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## FIGHT FOR VOTES IS WON BY WOMEN

Thirty-Six States Have Ratified Amendment.

### TENNESSEE FALLS INTO LINE

Washington is the Thirty-Fifth—Seventy Years of Struggle for Equal Suffrage—Features and Some Immortal Names.

Washington—American women have won their fight for votes. Washington and Tennessee have ratified the constitutional amendment, making 36 states out of 48.

Upon the opening March 22 of the special sessions of the legislatures of Washington and Delaware, the women suffrage situation in the United States was hotly this:

*Amendment to the Constitution passed by Congress June 4, 1919, or drafted in 1870 by Susan B. Anthony: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or*

*Prize 1869 to 1920 she was president of the National Woman Suffrage Association congressional committee on women suffrage. She was the joint author of "History of Woman Suffrage" (1881-85) and "Eighty Years or More" (1902) her autobiography.*

*A third name is that of Susan B. Anthony (1820-1900). She joined with Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton in organizing the women suffrage movement. She became in time the real leader of the movement; certainly she was its first militant suffragist. Born in Adams, Mass., she came of Quaker stock, and early devoted herself to "temperance" (the prohibition of those days) and to the abolition of slavery.*

*In 1878 Miss Anthony drafted the amendment to the Constitution which has now been ratified. In 1878 the amendment was introduced in the Senate by Senator George of California. It was defeated in 1897 and thereafter was not even debated in Congress until 1914.*

*During the years the Constitutional amendment campaign was nothing but progress the women won many victories in the states, securing full suffrage in 15; presidential suffrage in 12 and partial suffrage in several others.*

*The National American Woman Suffrage Association in 1912 opened headquarters in Washington and began an active campaign for the passage of the amendment. In 1916 it established branch headquarters there which were devoted entirely to the amendment campaign. The campaign was educational and social as well as political and attracted worldwide attention.*

*The National Woman's party, organized in 1910 by Alice Paul, established Washington headquarters in 1913 and introduced the militant into the campaign.*

*Alice Paul—the third Quakeress to immortalize herself—is the spectacular figure of the struggle. She developed the deadlocked card index on members of Congress that practical politics has ever seen. She served notice through the White House pickets that the president was the "man higher up." The arrest of nearly 500 of these pickets and the imposition of jail sentences followed. Incidentally Miss Paul herself served seven terms in jail.*

*The amendment was beaten three times in the Senate and twice in the House before it was finally passed by the Sixty-sixth Congress June 4, 1919, by the necessary two-thirds majority.*

*The year 1920 saw the formation of two national organizations: National Woman Suffrage Association, with Mrs.*

*Lucretia Mott,*

*led by the United States or by state on account of sex"; Battle necessary by legislatures of four-fifths of the 48 states of the*

*Amendment ratified by 34 states, beginning with Wisconsin, June 10, 1919, and ending with West Virginia, March 10, 1920. Constitutionality of Ohio ratification before the United States Supreme court.*

*Amendment defeated by six states between September 10, 1919, and February 17, 1920, as follows, to the names noted: Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland.*

*Connecticut and Vermont—No regular sessions until 1921. Governor had refused to call special sessions.*

*Florida and Tennessee—Counted vote in 1920 because of constitutional provisions requiring election in intervals between submission of amendment and action on it.*

*Louisiana—Legislature in session in June; small hope of ratification.*

*North Carolina—Legislature to meet in special session in August. Gov. Thomas W. Edwards had declared his intention to ask for ratification.*

*Washington promptly ratified. District and Louisiana refused. The governors of Connecticut, Florida and Vermont refused to call special sessions. The United States Supreme court upheld the Ohio ratification on the ground that no state constitution has the authority to change in any detail the method which the United States Constitution itself provides for its amendment. This decision cleared the way for the special session in Tennessee, which began August 5.*

*B. It is seventy years since the organization movement for woman suffrage was begun in the United States.*

*In 1848 Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton called the First Women's Rights convention at Seneca Falls, J.*

