

PRESIDENT URGES VOTES FOR WOMEN

New York State Suffrage Delegation Assured of White House Support.

CAMPAIGNERS ARE PRAISED

War, Says Executive, Makes This Good Time for States to Strengthen Social Foundations and Make Democracy Complete.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—President Wilson today fully endorsed woman suffrage as an immediate issue in every state.

Addressing 100 leaders of the New York State Woman's Suffrage Party, who called at the White House to obtain an expression in support of the campaign in their state, the President, in emphatic terms, declared woman suffrage to be one of the fundamental questions of democracy whose proper settlement is demanded by the progress of the war.

"I believe," he said, "that just because we are quickened by the questions of this war, we ought to be quickened to give the question of woman suffrage our immediate consideration."

Speaking as "one of the spokesmen of a great party" he pledged his hearty support and added:

"I want to speak for myself and say that it seems to me that this is the time for the states of this Union to take this action."

Explaining his leaning toward suffrage as a state, rather than a National issue, he said:

"I perhaps may be touched a little too much by the tradition of our politics, traditions which lay such questions almost entirely upon the states, but I want to see communication between themselves quickened at this time and show the consequences of the quickening."

The address, delivered in the East room of the White House, in response to remarks by Mrs. Norman De R. Whitehouse, was:

"It is with great pleasure that I receive you. I esteem it a privilege to do so. I know the difficulties which you have been working under in New York State, so clearly set forth by Mrs. Whitehouse, but in my judgment those difficulties cannot be used as an excuse by the voters of any party for neglecting the questions which you are pressing upon them. Because, after all, the whole world is witnessing a struggle which goes deeper and touches more of the foundations of the organized life of men than any struggle that has ever taken place before, and no settlement of the questions that lie on the surface can satisfy a situation which requires that the questions which lie underneath and at the foundation should also be settled and settled right. I am free to say that I think the question of woman suffrage is one of those questions which lie at the foundation."

Reconstruction is slow.

"The world has witnessed a slow political reconstruction and men have generally been forgiving under its shadow with the slowness of the process. In a sense it is wholesome that it should be slow, because then it is solid and sure, but I believe this war is going so to quicken the convictions and the consciousness of mankind with regard to political questions that the speed of reconstruction will be greatly increased. And I believe that just because we are quickened by the questions of this war, we ought to be quickened to give this question of woman suffrage our immediate consideration."

Women's Work Appreciated.

"I think the whole country has appreciated the way in which the women have risen to this great occasion. They not only have done what they have been asked to do and done it with vigor and efficiency, but they have shown a power to organize for doing things of their own initiative, which is quite a different thing and a very much more difficult thing, and I think the whole country has admired the spirit and the capacity and the vision of the women of the United States."

It is almost absurd to say that the country depends on the women for a large part of the inspiration of its life. That is too obvious to say; but it is now depending upon the women also for suggestions of service which have been rendered in abundance and with the distinction of originality.

"I, therefore, am very glad to add my voice to those who are urging the people of the great state of New York to set a great example by voting for woman suffrage. It would be a pleasure if I might utter that advice in their presence. Inasmuch as I am bound too close to my duties here to

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make that possible, I am glad to have the privilege to ask you to convey that message to them.

The suffrage delegation returned to New York tonight confident that the President's enthusiastic endorsement would have its effect at the election November 6.

Special significance was placed by many of the New York delegation on the fact that the President's advocacy of suffrage had not been affected by the tactics of militant suffragists of the woman's party.

Officials of the National American Woman Suffrage Association declared their future plans will be determined largely by the New York results. If suffrage carries, they said, suffrage campaigns would be started within the next year in many states. If New York and Ohio, where there also is to be a vote next month, defeat suffrage, efforts may be centered on the Federal amendment pending before Congress. A programme will be determined at the convention here December 12.

"It seems to me that this is a time of privilege. All our principles, all our hearts, all our purposes are being searched—searched not only by our own consciences, but searched by the world, and it is time for the people of the states of this country to show the world in what practical sense they have learned the lessons of democracy, that they are fighting for democracy because they believe in it, and that there is no application of democracy which they do not believe in. I feel, therefore, that I am standing upon the firmest foundations of the age in bidding Godspeed to the cause which you represent, and in expressing the ardent hope that the people of New York may realize the great occasion which faces them in this election day, and may respond to it in noble fashion."

GOOD TO WIN GREAT WAR

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port surplus from this year's crop at 80,000,000 bushels and Canada at 150,000,000 bushels. Mr. Hoover urged domestic economies to increase this country's surplus to 150,000,000 bushels.

"This we could do," he said, "if our people would eat one pound less of wheat flour per week and one pound of cornmeal instead."

Endurance Will Win.

"The question of who wins this war is that of who can endure longest, and endurance, in a large degree, is a problem of food and the ships to carry it. The farmer who works overtime and the consumer who economizes are advantages of every farmer to raise more and more wheat with a positive and sure weapon."

If climatic conditions next year are right, he estimated a wheat crop in this country of one billion bushels.

