

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 trifle 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 differences of opinion among Republican and Democratic women and political observers today were interestedly 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 March 1, 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 to vote in the defense of governors who call special sessions of their legislatures to ratify the suffrage amendment, and added:

"If the governor is a Republican, the facts are that had it not been that 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, Indianapolis," 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. Automobileists 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 report.

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 away without proper identification. He is suing for the amount involved.

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.

Forger Who Worked Here
Has Many State Victims

Richmond is not the only city in the state in which persons have been victimized by a party or parties who are existing on forged checks.

According to a letter received by Chief Wenger Friday from the head of the Marion, Ind., police force, that city is experiencing the same difficulty in regard to forged notes.

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.

2,000 Armenians Killed,
Says Asia Minor Dispatch

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Armenian national delegation here states that it has received a message from Constantinople saying that during the recent attacks by nationalist forces on Marash and Antab, in Asia Minor, about 2,000 Armenian civilians were murdered in cold blood.

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 Parisien, 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 Parisien 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 Reinhardt, 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 as 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 Art Shuman, and a series of ideas 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 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. Shuman of the army at the front. A large audience was present.

CANADA DEMANDS
VOTE IN LEAGUE

(By Associated Press)
OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—Canada has given Britain notice that it objects to any change in the covenant of the League of Nations which will prevent the dominion from being a full-fledged member of the league, and having a vote in the assembly.

After a meeting of the cabinet last night, urgent instructions were forwarded to the imperial authority, protesting against acceptance by Great Britain, of the Lennox reservation to the peace treaty, which now is being considered by the United States senate.

Newfoundland Train Takes
3 Weeks to Cross Island

(By Associated Press)
ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, Feb. 13.—An express train on the Reid-Newfoundland railway, a narrow gauge line, has arrived here after being three weeks on the way across the island from Port-a-Basques.

The train was scheduled to make the 546 mile run in 29 hours. Several storms were encountered, and it was snowed in frequently. Passengers reported that at some exposed points the snow drifted to a height of 20 feet. They were on scanty rations much of the time, with fish as the principal food.

The perils of cross country travel have increased so much that it was said today service probably would be suspended until the storm season passed, passengers being sent by steamer along the southern coast from Port-a-Basques to St. John's.

SINN FEINERS ARRESTED.

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Feb. 13.—Several Sinn Feiners were arrested in round-up by military forces in this city today.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau.—Fair tonight and Saturday, except probably snow in Northeast portion; colder tonight in North portion, much colder Saturday. Today's Temperature
Maximum Yesterday's 36
Minimum 23
For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore.—Occasional snow for tonight and Saturday; cold wave Saturday, possibly late tonight. The principal storm is now centered over Minnesota and extends southward to Iowa, moving south-east. Another storm is on the gulf, causing heavy rainfall. Much colder weather is moving rapidly southward from southern Canada where it is below zero. South wind that now prevails throughout Indiana will shift northwest sometime during the next 24 hours with a decided fall in temperature, probably accompanied by squalls of snow. A cold wave is close at hand, and will reach here in next 24 hours, and will be five below freezing.

3,000 Pages, 6,000,000 Words on Treaty



Senator Smoot and his book of senate speeches.

Senator Reed Smoot has compiled a volume containing all the speeches made in the senate on the peace treaty and the league of nations. The volume contains 3,000 pages, and over 6,000,000 words.

RESOLUTION WOULD
CLOG SALE OF SHIPS;
W. R. HEARST ACTS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—A concurrent resolution directing the shipping board not to sell the 30 former German liners, which the board plans to dispose of at public auction here Monday, except through regular public bidding after three months advertising, and then only if proper offers were received, were introduced today by Senator Ashurst, Democrat, Arizona.

The resolution was offered in the midst of a debate on the sale of the ships. Senator Ashurst declared that it was a fact that the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation intended to sell the vessels to the International Mercantile marine for \$28,000,000. He said the vessels had a pre-war value of \$154,000,000 and a present value of \$300,000,000.

Chairman Jones, of the commerce committee, previously had told the senate that he had no idea that a story that the ships were to be sold to the International Mercantile marine, under a secret understanding between the board and British interests, was true.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Application for an injunction against the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation to prevent the sale of the 30 former German liners at public auction next Monday was filed in the District of Columbia supreme court today by William Randolph Hearst, of New York, acting in his capacity as a taxpayer.

Chief Justice McCoy issued a rule requiring the defendant to show cause Monday morning, why a temporary injunction should not be issued.

FARM INSTITUTE TO
OPEN AT HAGERSTOWN

The sixth annual Jefferson Township Farmers' institute will open at Hagerstown next Thursday. The institute will run two days, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 19 and 20.

An address by Alpheus Baldwin, of Webster township, will open the institute Thursday morning. In the afternoon J. H. Bentley, superintendent of the Richmond city schools, will speak on "The Schools of Tomorrow." Rev. J. J. Rao, of this city, will give the Thursday evening address.

