

MILITANTS SHOW ABUSE ON BRITAIN

Mrs. Catt Says Complaints Are More Than Against Rule in America.

MINISTERS CALLED "CADS"

'More Militants and More Militancy' Is Cry in Answer to Latest Move of Government—Plots Revealed by Letters.

LONDON, May 2.—At an Actresses' Franchise League meeting tonight in Drury Lane Theater, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, president of the International Women Suffrage Alliance, delivered the first speech she has made since her arrival in England. Mrs. Catt said that in the three days she had been in London, which she has devoted to attending suffragette meetings, she had heard more complaints against the British government than she had heard against the American Government in her whole life.

Mrs. Catt heard many more complaints at tonight's meeting, for every speaker denounced the British government. Resolutions strongly condemning the government for not bringing in a bill enfranchising women were adopted with enthusiasm.

Freedom League Is Bitter. The denunciation of the ministry by the actresses was mild, however, compared with the abuse heaped upon it by speakers at an indignation meeting of the Women's Freedom League in Caxton Hall. A few phrases culled from the speech of Miss Nina Boyle, a militant suffragette, will serve as specimens. She said the government was composed of "cads and cowards" and that the ministers were "a disgrace to the name of Britshers." Miss Boyle called for militant volunteers and hinted at an outbreak of militancy that had been planned "that will show this government what a pitiful opinion we have of it."

Mrs. Charlotte Despard also appealed for militant recruits. "More militants and more militancy," she said, "will be our answer to the latest move of the government. I don't care how often they arrest me."

Composer Sends Challenge. As a challenge to the threat of government counsel that subscribers to militant suffragette funds would be likely to get into serious trouble, Lawrence Houseman, an English music composer, announced today that he had sent a contribution to the Women's Social and Political Union.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was removed today, with the consent of the authorities, from the house in which she had been staying in London to a sanatorium at Woking, where she will remain under the supervision of the police.

A bottle filled with nitro-glycerine and wrapped in brown paper was discovered by a policeman today at the tube station at Piccadilly Circus. Row Street Court was crowded this morning, when a band of six militant suffragettes, who were arrested in the police raid on headquarters of the Women's Social and Political Union, on Wednesday were brought up before the magistrate on a charge of conspiracy under the malicious damage act.

Documents Reveal Plots. Some interesting documents seized by the police were read by the prosecuting counsel. They were intended to show the connection of Clayton, the analytical chemist arrested last night, with the militant movement. One of them was addressed to Miss Annie Kenney and regretted the delay in supplying some chemical preparation she had asked for.

"The exact proportions are very difficult to get," it said, adding: "Please burn this."

Another document bearing Clayton's name suggested a widespread scheme of false fire alarms, and still another gave a list of seven timber yards in London, which "lend themselves particularly well to attack."

In a third letter Clayton said he had a list of cotton manufacturers in London, "whose premises I intend to inspect during the next few days and report."

Suffrage Will Win in Norway. CHRISTIANIA, May 2.—The constitutional committee of the storting decided unanimously today to introduce a bill bestowing the franchise on women for all elections. With a radical majority in the storting the passage of the bill is assured.

STEAMBOAT RULE CHANGED

Redfield Modifies Requirements in Three Important Particulars.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—(Special.)—Secretary of Commerce Redfield today approved three important changes in steamboat inspection rules. The first of these permits men who have had experience on North Pacific routes to stand examinations for licenses as masters of coastwise steamers. Heretofore these men had to have experience on steam-propelled vessels.

Another new rule applies to lifeboat equipment on motor-boats under 50 tons burden, subject to inspection, permitting them to travel with a lifeboat capacity of only 100 cubic feet when navigating in daylight only and when equipped with all tanks of sufficient capacity to sustain the vessel afloat when full of water and with a full complement of passengers.

The third rule permits licensing as masters of lake, bay, sound or river steamers of persons who have served five years on sailing vessels, one year of which has been as master.

GRAIN RATE TO ORIENT CUT

Trans-Pacific Reduction to Allow Competition with Australia.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 2.—Reductions of freight rates on flour and wheat from North Pacific ports to Japan, China and Manila were agreed to today by representatives of the trans-Pacific steamship lines. The reduction will become effective June 1 and will remain in force until August 15, to encourage shipments during the dull season and to enable American flour and wheat merchants to compete with Australian dealers in the Oriental market.

The reductions are: To Japan, from \$1.50 a ton to \$1.25; to China, from \$1.50 to \$1.25; to Manila, from \$1.50 to \$1.25. The companies agreeing to the reduction are: Frank Waterhouse & Co., the Blue Funnel Line, the Great Northern Steamship Company, the Hamburg-American Line, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha and the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company.

