

SUFFRAGISTS HOLD FIRST PRIMARY

'Electioneering' as Ballots Are Cast for 'National' Officers Objected To.

WHOLE COMMITTEE DEMANDED OF HOUSE

Democrats Threatened with Defeat if Request Is Refused—'Anti' Hearing To-day.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The preferential ballot is worse than trying to adopt a new constitution. That is the verdict of the National Woman Suffrage Convention to-night.

The convention, eager to familiarize itself with the most up-to-date methods in voting, early and hopefully decided yesterday to conduct its primaries for the election of national officers according to the "Wisconsin preferential." It is the first time the "National" has tried that way. With a two hours' hearing before the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives as a brace, the delegates streamed into the Masonic Temple at lunch time ready for the primaries.

The committee on elections, of which Miss Runtz-Rees, of Connecticut, is chairman, was to make its report at 6 o'clock, and it was figured that if the voting began at 1 o'clock it ought to be finished in time to enable the tellers to count the ballots comfortably before the appointed hour.

At 5 o'clock a line of one hundred women waited to cast their votes, and such was their despair that if "Colonel" Ida Craft hadn't seized the situation with an iron grasp the "Wisconsin preferential" would have tottered to its fall.

"We are trying a new and approved method of voting," she cried, when Mrs. Mary Ware Bennett moved to reconsider the report of the election committee, so they could try some easier form of primary, and even Dr. Anna Howard Shaw admitted that she'd like to go back to the old-fashioned method of passing the hat for votes.

"Colonel" Fears Retrogression. "To do that would be a retrogression," cried the "colonel." "Suffragists never recede. We are trying the most advanced method of voting. Let us be patient and we'll conquer it."

The suffragists were so elevated by the fine hearing they had before the Rules Committee of the House that, as a matter of fact, they didn't get down to the humdrum matter of casting their votes until 12:30. The election committee had provided that one booth for six hundred delegates, and that booth was in the back of the hall, where auxiliary presidents were making their reports from the platform.

Maybe some confusion was to be expected. But along about 4 o'clock Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, who was presiding, noticed that the confusion was of a kind which any good suffrage president would look it a shame to allow.

"I see," she cried, with a resounding cry from her gavel, "that ladies are standing all along the line of waiting voters, electioneering. If any lady continues to call to any one in the line I shall ask that lady to leave the hall."

"The election committee is talking more than anybody," declared Miss Mary Garrett Hay.

"Madame Chairman," cried a distracted-looking woman from Philadelphia, "they have to talk. Everybody is asking how to mark their ballots."

"Wouldn't that be," asked Miss Miller, of Massachusetts, "less confusion if the voting was done in the basement?"

Warned Against Electioneering. "If electioneering goes on right here under my eyes," retorted Dr. Shaw, "what would it be were the voting done in the basement?"

Here an agitated deputation approached and conferred with Dr. Shaw.

"I am obliged to halt proceedings," she announced. "The question has been raised. Are we voting under the old constitution or the new? I was under the impression that the proposed constitution, or the consideration of it, had been indefinitely postponed, but as it has been revived and is now under discussion by a committee downstairs, there is an impression that the election may be under the new constitution, and if that is the case there is a difference in the number of officers, and the present proceedings are invalid."

Miss Hay killed that impression, and the voting was allowed to proceed.

Not without electioneering, though Mrs. O. H. Belmont carried her electioneering right up on the platform, when, attired in mauve velvet, she swept up to the president of the association and whispered in her ear. But mostly Mrs. Belmont electioneered in the basement by the lunch counter, where, supported by "Colonel" Craft, Miss Elizabeth Freeman and Miss Anne Martin, of Reno, Nev., she organized a cabal, said to have for its purpose the substitution of Miss Ida Peter Boyer, of Pennsylvania, for Mrs. Bennett as corresponding secretary. It was also whispered that they were "knifing" Dr. Shaw, but then everything was being whispered, and nobody knew what was true.

Dr. Shaw promised that to-morrow, when the real election occurs, there will be six booths instead of one, so the confusion, it is hoped, will disappear.

If the suffrage primaries were rather wild the suffrage hearing before the Committee on Rules in the House office building was dignified and impressive. Dr. Shaw said afterward that she had heard a great many hearings, but never one as fine as that. Also it compelled the committee to sit up and take notice.

Judge Robert L. Henry, of Texas, the chairman, and his colleagues, Philip P. Campbell, of Kansas; Finis J. Garrett, of Tennessee; Thomas W. Hardwick, of Georgia; Irving L. Lenoir, of Wisconsin; M. Clyde Kelly, of Pennsylvania, and Edward W. Poy, of North Carolina, at first bored and a trifle inattentive, soon began

ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS AT P. R. R. STATION ON WAY TO WASHINGTON.



to listen, to ask questions, and to laugh appreciatively at the witticisms the suffrage speakers made.

