

FATE OF SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT RESTS WITH DELAWARE LEGISLATURE

DOVER, Del., March 23.—Whether the women of America will participate in the forthcoming presidential primaries and in the November national election as provided in the proposed amendment to the federal constitution apparently rested today with the Delaware legislature in extraordinary session here. Thirty-five of the thirty-six states necessary for the ratification of the amendment have acted favorably and should the action of the Delaware be against it the suffragists would have but slight chance of winning before next winter as no other legislature will convene in regular session until that time.

SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT WILL BE SELF-EXECUTING

NEW YORK, March 23.—Claims of anti-suffragists that the Anthony amendment to the constitution, if ratified, would be ineffective in states where state constitutions restrict suffrage to "male" citizens until such constitutions had been amended, are erroneous, according to an opinion obtained from Charles E. Hughes, former justice of the United States supreme court, by the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Judge Hughes also advised the association that in his opinion claims that the amendment in any case would confer only the right to vote for senators and representatives was equally erroneous.

STATE TROOPS MOVING AGAINST COMMUNISTS

LONDON, March 22.—Latest reports from Germany show that state and government troops are concentrating near Wees to move against the extensive districts now occupied by communists, says a Rotterdam despatch to the London Times. On the other hand, the communists are mobilizing after the method of the Russians with great speed, and it is impossible to prophesy the issue of the coming battle, or when it will be fought. The communists are hampered by a lack of food, one report saying they have supplies for only three days, and that when this is consumed it is anticipated they will proceed to rob the country districts.

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The despatch quotes a message from a correspondent of the Telegraf describing the conquest of Essen by the communists. As far back as Thursday, he says, there were fights between the reds and government soldiers in the suburbs of Essen, but the city itself continued quiet and normal. The strike had been declared off, and everybody there had resumed work. On Friday morning there were rumors of an advance by the workers' army from Bochum and Gelsenkirchen and the government troops were drawn up on the outskirts of the town waiting for the advance. Spartacist units, at a pre-arranged signal, overcame the sentinels and heavy fighting ensued, a number being killed, some estimates placing the losses at 150. One section of government troops became panic stricken and threw away its arms, but retreated in good order to Wees. At one o'clock the red flag was hoisted over the town hall. Essen is now menaced by famine, the correspondent says.

COLBY IS SWORN IN.

WASHINGTON, March 23. — Bainbridge Colby was sworn in today as secretary of state, succeeding Robert Lansing who resigned six weeks ago. —Gardening time again.

AMERICAN LEGION READY FOR "FRIENDLY ATTACK"

WASHINGTON, March 23. — Members of the executive committee of the American Legion were concentrating forces today for a "friendly attack" on congress in behalf of pending soldier relief measures. The committee yesterday adopted a composite bill it will present to the house ways and means committee tomorrow carrying a proposal to pay adjusted compensation to former service men and women at the rate of \$1.50 for each day of service and embodying provisions for privileged land settlement, home building aid and vocational training.

AMERICAN LEGION FOR \$1.50 FOR EVERY DAY OF SERVICE DURING WAR

Compensation Proposal Put Up to Congress by Executive Committee — Previous Vote Reversed.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The executive committee of the American Legion tonight put up to Congress the proposal to pay adjusted compensation to former service men and women at the rate of \$1.50 for every day of service. This action reversed a previous vote taken by the committee which recorded 37 state representatives in favor of the legislative committees plan for cash relief at \$1 a day, which was adopted as a substitute for the original proposal of \$50 a month. The committee's determination to boost relief followed a general review of a composite bill which the legion will present to the house ways and means committee Wednesday, including privileged land settlement, home building aid and extension of vocational training.

70,000 HEAR ATTACKS ON "PUSSY FOOTISM"

CARDIFF, WALES, March 23. — Seventy thousand persons gathered at Porth, near here, yesterday, and listened to attacks by five speakers on "Pussy Footism," according to the Westminster Gazette. To the sound of the bugle, a resolution was passed, threatening direct action if the government attempted to continue war time liquor restrictions. One speaker, a unionist candidate for parliament, said that Lady Astor, who recently made an address in the house of commons in favor of prohibition, was a prohibition missionary.