*Alice Paul.*

*Seneca Falls and Boston and Headquarters in New York. American Woman Suffrage Association, with Mary A. Livermore, Julia Ward Howe and Lucy Stone for 30 years and headquarters in Boston. The line of division was this: The former wished to concentrate on the passage of a constitutional amendment; the latter was in favor of obtaining the suffrage through amendments to state constitutions. In 1890 the two organizations were united under the name of National American Woman Suffrage Association, and work was pushed along both lines of endeavor. Mrs. Stanton was president until 1862. Mrs. Anthony served until 1900, resigning at the age of eighty. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt was her hand. 1900-1904. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, recently deceased and possibly best loved of all the leaders—a woman of transcendent gifts and eloquence—was president until 1915. Mrs. Catt was then again chosen. Mrs. Frank Leslie left a large legacy to Mrs. Catt to be used in the work.*

*The National association made arrangements at the St. Louis convention of 1919 to absorb its organization and become the League of Women Voters. These arrangements became effective at the Chicago convention in February last. So the League of Women Voters now looks away over something like \$7,000,000 potential American women voters.*

*Mrs. Catt, who is also the head of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, which she founded in 1904, is honorary chairman; Mrs. Maud Wood Park is chairman; Mrs. Richard Edwards of Indiana, treasurer; Mrs.*

*Elkinton Jacobs of Alabama, secretary, and there is a board of regional directors.*

*Susan B. Anthony.*

*To which launched a "Declaration of Sentiments" and passed a resolution demanding equal suffrage.*

*There are two immortal names in American history. Lucretia Mott (1800-1900) was born in Natick, Mass., of Quaker parents. After teaching, she became an "unacknowledged initiate" of the Friends, she married James M. M. Catt, who worked with his wife against slavery.*

*Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902) was born in Johnstown, N. Y. She married in 1840 Henry D. Stanton, a Garrisonian and anti-slavery speaker.*

*The two movements of the Poles concentrated a fierce operation*

*which resulted in forcing the Russians out of Poland.*

*The latter, flushed with their success, soon began fortifying the basic principles of modern warfare and rushed ahead*

*without regard to their economic*

*and social conditions as though against*

*a foe that was already utterly beaten.*

*Large bodies got entirely out of touch with the main forces and were easily cut off and captured after they had been allowed to live through the Polish lines.*

*The big news of the week at home was the final enforcement of the women of America through the action of the Tennessee legislature, the necessary thirty-sixth state to ratify the suffrage amendment to the Constitution.*

*The Senate had ratified previously, but it was a narrow margin in the lower house. The vote was 50 to 49, the speaker, leader of the anti-*



—Cathedral of two buildings on Main street, Dallas, Tex., in which the police pursued a group of rebels from Turkey en route to the mosque of the Sultan palace. —Louis Brownell, who set fire to Minot's Field, Long Island.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

**Soviet Russians Put to Rout by Poles Following Strategy of Foch and Weygand.**

**WARSAW APPARENTLY SAVED**

**Baron Wrangel Scores More Victories Over the Reds—Tennessee Legislature Gives Final Touch to Suffrage Ratification—Mines and Operators Can't Agree.**

**BY EDWARD W. PICKARD.**

*Once more French military genius has triumphed over that of the Germans. Following the strategy of Marshal Foch and General Weygand, the Poles last week put to rout the invading Russians with ease.*

*The Russian army has not helped but*

*to distract the Poles.*

*The Polish right wing, advancing*

*toward Warsaw, has*

*been held up by the*

*French forces, changing his vote to the affirmative in order to force a re-consideration.*

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*dential campaign.*

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*have been conducting the fight thanked*

*both Senator Harding and Governor Cox for their help.*

*Secretary of State*

*Coolidge was prepared to promulgate the amendment as soon as the action of the Tennessee assembly was confirmed.*

*At this writing the final outcome of*

*the struggle cannot safely be predicted*

*as far as the battle is still in progress,*

*but all dispatches indicate that the*

*French forces have been cleared of the*

*front.*

*Rejecting the first suggestion of*

*Foch and Weygand, that they give Russia*

*the right to transport goods direct to*

*and from Germany, the Poles*

*adopted the alternative plan of their*

*French advisers.*

*This was that all*

*available units should be called back*

*and heavy forces concentrated in a*

*short distance from Warsaw, and*

*then driven westward toward*

*the Baltic.*

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