

**President Wilson Will Preside at the Next Cabinet Meet**

Washington, Feb. 12.—The next meeting of the cabinet probably will be called and presided over by President Wilson.

Secretary Lansing said today he had written cabinet officers that there would be no more regular sessions of the president's official family for the present. He would offer no explanation, but it was understood that his letter was written by direction of Mr. Wilson.

Throughout the president's illness the cabinet has met regularly and when the coal strike situation became acute the meetings were increased from one to two weekly. There was no meeting yesterday and none will be held tomorrow.

For several weeks now the president has been taking more and more of a hand in the conduct of official business. Secretary Tumulty said today he had never seen Mr. Wilson looking better.

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**SUFFRAGE HEADS IN CHICAGO HOLD SIX CONFERENCES**

**2,000 Delegates Representing Whole of America Meet Preliminary to Convention Today.**

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Six conferences attended by 2,000 delegates and alternates, representing women voters of the north, south, east and west, were held today, preliminary to the opening tomorrow of what is expected to be the final convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association and the initial congress of the League of Women Voters.

The purpose of the conference was the formulation of a legislative program and the topics discussed today were: "American Citizenship," "Protection of Women in Industry," "Child Welfare," "Food Supply and Demand," "Social Hygiene" and "Unification of Laws Concerning Women." The resulting program adopted by each conference will be presented to the convention of the League of Women Voters at the Monday session for consideration.

**Convention Opens Friday.**

The sessions tomorrow will be the formal opening of the convention and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the association, will deliver her annual address. The victory convention, which ends 50 years' effort to procure votes for the women of America, will close Saturday evening with a ratification banquet. On Sunday, memorial services will be held for Dr. Anna Howard Shaw. The sessions will continue until next Wednesday night.

Before the convention closed, Mrs. Catt predicted several states would have ratified the suffrage amendment.

"The dissolution of the suffrage

association does not mean that the work of obtaining the necessary six states, as 30 have now ratified, would be stopped or diminished. Our headquarters will remain intact until the 36 states are secured. We expect Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma to ratify before the convention closes, and Delaware, West Virginia and Connecticut are our hope for the additional three states," said Mrs. Catt.

Lobbying for the various republican candidates for president was carried on today, while the democrats also had workers among the women. The advertisements of two presidential candidates are prominently displayed as advertisements in the official program, handed out by the thousands.

Chairman Will H. Hays of the republican national committee sent a statement to the women, in which he pointed to the passage of the equal suffrage amendment in congress by a republican majority.

Later in the day Mrs. George Bash gathered delegates of democratic sympathizers to protest against the republican moves.

**400,000 Germans Still in the Army; 100,000 "Policemen"**

Paris, Feb. 12.—The German army is still 400,000 strong, according to a report received by the committee of foreign affairs from General Niessel, head of the Baltic mission. In addition there are 100,000 police. Germany also is well supplied with tanks, machine guns and airplanes. In the neutral zone alone on the right bank of the Rhine the policing forces number 15,000.

General Niessel adds that the German minister of defense, Noske, is in the hands of the general staff and that the German government is capable, if willing, of obtaining execution of the treaty clauses by the country.

**Flu Mortality This Year Half of That in 1918**

Washington, Feb. 12.—The mortality rate due to the influenza epidemic this year was about half of that of 1918, says a statement by the public health service, announcing that the present epidemic apparently had reached its peak.

"A comparison," the statement said, "of the excess mortality rate per 100,000 of population for the respective peak weeks of 1918 and 1920 shows: Chicago, 1,586, compared with 4,620 in 1918; Milwaukee, 1,343, as compared with 1,915; Washington, 2,072, as compared with 9,780."

These rates may be taken as a fair indication of conditions throughout the country.

**Pioneer Miner Dead.**

Seattle, Feb. 12.—James W. Morrison, pioneer miner, who was one of the first men to reach the Klondike gold fields in the rush of 1898, is dead in Los Angeles. At one time Morrison was mayor of Goldfield, Nev.

**BEATS SON TO DEATH WITH HEAVY POKER**

**Mother of Lad Found Dead in Farm House Confesses to Brutally Whipping Him.**

Rhinelander, Wis., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Stanley Blomski, mother of Alban Blomski, 6-year-old boy who was found dead several weeks ago at the Blomski farm house, at Sugar Camp, has confessed to beating the boy with a heavy poker and razor strap, according to the office of District Attorney A. J. Omelia.

Mrs. Blomski is said to have signed an affidavit exonerating her husband of beating the boy.

**Held for Trial.**

Both Mrs. Blomski and her husband were held for trial following the verdict by a coroner's jury that the boy's death was caused by beatings and neglect at the hands of his parents.

Questioned regarding a broken arm discovered by physicians who performed an autopsy on the body, she is alleged to have said that it was the result of one of her beatings and that the member had been broken and unattended for nearly two months.

A led why she had not supplied the boy with shoes, she withstood a severe winter weather, she is said to have replied: "He wanted to wear shoes all summer, so I punished him by not giving him any in the winter."

**Boy's Feet Frozen.**

The boy's feet, it was brought out at the inquest, had been frozen when he was punished by being put out in a sled in below zero weather and made to stay there for some time.