COMMUNIST ARMY NUMBER 10,000.

COPENHAGEN, March 22. — A despatch to the Berlingske Tidende from Berlin says the communist army in Westphalia aggregates fully 10,000 men who are equipped with mine throwers, armored cars and machine guns. The army is being constantly reinforced. It already holds about a dozen towns.

SOCIALISTS STRENGTHEN FORCES.

DUSSELDORF, March 22. — Small squads of independent socialists, wearing red brassards and having army rifles slung over their shoulders, are arriving here to strengthen the forces, numbering several thousand men, which are holding this city, while awaiting a threatened attack from government troops. The red army, in which many communists have enlisted, is now drilling near the town. Socialist forces are patrolling the streets, but are not molesting the public. No disorders were reported today.

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GIVE ATTENTION TO GOOD READING

Dr. J. H. Henderlite Preaches Strong Sermon on Value of Good Reading — Printed Word Is More Effective Than Spoken Word — Sermon Appropriate in Connection With Library Movement.

A strikingly appropriate sermon was delivered Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian church by the pastor, Dr. J. H. Henderlite, on the subject of reading. In connection with the campaign now being waged in Gastonia for better library facilities for the reading public of Gastonia and Gaston county, the sermon was very timely and fitting. "The printed word is more appealing than the spoken word," declared Dr. Henderlite, "and the editor, author and the writer of books wield a powerful influence in the world."

Taking as his text Paul's injunction to Timothy to "give attention to reading," Dr. Henderlite pointed out the pleasure and benefit that are to be gotten out of books. According to the inscription over the library at Thebes, books are "medicine to the soul." Milton says "A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life." Books, magazines and the daily press reader one independent of time and space. His life is lengthened out to cover all the past, and instead of being tied to one spot he can roam over the whole earth. Lowell said, "Have you ever rightly considered what the mere ability to read means? That it is the key which admits us to the whole realm of thought and fancy and imagination? To the company of saint and sage, of the wisest and wittiest at their wisest and wittiest moment? That it enables us to see with the keenest eyes, hear with the finest ears, and listen to the sweetest voices of all time? More than that, it annihilates time and space for us." Herbert Spencer, "Reading is seeing by books enable us to call up the shades of the greatest and wisest men that ever existed and compel them to converse with us on the most interesting topics. "In books we have the choicest thoughts of the ablest men in their best dress." Carlyle styled a collection of books the true university for these days.

The printed page wields a tremendous influence. It enables a man to multiply himself a million fold and speak to great audiences a thousand years after he has left the earth. Public opinion is molded by the product of the printing-press. Character is formed by what we read. Hence we must give attention to our reading.

There is a subtle danger in books. Printer's ink is often a deadly poison. Books and magazines may spread rank errors and cater to vice. Against this evil every man has to be his own detective and policeman, and the guardian of his own house.

But there is another side to this. Great as is the possibility of harm, the opportunity for doing and receiving good through the printing-press is even greater. It sends Bibles over the earth and brings wholesome and uplifting thought and teaching into the home and within the reach of all. Every home should be supplied with good literature and every person have easy access to good books. Children and young people should be encouraged to read wholesome literature. There is no habit that can be formed in youth with greater benefit, both to strengthen and enrich all the after life, than a love of good reading and a discernment in the choice of books. Above all, exalt the Bible, which is the very best of good reading, and by personal interest encourage them to read the right things.

