

400 WOMEN DEMAND VOTE OF CONGRESS

Headed by Official Board Suffragettes Invade Capitol and Address House Judiciary Committee—Want Act of Congress.

Representative Lafferty Says He Wishes 50 Good Mothers Had a Place in Senate and House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Headed by the official board of the National Woman's Suffrage association 400 women today invaded the capitol and addressed the house judiciary committee with Chairman Clayton presiding.

Speeches were delivered by some of the most notable women suffragists in the country, all toward the point that the franchise should be extended by act of congress to include all states. Among those who spoke were Rev. Anna Shaw, Jane Adams, Sophonisba Breckenridge, Alice Stone Blackwell, Mary Dennett, Jane Ashley, Harriet Laidlaw, Inez Mallow, and Mrs. William Kent, wife of the congressman from California.

Mrs. Kent declared that Lincoln believed in government by the people and that women, being people, were entitled to a voice in the country's affairs.

WANT ODDFELLOWS GRAND LODGE HERE

Efforts are being put forth by the members of Medford lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F. to secure the grand lodge meeting for 1913 for Medford.

The grand lodge meeting, or convention, means the bringing to the city where it is held at least 1000 delegates from other lodges of the state. Not only are the subordinate grand lodge officers and members in session at such times, but the Encampment, the Bebekehs and Canton lodges of the state are also in session at the same time.

The grand lodge will meet this year at Pendleton in May. To the end that the delegates from all the lodges of southern Oregon will go to Pendleton favorable to the 1913 meeting in Medford, Medford lodge is sending a committee to each of the lodges of southern Oregon for the purpose of inducing them to cooperate with Medford in securing the convention. Rev. W. T. Goulder and E. W. Brainerd have been appointed one of these committees to visit the lodge in Grants Pass Wednesday night. A. N. Bilderbrand and John Perl will meet with the Ashland lodge Thursday night, and other committees will be appointed to visit other lodges of the valley next week.

A very friendly feeling exists among all the Odd Fellows lodges of southern Oregon and there now seems no good reason apparent why this meeting should not be held here at the time stated.

The furthest south in the state at which the grand lodge was ever held was Roseburg and that was several years ago.

JAIL BREAKERS STILL AT LARGE

The men who broke jail last Friday and who were reported Tuesday to have been located have not yet been captured according to the authorities at Jacksonville. The posse is still out after them.

THIS WOMAN AVIATOR RETURNS TO THE AIR



Baroness Raymonde de la Roche, pioneer woman aviator of France and one of the first of her sex to suffer in the development of the new science, according to Paris Sport, has returned to the air, having recently made several flights in a monoplane at Juvisy.

At a meeting held at Rheims in 1910 she was driving her biplane at a height of 100 feet, after circling the field once, when two aeroplanes passed above her. Discovered by the brush of air from them, she lost control and fell with her machine to the ground. Her arms and legs were broken and her whole body was severely bruised.

THINKING TRASK IS "INFORMER" HE WILL NOT PAY FINE

Because he believes that George Trask, a friend, informed the game wardens that he killed a deer on Yank creek above Talent recently, and that he will secure one-half the fine if he pays it, Homer Neil is laying out 25 days in the county jail instead of paying the fine assessed for \$50. Trask had nothing to do with the matter, but Neil refuses to believe it, and will spend the 25 days in jail rather than pay over the money, which he could do if he wished, as he is said to have the money. Neil pleads guilty, but believes that the wardens appeared on the scene in response to information given them by Trask.

It seems that Neil killed a buck Saturday and late that night carried it to his cabin. That same afternoon Trask, who is his only neighbor, killed a hog. A stranger seeing a part of the porker hanging in a tree near Trask's cabin which is near Neil's, called out to Neil and told him of seeing the meat. He described Trask's cabin which is near Neil's. Over the telephone, however, his directions were but partially understood.

Hargrave went out and mistaking Neil's cabin for the one described searched it and found the venison. Neil came in and plead guilty.

Neil maintains that Trask was the informer and prefers to spend 25 days in jail to paying his fine. He refuses to believe otherwise and thinks Trask informed on him in order to get one-half the amount of the fine.

Trask's killing of a hog led the officers to search the country. By accident they stumbled onto Neil's cabin, and thinking it Trask's searched it.

A petition is being circulated asking that Neil be pardoned. Inasmuch as he admits that he "took a chance" and killed a deer, it is not believed that the pardon will be granted.

But Neil is not taking any chances on Trask getting any money.

The motion was made on the ground that there was a variance between the proof presented and the charges made in the indictment. The court characterized the variance immaterial. The defense then presented another technical plea for the elimination of certain evidence.

GENERAL COAL STRIKE MAY BE CALLED APR. 1

Representatives of Operators and Miners Meet at New York in Secret Session—If Strike Comes It Will Be Widespread.

Many Companies Are Now Laying in a Supply of Fuel Believing Strike Imminent.

