

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS HEAR FOREIGN GUESTS

Addresses Delivered On Sweden, Chile and Turkey.

UNCLE SAM'S DEBT TO THE SWEDES

Enormous Power of Woman in Realm of the Sultan.

QUEEN LOUISE A POWER

Tribute Also Paid to Empress Frederick, Who Opened the Door to the German Women-Delegates to Be Heard by Congress Today.

At 10 o'clock this morning the woman suffragists will be given a hearing before Congress. In announcing the distribution of tickets Mrs. Catt serenely said:

"It will be no use for anybody to hang around Miss Anthony or Miss Shaw and ask for tickets. Miss Anthony is not to be given her ticket until she gets into the carriage to go. Every year she has given her ticket away to some one who asked for it, and this year we do not intend to have this happen."

Programme for Today.

The programme for the day is as follows:

Morning, 10 to 12 o'clock—Congressional hearing—Speakers before the Judiciary Committee of the House, Geo. W. Ray, chairman. Subject, "Woman Suffrage in Practice." Australia, Miss Vida Goldstein; England, Mrs. Florence Fenwick Miller; Russia, Madame Sofia Levovna Friedland; Canada, Dr. Augusta Stowe Gullen. Representatives—Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho. Speakers before the Woman Suffrage Committee of Senate, A. O. Bacon, chairman. Subject, "Woman Suffrage in Theory." Miss Gail Laughlin, Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, Rev. Anna H. Shaw.

Afternoon, 2:30 o'clock—Prayer, Rev. Donald C. MacLeod; congregational singing, led by Miss Etta Maddox; international reports, Women in Russia, Madame Sofia Levovna Friedland; Women in Australia and New Zealand, Miss Vida Goldstein; Women in Germany, Fraulein Antoinette Stolle; Women in Norway, Mrs. Gudrun Drewsen; Women in Sweden, Mrs. Emmy Ewald; brief reports from Italy, France, Belgium, and Switzerland, Mrs. L. L. Blankenburg; Women in Japan, prepared by Rev. Clay Macaulay, read by Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford; Women in China, prepared by Mrs. F. L. Whiting, read by Miss Kate Gordon.

Last evening's session of the woman suffrage convention was devoted to foreign guests.

Emmy Ewald, the delegate from Sweden who took for her subject "Deborah."

Mrs. Ewald is a clear-eyed, clear-minded, fair-haired little woman, trim and dainty in figure and dress, and the appreciative laughter which punctuated her address proved that American audiences quite understand Scandinavian humor. Her address was in part as follows:

"As a foreigner I wish to object to a few things said Wednesday evening; not because my pride is wounded, but it hurts our woman suffrage cause to have such statements made. Condemning the foreigners by the wholesale, saying that all that goes wrong in America is due to the foreign element, putting all the fault and blame at the threshold of the foreigners. What do you mean thereby—or whom do you mean? Who are the foreigners? Can they help if America has recklessly bestowed the right of citizenship on tramps and vagabonds? Europe doesn't. How many of your Senators and Representatives are foreigners? Count and see. How many foreigners have made your laws? Let me make a little comparison. Taxpayers in Sweden have voted in church matters since 1738. Every woman is taxed in the Lutheran Church in America, but has no voice, no vote, and they blame other Americans because the clergy educated in America have imbued the male spirit of liberty of freedom and justice of America. So you see this movement of woman's right is greatly needed."

Uncle Sam's Debt to Sweden.

"Remember that in your civil war you owe a great debt to the Swede John Ericsson. (Applause.)"

"The Bible shows us clearly that there was work for both Deborah and Bara. The work of the one cannot be done by the other. The eye cannot see to the hand, 'I have no need of you.' Nor the hand to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' A man, discussing with a woman suffragist, said, 'Ah, remember we men are the head of humanity.' She retorted, 'Yes, and we women are the neck that turns the head.' So the so-called lords of creation ought not to say: 'We have no need of women in politics.'"

"Opponents to woman's cause argue and say woman was created after Adam, meaning therefore that she should be secondary, submissive; they forget to see a second edition of man must be an improved edition. Adam is the lord of creation because he was created first—that is their argument from priority of creation. Do they therefore want to prove by their argument that the bear and lion, dog and cat, are greater than man, because they were created before Adam? [Laughter.]

audience. She began with the statement, "This is the occasion I long have sought, and been as unhappy because I found it not." The way in which she used bits of up-to-date slang was too apropos and altogether too naive not to reach the heart of an American audience.

"You see," she said, "you are responsible for all these little South American Republics, because when you began your trouble with England, you started the scrap."

The Chileans, as she explained, are not a mixed race, but Spanish, with the traditions of old Spain. Anglo-Saxon ideals, however, have great influence, particularly in educational matters.

"Women write for the papers," said the speaker, "but always under a man's name, so that they will be read. Why, I have sat at my own table and heard one of the guests say, 'I wish I knew who this man Carlos is who is writing such and such articles, I would write his neck!'"

Women's Power in Turkey.

The next address was made by Miss Florence Fensham, dean of the American College for Girls in Constantinople. Miss Fensham is an American woman, but spoke for the women of Turkey, because a law forbids the Turkish woman to leave her own land. She said in part:

"It needs but a short residence in the country to convince one of the enormous power women have in Turkey. The force may be a latent one, but it has to be reckoned with on every hand."

"The beginning of education for girls among Moslem women was made by the Valide Sultana in the reign of Abdul Medjed, 1529-1561. Being interested in education, she gathered the slave girls of the palace about her and taught them. There are three grades of schools for Musulman girls—primary, secondary, and the high school. In 1895 there were more than 139,000 girls in primary schools, 2,900 in secondary, and 270 in the Dar ul Momalimat (gate to knowledge), a high school for teachers in Stamboul."