Gastonia Baptist Messenger: At a called meeting last Wednesday night the church decided on the recommendation of the Board of Deacons to elect a church treasurer and an assistant, and a treasurer of the building fund. Mr. J. D. Moore was elected church treasurer to fill the place made vacant by the death of his brother, H. B. Moore, who was one of the very best church workers in the State. Miss Alma Bostick was elected assistant to the church treasurer. Mr. W. Lyle Smith was elected treasurer of the building fund. These officers will take charge the first of April immediately after Brother J. D. Moore makes his report to the church as active church treasurer. We will have monthly reports from the two church treasurers to read on Wednesday night after the first Sunday in each month, and their books will be audited at the end of the year.

HISTORIC KENTUCKY DERBY HAS 46th ANNUAL RENEWAL.

LOUISVILLE, KY., March 23. — The historic Kentucky derby with its new \$30,000 added value, and for which 107 nominations have been made, will have its 46th renewal at Churchill Downs here on Saturday, May 8, the opening day of the Down's meeting, the Kentucky Jockey Club announced today, following receipt of information that the state racing commission had sanctioned the date.

ORGANIZATION MEETING OF CHAMPION MILLS

Champion Cotton Mills Organized With Capital Stock of \$600,000 — Will Have 10,000 Producing Spindles — Officers Elected and Site Purchased.

DALLAS, March 23. — So complete was the organization at last night's meeting, that if a little play had been given to the imagination, one could almost hear the whistle blow at big Champion Cotton Mill at Dallas.

The business men of the town turned out in mass and a goodly representation from other towns was also present. As Col. C. B. Armstrong rose he made the remark that he didn't remember of ever having a minister attend a meeting of this sort although they were not barred from such, and before proceeding Rev. W. S. Hamiter pastor of the Presbyterian church, was asked to lead in prayer and such an impressive one was offered it will no doubt be remembered in the transaction of all future business in connection with this enterprise.

All minds having been made up previously it was a matter of only short duration until the organization of the mill was complete with 10,000 spindles capitalized at \$600,000, this carrying by a unanimous vote. The following directors were elected: L. D. Gribble, R. S. Lewis, L. M. Hoffman, Jr., J. F. Puetz, Dr. S. A. Wilkins, Col. C. B. Armstrong, A. K. Wingate, C. C. Armstrong and A. G. Myers. The annual meeting of the stockholders is to be held the 3rd Tuesday in January unless otherwise notified.

A directors' meeting was held immediately following the organization with Dr. S. A. Wilkins as chairman and the following officers were elected: Col. C. B. Armstrong, president; L. M. Hoffman, Jr., vice-president; A. K. Wingate, Sec. Treas.; with C. C. Armstrong as assistant. A suggestion was made to select a committee to look after a suitable site, but by the forethought of Dr. S. A. Wilkins, J. F. Puetz and R. S. Lewis, a tract of land lying one mile north of the center of Dallas, consisting of 132 acres was already purchased and offered to the mill at \$100 per acre. This met with the approval of all and this matter was then settled. The president and treasurer were authorized to take immediate steps toward a beginning. This really marks an epoch in the history of Dallas and with just a little letting loose of some of the hoarded up land about the town it will have the opportunity to become a city in the near future.

GASTON COUNTY LADY GIVES \$100 TO HOSPITAL

Miss Edna Cathey, of South Point Township, Who Was Cured in a Philadelphia Orthopaedic Hospital, Gives Handsome Donation.

A check for \$100 for the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital was received Saturday by the treasurer, Mr. J. Lee Robinson, from Miss Edna Cathey, of Oxford, Pa. Miss Cathey is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cathey, of South Point township, and a sister of Miss Margaret Cathey, primary supervisor of schools in Dallas township.

Miss Cathey, it was stated this morning by Mr. R. B. Babington, knows the needs and ambitions of the sort of work that the Orthopaedic hospital proposes to do. Seventeen years ago she entered an orthopaedic hospital in Philadelphia for treatment. At the expiration of ten months she left the hospital practically cured.

WILL GO TO ENGLAND TO STUDY DIRIGIBLES

NEW YORK, March 23. — Thirty enlisted men of the United States navy now stationed at the Rockaway naval air station will leave within a few days for London to study at an English dirigible school, preparatory to attempting a trans-Atlantic flight with the R-38, sister ship of the R-34, it was announced at naval recruiting headquarters.