NEW YORK, March 13.—With the mine operators and the miners' representatives in secret session and the fact known that the operators have made a reply to the miners, rejecting all their demands, a general strike of eastern anthracite coal miners April 1 is believed certain.

In their reply the mine operators will explain why they refuse the miners' demands. Some of them admit privately that they should grant a general wage increase but they do not admit this in their reply.

The miners' representatives say they are unauthorized to make concessions without the sanction of a convention of the men and they may refuse to frame a reply. This would force the operators either to renew negotiations voluntarily or face a general strike April 1.

If the strike comes it will be a widespread one, probably tying the whole eastern coal industry up.

The anthracite operators are represented in today's conference by the following committee: J. E. Lake, president of the Clearview Coal company; Alvin Markel of Markel Brothers; Percy Maderia, of Maderia, Hilt and company; E. B. Thomas, president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad; W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad; F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie railroad; L. F. Lore, president of the Delaware and Hudson railroad; Joseph Dickson of Dickson and Eddy; George E. Baer, president of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad and Morris, president of the Susquehanna Coal company. This commission has been given full power to represent and act for all the operators of the anthracite district.

There is a general impression among industrial concerns that there will be a big coal strike, possibly affecting both the anthracite and bituminous mines, and many companies are laying in supplies of fuel.

MORE CLUSTER LIGHTS ADDED

Additional cluster street lights are being put in on West Main street. Six of these are being placed along the park side of the street and in front of the new library. Six other clusters will be put in in front of the Picket and Vawter blocks and the Medford Hotel block. When these are in Main street will be lighted with cluster lights from the Bear creek bridge to the Washington school, a distance of about ten blocks. There are about sixty posts and three lights to each post. Cluster lights will also be put in on either side of Ivy street, between Main and Sixth streets.

RAILROAD MEN ON THE RIO GRANDE MAY STRIKE

DENVER, Colo., March 13.—Declaring the men would strike April 1 if they were answered unfavorably the national boards of firemen, engineers, conductors, and trainmen of the Rio Grande railway today formally presented to Assistant General Manager Martin their demands. The men ask a seven per cent wage increase for the firemen and demand that the railroad "live up to its working agreements," with other trainmen.

Aviator Killed. PAU, France, March 13.—Lieutenant Henry Seville fell 500 feet while maneuvering, at the aviation grounds here today and was instantly killed.

Captain Scott Who Is Said to Have Reached South Pole



CAPTAIN SCOTT'S TEAM OF SAMOYEDS

\$100,000 STORM LOSS IN SOUTHERN PART CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, March 13.—Southern California is recovering today from the effects of one of the severest storms of the last five years. Damage to more than \$100,000 was more than offset by the agricultural benefits of the rains in every county in southern California.

Los Angeles streets suffered heavily. Storm drains were broken and many basements in the wholesale district of the city were flooded. For several hours street car and telephone traffic was demoralized.

Three inches of rain fell in Ventura in three hours and great floods of water rushed from the hills through the business section. The damage there was estimated at \$25,000. At Long Beach and San Pedro small craft were carried to sea and minor damage done along the water front.

Sunshine and blue skies followed the storm today.

CHANGES BEING MADE IN CANALS

The Rogue River Canal company has a large force of men at work making numerous changes in their west side canal.

The canal, that part of it known as the Hopkins ditch, is being enlarged from the Bear creek flume north and west to its terminus, the additional demand for water along its route having made this enlargement imperative. Several new laterals are also being put in to accommodate new water users and the old laterals are being enlarged to give the present users more water. The Hopkins ditch now covers practically all the land lying between Medford and Central Point.

A new and much larger flume is also being put in across Bear creek, the new flume being 1200 feet in length. When the old flume, which is now being replaced by the new and larger one, was put in a few years ago it had ample carrying capacity for all the then seeming demand but the users of water have grown in number in the last two years to such an extent and the accruing benefits from the use of the water have been so apparent that the company is now preparing to not only meet the present demands but is building large enough to accommodate the probable demands for a number of years to come.

ELKS PLAN TO GREET ONLY LADY MEMBER

Thursday night will be a gala night for the members of Medford B. O. P. Elks, as Miss Alice Lloyd, who appears here at the Medford theatre, in "Little Miss Fix-it" is the only lady in the land who is an honorary member of the order. She holds that distinction with Brooklyn, N. Y., lodge. It is needless to say that the entire herd will give her a rousing reception.

KEENE'S CLARION CALL RALLIES STAND-PATTERS

Presided over by that arch-stand-patter, Dr. J. M. Keene, a meeting of Taft republicans was held in the city Tuesday afternoon at which plans were laid for the purpose of organizing the Taft republicans of Jackson county.

All of those present were "spokesmen" according to Judge Colvig, one who attended, and after a lengthy conference exhaustive plans were prepared to hug-the Jackson county and deliver it to William Howard Taft on the nineteenth of April.

Those who attended were Dr. J. M. Keene, W. M. Colvig, Hal Conrad, S. S. Smith and Bert Anderson.