"If war continues, this wheat will be vitally necessary," Mr. Hoover said. "If the war should come to an end, there will be no foreign market for it at least 400,000,000 bushels. The Government must then take over the wheat and probably find a market for it at a very great loss, as it guaranteed a price of \$2 a bushel."

The administrator said pork products were vitally needed by the allies than beef.

"In the matter of beef," he said, "the allies can support themselves without any consensual expansion of imports from the United States."

In view of the European situation and the fact that the allies have a high average price for pork products, and therefore it would be to the vital advantage of every farmer to raise more, adding: "We need a keep-a-pig movement in this country."

By preventing undue increases in foreign prices, Mr. Hoover promised that the food administration would cooperate in measures to stimulate livestock production. He also said there is need for further production of sheep, for meat and particularly for wool extensively used in uniforms.

"Our American farmers," he added, "would be wise to realize that for a considerable period after the war there will be a very poor export market for American bread grains, whereas there will be a wide demand for animal products."

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AMERICAN SHIP IN CLASH WITH DIVER

Steamer Luckenbach Emerges From War Zone in Crippled Condition.

NINE MEN ARE WOUNDED

Fight Bitter One and Lasts Four Hours—Vessel Is Saved by Timely Arrival of U. S. Destroyer.

A FRENCH SEAPORT, Wednesday, Oct. 24.—Escaping from a German submarine after the steamer's guns lastly nearly four hours and with seven of her crew wounded, two of them seriously, an American tank steamer arrived here this morning from an American port. The timely intervention of an American torpedo-boat alone saved the ship from being sent to the bottom.

A few hours after the vessel had entered the danger zone a lookout sighted a submarine on the port bow, but before he had time to report its presence the submarine fired a shot which missed the stern of the ship by but a few yards. The captain immediately sent out a wireless call for assistance, as the position of the submarine was such that escape was nearly impossible.

The gun crews of the submarine and the steamer then began to exchange shots. The chief gunner of the steamer opened fire at a range of 2000 yards, but all the shots fell short. The submarine kept maneuvering to keep out of the range of the steamer's guns, and at the same time maintaining a running fire in an effort to disable them. The merchant ship, after altering her course, started at full speed in an attempt to escape.

Battle Is Stubborn One.

The stubbornness of the battle is indicated by the fact that the submarine fired 24 shots at the steamer, which responded with more than 260 shots.

After the fight had continued for about two hours and several shots had struck the ship, wounding four men, one shell hit the vessel and exploded in the engine-room, putting the engines out of commission and rendering the ship helpless. The German commander then approached nearer and the submarine continued to rain shells upon the disabled craft.

A high sea was running at the time and there seemed little hope of saving the ship, when a low streak of black smoke was sighted on the horizon. It later proved to be an American torpedo-boat destroyer coming at full speed, running right into the sea and at times nearly disappearing from view.

Calls for Aid Heard.

The destroyer had heard the calls for aid sent out by the steamer and traveled at a speed of as high as 30 knots to come to her assistance. She immediately made for the submarine, which dived and disappeared beneath the surface. The American warship circled about the spot, dropping a few depth charges, but no more signs of the U-boat were seen.

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GIRLS TO BE HEARD

Telephone Company Agrees to Treat With Operators.

HEARING SET FOR TODAY

Recognition of Women's Union Still Condition to Settlement of Wage Controversy With Electrical Workers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—Women delegates representing unionized telephone operators of Washington and Oregon will confer with Major D. P. Fullerton, superintendent of plant for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, tomorrow, relative to the operators' demands for recognition of the union, it was announced tonight.

It was expected the negotiations tomorrow would mark a crisis in the wage controversy between the company and its organized electrical workers, who are insisting on recognition of the girls' union as a condition to settlement of their own demands, which include higher wages and shorter hours.

It was intimated that if the company grants the recognition asked by the operators, a long step toward averting a threatened coast-wide strike of the employees will have been taken.

The offer of the company offering half of the wage demanded, an eight-hour day and overtime for Sundays and holidays, is under consideration by unions involved.

Women delegates from Aberdeen, Wash., and Portland were expected here tonight.

Company officials agreed to meet the women delegates at the request of Mortimer Fleishacker, member of the labor committee of the State Council of Defense, whose appeal to the patriotism of union leaders averted a general walkout scheduled for last Saturday night, after the company had submitted a counter proposition offering half of the increase pay demanded.

Referendum vote on the proposition, Morgenthaler said, would begin next Monday. He said a majority of the unions were opposed to its provisions.

Morgenthaler indicated that the international brotherhood was exerting every effort to avert the walkout threatened next Saturday, when the agreement with Fleishacker expires. His appeal was successful on the grounds that a strike would interfere with the liberty loan campaign, which closes there tonight.

"Unless the members of the individual unions defy orders there will be no strike until the result of the referendum vote is known," Morgenthaler said.

Tillamook Exceeds Its Quota.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Tillamook County subscriptions to the Liberty bonds total \$82,950. The First National Bank subscribed \$10,000, while the Tillamook County Bank took \$50,000 worth of the bonds. It is expected that the county will exceed \$100,000 by Saturday night. Tillamook's quota is \$80,000.

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