OREGON PIONEERS, AT CHAMPOEG, CELEBRATE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT ON PACIFIC COAST.



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STATE DAY IS HELD

F. X. Matthieu Guest of Honor at Champeog.

EARLY MEETING RECALLED

Many Pioneers Take Trip Up Willamette to Participate in Observance of Oregon's Establishment 70 Years Ago.

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more open country and found it at the place he named Champeog. Here he built a warehouse, opened a trading post and set his agriculturists to work on the rich bottom and uplands, and in time quite a little hamlet sprang up and prospered as he knew it would, for John McLoughlin was one of the far-seeing men of his times.

French in Majority. Just how many people were in the Oregon country by the close of the fourth decade of the 18th century nobody knows; but the principal settlement of the whites was in the Willamette Valley, called then the Willamette settlement. Of these a large proportion were of French descent, mostly the voyageurs and employes or ex-employees of the Hudson's Bay Company.

There were no laws, save such as were laid down by that company through John McLoughlin. There was no governmental machinery whatever. The people did not know whether they were living upon American or English soil, did not know whether they were subjects of Uncle Sam or John Bull.

First Court Established. It was the death of one Ewing Young, who had come here in 1814 and settled in the Chehalis Valley, near the present site of Newburg, that set the people to thinking something must be done towards bringing about orderly procedure in political affairs, for Mr. Young was a man of substance for those days and died possessed of an estate worth nearly \$1000.

Ewing Young's death occurred February 15, 1841. His neighbors and friends discussed the matter of disposing of his estate, and on February 18 a public meeting was held and a probate court established by universal approval. There was no law for this, such a court would have no legal existence save by universal consent and obedience, but its edicts were never questioned and its acts later were approved by the highest courts of the land.

Government Need Felt. Then it began to be felt that some sort of a stable government should be organized, and various meetings were held. Finally a committee was appointed to report some mode of orderly procedure, and on May 2, 1842, 162 inhabitants of the Willamette settlement met at Champeog for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee and acting upon it.

The meeting was held in a little shed. Who presided is not known, but George W. LeBreton was the clerk. The report was read and as all knew it was for the forming of government, a state, as one of the United States of America. It was a bright, sunny spring day. The little building would not accommodate all of the people present, so they left the building and went out into the



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open, under the shade of the trees and transacted the business of the day—transacted business that stands and ever will stand as an act of first importance in the civilized world.

Of those present it must be remembered a large number owed allegiance, fealty and almost existence to the Hudson's Bay Company. The names of all the members of the meeting have often been told, and everyone of them is engraved upon the monument that now stands upon the spot where the great event occurred.

It is only necessary to mention three names—Joe Meek, F. X. Matthieu and his next friend, Etienne Lucier. The latter two, as their names will show, were of French descent. When the question finally came fairly before the meeting, there was for a brief period a lack of knowledge of how to proceed. But Joe Meek stepped out from the crowd and waving aloft his cowskin cap he shouted: "Let all of those who favor a divide follow me." Perhaps those were not his exact words, but the intent of his utterance was to have those wishing to become a part of the American Government to join his line, and those favoring England to oppose them.

Picture Is Recalled. I wish I could picture that division of forces, wish I could picture the meeting, the personnel of it. I stood yesterday on the spot and endeavored to look back 70 years to that day—day of all days for the Oregon country. Try for yourself to bring before you that historic gathering of honest and intrepid men, such men as build nations and establish empires and make for civilization. Picture their dress. Most of them were coatless; many of them, like Joe Meek, were dressed in the garb of the hunter and trapper of those days—buckskin shirts and trousers, moccasins on their feet, coonskin caps upon their heads, faces unknown to the razor, hair hanging well over their shoulders. Others arrayed in the remnants of the clothing they had worn across the plains, being little more than a network of patches.