They promptly discovered, too, that their petitioners would not be satisfied with a piece of an existing committee instead of the creation of a House Committee on Suffrage, which was the thing the suffragists came to ask. The plan of giving the suffragists a piece of the election committee was greatly and persuasively urged on the suffragists by Judge Henry and Representative Hardwick. "The Elections Committee is not busy," they told Dr. Shaw, chairman of the delegation. "It would have plenty of time to consider suffrage. It might add woman suffrage to its title, and be known as the Committee on Elections and on Woman Suffrage."

Want Entire Committee for "Cause." Dr. Shaw said sweetly and graciously that that seemed very nice, and if the gentlemen would give her party a brief time to consult after the hearing she would give them an answer almost immediately. Then she went on calling her speakers, but while they spoke suffragists from the crowded room were quietly slipping out and getting information about the Elections Committee, and the report they inconspicuously handed to Dr. Shaw entreated her to inform Judge Henry that she had learned that the committee of which he offered the suffragists a share had a strenuous programme already laid out for it by President Wilson, and really she felt that the freedom of one-half the people was important enough to deserve a committee to itself.

Dr. Shaw's speakers were Miss Jane Addams, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. Helen Gardiner, of Washington; Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, of Kentucky; Mrs. Mary Beard, of New York, and Mrs. Ida Husted Harper. Also one man, Judge Raker, of Texas. But the committee didn't care about the man. They yawned openly in his face as he pleaded with them to "give the women a hearing," and at best crisply reminded him that the Judiciary Committee had already given the suffragists hearings aplenty, and that what they supposed the suffragists complained of was not lack of hearings, but lack of action.

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sweetness of her voice and the gentle directness of her bearing as she impressed upon them instances in which the Congress of the United States had shown its power of conferring the franchise or taking it away, the grace with which she yielded one or two points in which Representative Hardwick argued that she was mistaken, just made them change their nonchalant attitudes and really sit up.

Mrs. Beard presented a collection of figures showing the Democrats, who form a majority of the committee, how flimsy their power and how small their majority, and how easily the women in the states where women vote could, if the Democratic party declined to do anything for their unfranchised sisters, turn the balance of power against them and put them out of office.

But it was Mrs. Catt who rose to real impressiveness. Most of the speakers confined themselves to arguing for a House committee on suffrage, and so did Mrs. Catt, but at the end of her twenty minutes she ceased to be the cold logician, and a ring of indignation came into her voice as she pointed out that Taylor and the United States were the only countries whose parliaments had refused to discuss the rights of their women.

Mrs. Catt suggested that the committee for the disposition of waste paper could appropriately take care of woman suffrage, as "the suffragists wish to dispose of a useless adjective in the constitution."

"Five hundred suffragists, at least, attended the hearing, among them Mrs. Belmont, who was vastly indignant at what she considered the discourtesy of the members.

"Rolling back in their chairs," she said, "while women like Miss Addams and Dr. Shaw and Mrs. Catt were talking to them."

"Antis" To Be Heard To-day. To-morrow the "antis" have their hearing in Washington to-night. Their speakers will be Mrs. H. E. Talbot, of Dayton, Ohio, president of the Ohio Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage; Miss Alice Hill Chittenden, president of the New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage; Mrs. Robert Garrett, president, and Mrs. Francis T. Ledwood, of the Maryland Association Opposed to Woman

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European Woman Educator Plans Busy Tour of Washington.

SHE IS WELCOMED BY CROWD AT PIER

Brings Motion Picture Films to Show Work of Her School in Rome.

Dr. Maria Montessori, founder of the new educational system for children, which in two years has been discussed over the entire civilized world, arrived in New York yesterday on the Hamburg-American steamer "Imperial."

She went almost immediately to Washington, where she will be received by President Wilson at 10 o'clock this morning. The President's daughter, Miss Margaret Wilson, is one of the directors of the American Montessori Association.

While in Washington Dr. Montessori will consult with Philander P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, about the relation of her methods to the American system of education.

At present the only public school system which has adopted the new method is the Board of Education of the State of Rhode Island. Miss Clara E. Craig, of the Rhode Island Normal School, was sent to Rome by the state board last year, and upon her return after a four months' course at Dr. Montessori's Casa di Bambini, its methods were adopted.

Miss Craig was one of those who greeted Mrs. Montessori at the pier yesterday morning.

Travelling with the educator were S. S. McClure and Miss Anne George, Dr. Montessori's first American pupil. They were met at the pier by a such a large and enthusiastic company that the other passengers shipped from the dock unnoticed.

Among those at the dock were several former pupils. These included Miss Ellen Yale Stevens, of Brooklyn; Mrs. Fitzhugh Edwards, of the Greenpoint Neighborhood House; Miss Grace Parsons, Miss Ethel Cleves; Miss Janet Townsend; Miss Adeline Pyle; Miss Grace Ludlow and Mrs. A. Reno Margulies, who established the first distinctively Montessori school in this city, last fall, in West 83rd street.

The Italian population turned out in large numbers to welcome their distinguished countrywoman. Dr. M. Scelitto, Italian Vice-Consul, was there, and so were Joseph N. Francolini, president of the Italian Savings Bank; Dr. Antonio Pisani, of the Board of Education, and Professor Alfred Poni, secretary of the Dante Society.