Commander Louis H. Maxfield, until recently in charge of lighter-than-air work in Washington, but who now is in England, is named as the probable commander of the all-American crew of the R-38. British observers, however, will accompany the crew.

The date of the start has not been definitely set, but will be sometime in early summer, it is said, and expectations are that the voyage will be made under the time set by the R-34. The R-38 is slightly larger than the R-34, which negotiated the distance between England and America last October in 108 hours, and was purchased by the United States from Great Britain for \$2,500,000.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER MAXIMUM PRICE OF BITUMINOUS COALS IS WITHDRAWN BY WILSON

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Government control over the maximum price of bituminous coal was withdrawn today by President Wilson, effective April 1.

At the same time the President wrote the operators and miners transmitting the majority report of the coal commission and informing them that this report was "the basis upon which the wage schedule agreements between the mine workers and operators shall be made." April 1 is the date on which these agreements normally would become effective and by removing government control of prices effective that day the president paves the way for increased coal prices to absorb the average 27 per cent increase recommended in the majority report.

The president wrote the operators and miners that it was "essential to the public welfare that the agreements be concluded at the earliest date practicable so that the uncertainty as to the fuel supply may be ended and that the consumers may be able to make contracts for their coal supply."

The president said he assumed that neither party would raise any question and that he was sure that no question could properly be raised as to the binding character of the award by the majority of the commission, notwithstanding the fact that it was not unanimous.

The executive order withdrawing government control or prices removes virtually all government control of coal, placing the fuel administration in the status that it was before its authority was restored when the miners struck last November 1.

The president said there was no provision of law for fixing new coal prices for peace time purposes and that "unless and until some grave emergency shall arise, which in my judgment has a relation to the emergency purposes of the Lever act, I would not feel justified in fixing coal prices with reference to future conditions of production."

The majority report of the commission said the 27 per cent increase absorbed the 14 per cent increase allowed when the miners returned to work and that in dollars it would approximate \$200,000,000 a year.

In refusing the demand of the miners for a 30-hour week, the majority of the commission said that if the work day were shortened by one hour it would be equivalent to an additional cost of more than \$100,000,000.

The majority report of John P. White, the miners' representative, held out for a higher increase for all day labor and mostly men than were granted by the majority, but he concurred in the recommendation for a 24 per cent per ton increase on picks and machine mining. His report was transmitted to the operators and miners by the president for their information.

SIMS FACES HEAVY BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims faced a heavy barrage of questions from Senator Pittman, democrat, Nevada, when he took the stand today for resumption of the cross-examination by the senate sub-committee investigating the navy department's conduct of the war. Senator Pittman, fortified by voluminous records from the navy's historical section and a mass of official correspondence, was prepared to attempt to break down the presentation of the admiral's case against the department, which he made in his direct testimony last week.

STRIKE NOT YET SETTLED.

COBLENZ, March 23. — Negotiations between the government and leaders of workers were going on in Berlin yesterday, according to advices received here, but the general strike had not been settled, as the larger labor elements and the independent socialists were demanding guarantees against militarists and more concessions from the government. Some trains were moving on suburban lines out of Berlin yesterday.

Baltic troops and units of the volunteer brigades withdrawn from Berlin when Dr. Wolfgang Kapp left the city, are now in camp 15 miles west of Berlin, it is said.

—Fire last night about 11 o'clock destroyed one of the Pinkney Mill houses south of the city. The city fire department responded but the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building. Most of the household goods of the occupants, however, were saved. The family occupying the residence were employees of the Pinkney Mill.

—Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Ferguson have taken rooms at the Franklin Hotel on West Airline avenue. Mr. Ferguson is one of The Daily Gazette's efficient linotype operators.

—Mrs. L. Loyd Quinn, whose home is just east of the city underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Gaston Sanatorium today. Her many friends will hope for her speedy recovery.