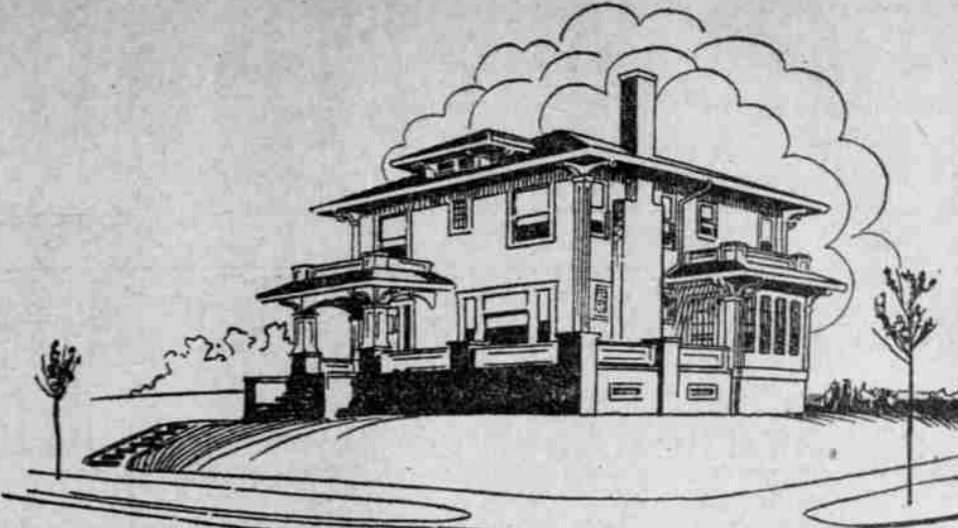
Then fancy how they had come to the meeting. Some had come on foot for many miles, others astride cayuse ponies, many by canoe and some in their canoes, for there was not then in the settlement, not then in what today we call Idaho and Washington, such a thing as a real wagon or cart or buggy. What they called a cart had wheels made by sawing a six or eight-inch slice from a huge log.

American Victory Won. Picture now the meeting, picture Joe Meek stepping aside and asking the friends of the American republic to join him: See them ranged by his side. I mentioned two others, F. X. Matthieu was a carpenter-farmer, a farmer-carpenter, who lived within a mile of the little hamlet, where they met, and living and working with him was his friend, Etienne Lucier. Mr. Matthieu was for joining Meek, but Lucier hesitated. Matthieu besought and urged him, and finally the two stood proudly in the Meek column, stood up for the republic, and by a majority of one England lost and the United States gained a kingdom!

Oh, but that, as sweet as it is, is not the sweetest part of this story for F. X. Matthieu—Father Matthieu we call him, for was he not, is he not the father of the Oregon Country—is alive and well and strong for a man who is 95 years and 1 month old—Father Matthieu, beloved of all men, was with us yesterday!

There were also descendants of his present, his two sons, John and F. X. Jr.; his three daughters, Rose, Aggie and Mrs. Riley. And there was young Peter Lucier, his sister, Mrs. Ivie, and his niece, Mrs. Shinn.

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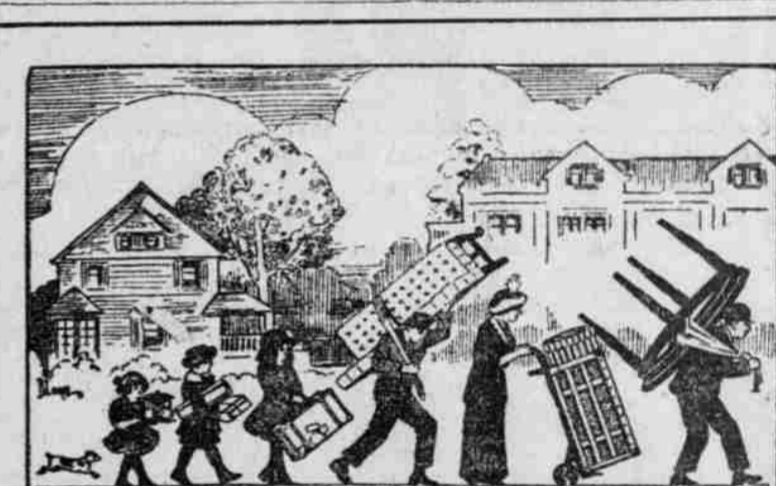
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gathered around the sacred spot the sun came out in all its wealth and beauty as though those of the immortal 162, who had gone on before, were looking down to welcome the only one of their number left in the flesh!

There were over 100 automobiles and spring wagons and burles and saddle horses with their freight of human beings there before us, so there were nearer 500 men than 400 present around the stand in the grove when Peter D'Arcy called the assemblage to order.

Veterans Delight Audience. On the platform sat Father Matthieu, by his side John Minto, next to Mr. Minto was Mrs. M. J. Hembree, and on the other side of Father Matthieu sat Mrs. C. Matheny Kirkwood. Behind them were the veterans' quarters. These sweet singers, Z. M. Parvin, Dr. J. E. Hall, W. N. Morse and A. W. Willis, had entertained us on the boat, and they sang frequently during the proceedings in the grove, and always received tumultuous applause. Indeed they are veterans only (Concluded on Page 6.)



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