Friday will be known as Purdue day. All the speakers and other arrangements will be furnished by Purdue.

Officials predict that the session will be the best ever held. Robert Marlatt and Mose Keever, both of Hagerstown, are president and vice president respectively. All sessions will be held in the Hagerstown I. O. O. F. hall. A detailed program will be announced later.

Charles H. Schafer Dies
As Result of Accident

Charles H. Schafer, 65 years old, died from injuries received two weeks ago when struck by an auto, at 3:30 a. m. Friday, at his home, at 823 South Ninth street. He was born in Hanover, Germany, and has been a resident of Richmond for over 20 years. He was employed at a local furniture store and it was while on his way from work that he was struck. He never fully regained consciousness. He is a past Grand Dictator of the local I. O. O. M. His wife died four weeks ago.

He is survived by two sons, Joseph Schafer, of this city, and Charles Schafer, of St. Louis, Mo.; one brother, Henry Schafer, of this city; and one sister, Mrs. Mary Boyer, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held in St. Andrew's church at 9 a. m. Monday. Burial in St. Andrew's cemetery. The Rev. F. A. Roell will officiate.

PRESIDENT
HANDS DOWN
ULTIMATUM

Rail Men Given "Unalterable" Decision of Executive on Strike—Based on Justice, He Says.

IS NOT MADE PUBLIC

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—An "unalterable" decision in the railroad wage controversy was made today by President Wilson in conference with representatives of the brotherhoods. The president said the government's policy was "based on justice to all interests."

The president's decision was not announced at the white house. Officials said it was a "decision containing a proposal." From this it was assumed that the president had refused to grant general wage increases, but had made a counter proposition to the men.

Secretary Tumulty declined to say whether the president had refused specifically the wage demands, saying that "everyone wants to settle the strike," and that the brotherhood chiefs should have an opportunity to consider the president's suggestion or proposal without outside interference.

Based on Justice
The president's statement that the government's policy was "based on justice to all interests," is in line with the final word presented to the union leaders by Director General Hines at the last conference with them.

Mr. Hines was understood to have told the men that with the return of the roads to private control under the new railroad bill, an impartial tribunal for consideration of their demands would be created.

Mr. Hines was understood to have suggested to the president that if an increase in pay were granted the men, the roads would seek an increase in freight rates, which would mean increased living costs.

This argument was presented to the leaders on several occasions by the director general, it was said at the railroad administration.

In as much as the unions were pressing strongly for a reduction in living costs, officials said there was reason to believe that the president had employed this in his answer to the union spokesmen.

Interview Is Detailed.

When the railroad men greeted the president they told him he was looking very well.

"I have just been shaved," said the president. "That helps a bit."

The president, sitting in his wheel chair, in a corner under the portico, wrapped in blankets, shook hands with the men when Secretary Tumulty presented them. They stood up throughout the conference with their overcoats on, but their hats in their hands. The president pressed them to put their hats on because of the dampness, but they refused.

After reading his statement, the president asked them to give consideration to his suggestion and they promised to do so.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 13.—Any proposal President Wilson has made to representatives of railroad brotherhoods in an effort to avert a strike, demands, will receive "earnest consideration" by officers of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Shop Laborers, President Allen Barker said today.

Former German Steamer
Grounded in Bosphorus

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 13.—The former German steamer Gregor with 200 British refugees from Odessa broke adrift from a vessel having her in tow and grounded near Kilos Point Wednesday, according to a Lloyd's dispatch from Constantinople. One hundred and fifty persons were rescued by the breeches buoy. The vessel is reported to be breaking up.

Kilos point is about three and a half miles west of the Rumili light-house which stands on the western bank of the Bosphorus at the point where it meets the Black Sea.

Death of Admiral Kolchak
Confirmed by All-Russians

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 13.—News of the execution of Admiral Kolchak, former head of the all-Russian government, has been officially confirmed. He and one of his ministers, M. Peleayev, were shot at Irkutsk at 5 o'clock on the morning of Feb. 7.

The revolutionary committee at Irkutsk decided at 2 o'clock in the morning that the two officials should be executed. Members of the committee then shot the victims quickly fearing attempts at rescue.

It has not been explained why the admiral and M. Peleayev, who was premier and minister of the interior of the cabinet formed last November, were allowed to fall into the hands of the revolutionary committee. Agents of the allies are attempting to learn the reasons and place the responsibility for this happening.

CANADIAN THEATER BURNED

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 13.—The Hayden-Gibson theater at Woodstock, N. B., was destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Four stores in the theater building were burned out.

BOLSHEVIKI GET BOOTY

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Three generals, 200 other officers, 3,000 soldiers, 100 guns, four armored trains and great quantities of material were captured by the Bolsheviki at Odessa, it is claimed in a wireless message from Moscow received today.