assistance will be given nations in serious straits. The Petit Parisian observes that England and France have reached an agreement on some problems relative to American exchange, and recalls the French loan issued in September, 1915, will fall due on October 15 this year. Hope is expressed that some arrangements for making prompt payment may be made.

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—General Reinhard, commander-in-chief of the German forces, has published an order of the day saying: "Germans regard the surrender of men accused of war crimes an impossibility, an opinion with which the army agrees, and will in no case abandon."

**Service Men Conduct
South Eighth Meeting**

Talks by Benjamin and Robert Johnson, Josiah Marvel and Arl Sherman, and a series of slides showing work of the Friends' Reconstruction Unit in France, formed an interesting program on service men's night Thursday in the South Eighth Street Friends church. Twenty men were represented on the church's service flag and three on the reconstruction work flag, but a majority of them were unable to be present.

Robert Johnson and Mr. Marvel talked informally regarding the work of Friends in the devastated region of France. Benjamin Johnson spoke of the work of the army and Mr. Sherman of the army at the front. A large audience was present.

Of four other councilmen approached, Walterman and Harry Golden said they were in favor of such ordinance, Stegman and Waddele, in addition to Von Pein, being against it.

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