Mrs. Blomski is said to have sworn as her reason for her treatment of the boy, whom it is alleged she said she hated, that he was not her husband's son.

Blomski has renounced his wife, it is said.

**Man Who Testified in Probe**

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 12.—When W. R. Simons of Denver, Colo., presented his passport for visa at the Mexican consulate general here yesterday he was met with a refusal because he had testified unfavorably to Mexico before the senate subcommittee investigating Mexican affairs two days before, according to official announcement made today by Alberto Ruiz Sandoval, acting consul general here. Senor Sandoval said he acted under special instructions from Mexico City covering Mr. Simons case.

**Fleet Reaches Cristobal**

Panama, Feb. 12.—Thirty-one destroyers and four tenders, part of the Atlantic fleet of the American navy arrived at Cristobal yesterday, Admiral H. B. Wilson, commander of the fleet, is not expected to arrive before February 25.

**Successful Year Ends For Fontenelle Forest Reserve Association**

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looks some of the prettiest river scenery in Nebraska.

Dr. Gifford asserted that much praise is due to F. J. Adams, T. R. Kimball, Roy N. Towl, C. J. Ernst and others for their untiring efforts during a period of years to bring this great enterprise to a successful conclusion.

The Young Women's Christian association and Boy Scout "acts are part of the Fontenelle reserve," the doctor said. "It is my hope that some day we may be able to acquire some land on the other side of the river, so that we may hold intact this wonderful river scenery. We are going to experiment in tree cultivation. We have 100 royal walnut trees planted, and we hope to have sugar maple trees growing in the reserve."

"I wish the teachers of Omaha would instruct the pupils against picking the wild flowers in the reserve, because continued picking of these flowers will result in their extinction. It is the most natural thing to pick wild flowers when in the woods."

**Need River Drive.**

"I wish also to urge support by the general public of the big river drive project which will be presented to the voters next fall, as planned by the city planning board."

The doctor also stated that the association deliberately placed the Boy Scouts in their camp adjoining the reserve so that the boys could serve as rangers for the protection of the woods.

**Lincoln Saw Tract.**

"I think that Lincoln's spirit is with us tonight," the minister said. "I wonder what Lincoln would say if he were here tonight and could see this magnificent city which has been developed since he located the terminal of a transcontinental railroad."

C. J. Ernst, president of the association, gave an interesting account of the years of work to accomplish what has been done. He referred to Dr. A. A. Tyler, former professor at Bellevue college, as the original promoter of the Fontenelle reserve idea.

"All that any of us could have done after the war had started, would not have sufficed to have brought our hopes and plans to realization by this time had not Dr. Gifford, one of our charter members, come to the rescue by acquiring Childs' point and other properties and giving us plenty of time within which to raise the money. He and Mrs. Joslyne contributed liberally toward the fund."

**Cannot be Sold.**

Mr. Ernst explained that the charter of the association provides that the property can never be encumbered, sold or otherwise be disposed of and it is exempt from taxation.

"We are simply a self-perpetuating, nonpolitical board, holding property in trust for the people of this state," he added.

John Fitz Roberts defended the English sparrow as a destroyer of noxious insects and he stated that it is possible to see from 150 to 200 varieties of birds in the Fontenelle forest during the springtime.

J. E. Davidson, president of the Nebraska Humane society, stated that his organization hopes to establish a child's summer camp in the woods.

**Camps are Appreciated.**

Appreciation of the Camp Fire Girls for privileges enjoyed in the woods was expressed by Mrs. W. T. More, past president of the Camp Fire Girls' organization.

Mrs. Harriet McMurphy spoke on behalf of the Omaha Woman's club and Otis Smith responded for the Boy Scouts. Clara Brewster asserted that the girls who attended Brewster camp during the summer time learned to reverence the woods.

**Re-Elected President Ernst.**

C. J. Ernst was re-elected president of the association, having served seven consecutive terms. Other officers re-elected were: C. M. Wilhelm, vice president; Roy N. Towl, secretary; C. F. McGrew, treasurer; F. J. Adams, T. R. Kimball and Dr. S. R. Towne, other members of the executive council.

The tract already acquired by the association contains 357 acres, with reversionary rights in a tract of 103 acres used by the Boy Scouts, a total of 460 acres as the first unit of the reserve which the association hopes ultimately will be 2,000 acres, extending from Mandan park to within the limits of Bellevue.

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Art Dept. Second Floor

**Inexpensive Knit Underwear**

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A number of soiled cotton vests in large sizes, fleece lined, are priced only 39c each.

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**Sale of Cambric Remnants**

Burkeley cambrics in lengths of from one to five yards are 60c, \$1 and \$1.50 qualities and priced at a saving of 25 per cent.

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**Friday 13th**

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"While I abhor the thought of war, let us not lapse into the state of unpreparedness existing at the beginning of the late war. By this statement I do not mean that we should launch a big military program. But we should prepare our young men in military rudiments of discipline to such an extent that we can meet an enemy if our country is threatened. We should be prepared for an emergency, although none wish war less than the soldier who has gone through the rigors of battle."

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