Mrs. Montessori speaks no English. "I regret so much," she smiled, in French, "some day I hope to learn your language, but I am so busy teaching I have no time to study for myself."

She is very much interested in the American public schools and will visit many of them. She will also visit the schools of her pupils, of whom there are now about seventy in this country.

It was because America sent her over to Rome so many teachers to study her methods that Mrs. Montessori's interest in this country became so keen.

England, Switzerland and even India sent pupils to her Casa dei Bambini, she said, but America sent the most, therefore, she loves us best.

The first lecture (which will be interpreted by S. S. McClure) will be given in Washington Saturday evening.

Monday she will lecture in Carnegie Hall and Thursday in Brooklyn at the Academy of Music.

Other lectures will be given in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Boston and Chicago. She will deliver a final talk in New York before her return to Italy the first of January.

The red tape of the Custom House Department was slashed recklessly for Dr. Montessori. She brought with her several thousand feet of moving picture films showing the operations of her school in Rome. In the ordinary course of events these would have been held at the customs, so long that they could not have reached Washington in time for the lecture on Saturday. Dr. Montessori and Mr. McClure entered a special plea before the Custom House officials and an exception was made in their favor. The films were sent at once to the Appraisers' Stores and will be released in time for the lecture.

KEEPS EYE ON "MONA LISA"

Detective Guards Painting at Engineers' Exhibition.

Closely guarded by a Pinkerton detective, a "Mona Lisa" belonging to Mrs. William B. Vernon, of No. 32 Elm street, Montclair, was exhibited last night in the Engineering Societies Building as one of the features of the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the American Society of Engineers.

The painting, according to Mrs. Vernon, came into the possession of her husband's great-grand-uncle, who was visiting Benjamin Franklin during the French Revolution, and was the gift of Marie Antoinette. Mrs. Vernon says there is a tradition in the family that the painting is the real handiwork of Leonardo da Vinci. The painting was taken back to France some years ago and hung alongside the original. Some of the French critics thought there were no perceptible differences. Other critics pronounced the Vernon painting a copy by Lami.

COCAINE RAID NETS NINE

Inspector Gillen and four of his staff made a raid on a supposed cocaine headquarters in West 57th street, yesterday morning, and arrested Daniel Woods, a negro, and Katie Hetter as the alleged proprietors and seven other persons who were found in the place. Scales, weights and other appliances were discovered.

Woods was held for examination on December 5, with the additional charge of violation of the Sullivan law, and bail was fixed at \$2,000. The Hetter woman was held for the same date, with bail fixed at \$1,000. The others, all charged with having cocaine in their possession, were held for examination on December 6, with bail fixed at \$1,000 each.

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"ANTIS" ADVANCE ON WASHINGTON

Three Carloads Go to Plead Against a Suffrage Committee.

WILSON'S ATTITUDE GIVES PLEASURE

Congress's Plan Is Unconstitutional, Says Mrs. John A. Church, Departing.

Three carloads of "antis" braved with rose-colored ribbons and loaded with arguments, departed yesterday noon for Washington where they will endeavor to persuade Congress that it doesn't want a committee on woman suffrage in the House. The party included representatives of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, the New York State and the New Jersey associations. They were particularly happy in the hour of departure because of reports that President Wilson had turned down the suffragists' plea for a recommendation in his message to Congress.

"He is a wise man, all right," said Miss Marjorie Dorman. "He knows that if he once got into this controversy his life would be a burden to him."

The "antis" expected to spend most of their strength arguing not against votes for women, but the inadvisability of having a special committee to consider it. Mrs. John A. Church was prepared to say it was unconstitutional to have such a committee to interfere with state governments. It didn't freeze her any to be reminded that the federal government had recently passed a bill for the direct election of United States Senators.

"You just get the Constitution of the United States and read it," she said.

As the book shelves of the Pennsylvania station couldn't produce a copy of the Constitution, Mrs. Church had the last word.

The headquarters of the "antis" will be the Shoreham Hotel. The suffragists are at the Bellevue.

Among the anti-primaries were Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage; Miss Alice Hill Chittenden, president of

HOSPITAL ON MONEY QUEST

Washington Heights Institution Hopes to Raise \$150,000.

Encouraged by the success of the Y. W. C. A.-Y. M. C. A. campaign, the Washington Heights Hospital is going out after \$150,000 for the construction of a new building. The quest for the necessary money will begin on Monday and wind up on December 19.

Ernest A. Limburg is treasurer of the fund. He will send 200 men and 200 women, who have volunteered their services, to every apartment house, tenement house and private dwelling between 145th and 231st streets. Clocks showing the progress of the campaign will be set up in various parts of the district covered by the hospital. Contributions as low as one cent will be accepted.

The hospital is at 167th street and Broadway. Its two small buildings are old and the equipment is out of date.

Girls' Bazaar Opens To-day.

The Girls' Protective League of the New York Probation and Protective Association will open its bazaar in the Protective League headquarters, No. 162 Madison avenue, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Twenty-two branches of the League, embracing Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx, are engaged in this work, which has the support of Justice Page and other jurists.

The bazaar will be open to-day and to-morrow until 10 p. m.

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