"One other influence upon the intellectual future of women in Turkey remains to be spoken of—and that is the system of schools for girls which has been established by America throughout the Empire, at the head of which stands the American College for Girls at Constantinople. This college, chartered by the Legislature of Massachusetts and empowered to grant degrees as any American institution, aims to give to women of the East a liberal education."

economic and social causes, and explained that the law of Mohammed enjoined scrupulous respect for women's rights, so far as these were defined at the time, and allowed women a considerable degree of independence.

"Women in Germany."

The last speaker of the evening was Fraulein Antoinette Stolle, whose subject was "Women in Germany."

"Behind every great man is a great woman," said Fraulein Stolle. "Queen Louise was the power behind the throne—great as woman, wife, and mother. Empress Frederick was thoroughly appreciated by the German people. She opened the door to the German woman. When the German people saw how good a mother she was they gave her their hearts."

IN THE REALM OF THE CZAR.

Mrs. Friedland Discusses Suffrage Movement in Russia.

The afternoon session of the Woman Suffrage Convention was opened with prayer by the Rev. Alexander F. Kent, of the People's Church, followed by the congregation singing the hymn "The Morning Light is Breaking."

Mrs. Friedland's Address.

She was followed by Madame Friedland, the Russian delegate, who spoke in part as follows:

quered the last existing prejudice against woman's professional education. Thanks to her energy, and to the belief in its necessity, she succeeded in 1872 in founding the higher pedagogical courses in Petersburg, existing today.

Young Carina a Modern Woman.

"Our young Carina is in the best sense of the word a modern woman. Some of the professional women of Russia have brought reproach upon the whole movement by becoming nihilists."

"I have said a great deal of our professional women, and if time would not slip away quite so fast I would tell you more of those who have distinguished themselves in the fields of science and literature."

Women Share Suffrage Rights.

"The president of the Archaeological Congress lately held in Russia was a woman, the princess Evassoff. In Russia women seem to be everywhere. The city of Yalta has last year elected a woman honorary citizen of the town. This is only a title, but few men get it. Honorary citizens are rare, it is true, but citizens we all are, we Russian women, for we share the suffrage rights of our men."

MOVEMENT IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Progress Made by Suffragists in Chile and Venezuela.

A report from Venezuela, by Mrs. Jose Raphael Ricardo, of Caracas, was read by Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton.

cross word to anybody else. Theft is unknown. A woman can go anywhere in the country without being molested.

"Widows, as legal heirs of the husband, have the right to the full administration of their estates and are the legal guardians of their children. Venezuelan women have no form of suffrage. Public employment is not forbidden them by law. They can be employed in telegraph and mail service, and when they are, they get about one-half the amount of wages given men. The Central University of Caracas has conferred upon Cornelia Cardinas a midwife's diploma, but she is the only woman who has defied the social prejudice. There are no woman's colleges in that country."

"Punishment for crime is the same for men as for women. Married women can make wills and can testify in court, but as a rule their depositions are taken in their own homes."

"As the Catholic Church is the official church, women hold no church offices. A Venezuelan woman usually selects her own husband, provided she is of age. There are comparisons in Venezuela, but no divorces."

Address of Chilean Delegate.

Mrs. Catt then introduced Senora Carolina Huidobro, of Chile, who wore a quaint costume such as is worn by the Chilean women. She spoke in part as follows:

"I can endorse all that Mrs. Upton has said of the marriage customs of Venezuela. In Chile we call it 'playing bias.' Many people have asked me since I came here whether I am married. I say, no; there has been too much playing bias in my life. I prefer to wait until I can choose my own husband."

Standing of Chilean Women.

"Let me clearly state—and I say this either from the standpoint of my knowledge or my ignorance—that the women of Chile, as a whole, that is, from the aristocratic to the middle and working classes, are far ahead of any other women of Spanish America, and in this they are aided by the liberal views which the men are beginning to entertain concerning the status of our women. Within the last two decades the men have felt helped by the courage and far-sighted ability which the women have shown both in political and monetary crises, and no longer ridicule the 'man of feminine sex' (el hombre de sept femenino)."

These scholarships are given on merit, not because some Senator or Representative has a pull. One of the finest dressmakers in Chile was the daughter of a baroness, educated in Berlin at the expense of the Government."

"The middle class Chilean women are very sympathetic. They may be called the sewing-button-on sort of mothers. I think the only thing that could rouse them would be to tell them that equal suffrage would mean the cessation of wars, for in that they suffer more than the men do."

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.

Condition of Women in Porto Rico and the Philippines.

Senor Federico Degout, resident commissioner for Porto Rico, spoke on the suffrage movement as follows:

"I found more wonderful than the commercial development, more remarkable than the invention, the sense of justice, the development and the intellect of the American woman."

Conditions in the Philippines.

Mrs. Harriet Potter Amiss then gave the report from the Philippines, based upon reports from Governor Taft, Bishop Potter, and others. She said that the Filipino women were superior to the men, and were nearly all self-supporting, industrious, and saving.

CONDITIONS IN CUBA.

Rev. Anna Shaw Outlines Her Trip on the Island.

Rev. Anna Shaw, the last speaker, told of her experiences and observations on her recent trip to the West Indies. Her ready wit and eloquent appeals for common sense and humanity in the treatment of the people of Cuba moved the audience with equal force. Among other things she said:

"They say that the people of Cuba are lazy. I was riding along in a carriage one afternoon with an American who held that opinion. We passed a man who was swinging a pick-well about as a swag in Philadelphia wears a broom [laughter]—and this gentleman said, 'Oh, yes; these Cubans are so lazy.'"

"And I leaned back in my seat and (Continued on Seventh Page.)"

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