\$25,000 PUBLICITY FUND IS RELEASED

SALEM, Or., March 13.—Governor West yesterday appointed C. C. Chapman of Portland a member of the state board of immigration and released for expenditure the appropriation of \$25,000 made by the last legislature for immigration purposes.

Chapman recommends that \$8,000 be expended for printing 200,000 copies of the Oregon state booklet, containing information as to resources and opportunities in every county in Oregon, the information furnished for the booklet to be reviewed and edited by competent state authorities; \$2000 to be expended for postage in mailing a portion of the booklets; \$2500 to be made available to compilation of statistical matter concerning the resources and opportunities in the state, as provided in the act, the matter to be furnished, if possible in time to be printed in the booklet.

BANDITS SLAIN IN AN ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP TRAIN

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 13.—Two bandits who attempted to rob a westbound Southern Pacific passenger train met death early today at the hands of Samuel Trousdell, an express messenger. The robbers boarded the train at Dryden, covered the engineer and stopped the train.

The mail, express and baggage cars were detached, and the engineer forced to take them two miles down the track. The bandits told the engineer they would loot the express car first and then rob the passengers. One of the bandits covered the engineer and the other covered Trousdell, ordering the messenger to open the mail sacks. Catching the bandit off guard, Messenger Trousdell seized a wooden mallet and struck the robber a terrific blow on the head, death resulting instantly. Trousdell then took the dead man's gun and when the other bandit approached, shot him dead.

The engine and cars were re-attached and the train proceeded to San Francisco with the two dead robbers aboard. The express car carried not less than \$10,000 worth of valuable registered mail was in the mail car.

TEXTILE STRIKE IS AT AN END

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 13.—The end of the great strike of Lawrence textile workers came at 11:30 a. m. today when the strikers' sub-committee announced they had accepted the wage increase offered by President Wood of the American Woolen company. It was announced that the strikers gained practically every point for which they contended.

AUTO SPEEDS AWAY AFTER MAN IS KILLED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—Run down by reckless autoists, who rushed on without paying any attention to their victims, Charles Shefferson, 50, was found in a dying condition in the street today. Almost every bone in the man's body was broken. He died without making a statement and no person saw the accident.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—"No woman could live with you," declared Judge Monroe to J. C. Kratt, who chattered ten minutes on the witness stand in his wife's suit for divorce. Monroe granted the decree and shook hands warmly with Mrs. Kratt.

VOLCANO SAID TO THREATEN PANAMA CANAL

Clouds of Steam and Blue Smoke Rising From Newly Turned Earth in Culebra Cut Giving Rise to Apprehensions.

Special Report of Division Engineer Lends Color to the Published Accounts.

NEW YORK, March 13.—The statement that a sleeping volcano, dormant for many centuries, is threatening the safety of the Panama canal is made in special reports from Colon published here today.

The volcano is said to underlie the Culebra Cut.

The fear of volcanic trouble had its origin in the fact that clouds of steam and blue smoke have been rising from newly turned earth. Every drill hole in the affected area is tested with a thermometer before dynamite is put in to prevent a premature explosion.

The division engineer's report of the phenomenon is in part as follows:

"Three weeks ago I noticed that the locality described which consisted of a stratified sedimentary rock beneath which there appeared some lignite of a low grade, was sending up a thick cloud of white steam or vapor. I examined the spot and found that the entire mass was heated to a considerable temperature.

"Steam was escaping from numerous small openings and from four principal vents. The sides of the vents were encrusted with white and yellow powder material, the yellow appearing to be sulphur.

"Within the last five days there has been quite a change in the characteristics. The temperature has increased and a pale blue smoke, instead of steam is now coming from the vents. To give an idea of the temperature of the larger vent I took a piece of white pine and held it for three minutes in the mouth of the largest vent and it was completely charred."

The canal commission's geologist declares that the steam and smoke are due only to the oxidization.

1,000 REPORTED SLAIN IN BATTLE

ROME, March 13.—More than 1,000 Turks and Arabs were killed by Italian troops yesterday in desperate fighting at Benghazi, Tripoli, according to official announcement by the war office here today.

The Italian loss, the war office says, was 29 killed and 62 wounded. The Italian commander reported that his troops captured two Turkish positions after hard fighting. He declares the Arabs and the Turks, defending their posts, sallied forth time and again in desperate charges during which they were swept down by hundreds by the concentrated fire of the Italian machine guns.

LEPER'S WIFE IS SHUNNED

STOCKTON, Cal., March 13.—Shunned by society, unable to earn a living for herself and three small children because she is refused employment, Mrs. Edward Fickert, the wife of San Joaquin's leper, is today praying that aid may soon come to her from congress.

Congressman James C. Needham has introduced a bill providing a pension of \$72 a month for Fickert, who is now at the isolation ward at French Camp. The \$86 pension which Fickert as a Spanish-American war veteran receives, is the family's only relief. The last time Mrs. Fickert lost her position was when the foreman of a local bag factory learned that she was the wife of the leper.

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