

## Women's Party Leaders Meeting In Washington

Political Future of Organization to Be Decided at National Convention Now In Session.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The female of the species pre-empted the political spotlight tonight.

The first national convention of women voters since the suffrage amendment was ratified opened here today.

Called together by the officers of the national woman's party, the convention meets for a two-fold purpose—first, to wind up the long suffrage campaign; second, to decide upon the political future of the woman's party.

The national woman's party, organized in 1913 to fight for national suffrage, faces two alternatives, it may disband or it may continue as a unit to carry out a set political program and the proponents of both plans are many.

The national advisory council has recommended that the woman's party should reorganize immediately to "see that the political freedom won for the women of the United States is not lost in any international government established among nations." This recommendation is expected to be the storm center of the convention, for there are many who demand that the women form their own party and place candidates in every field and there are others who feel that women must unite with the political parties already organized.

**Foreign Women Present.**  
Representatives of the women of foreign nations will speak at this evening's session under the chairmanship of Mrs. H. O. Havemeyer, of New York. Among the notable women of other countries to be heard are:

Princess Anne Azghepetian, of Armenia; Madam Thit Jensen, of Denmark; Miss Anna Stepanak, of Czechoslovakia; Madam De Veyra, of the Philippines; Mrs. Velma Swanson Howard, of Sweden.

Other national women's organizations will send their representatives to speak at the afternoon session tomorrow. These women will discuss the legislative program of their groups so that the woman's party will not, in its own program, duplicate anything now being done. Among the speakers are:

Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, director, community center organization; Miss Mary Stewart, corresponding secretary National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs; Miss Julia Lathrop, chief children's bureau; Mrs. Van Merriman, president National Federation of College Women's clubs; Mrs. Florence Kelley, general secretary National Consumers' league; Mrs. Philip Moore, president National Council of Women; Miss Lida Hafford, Washington director of General Federation of Women's clubs; Surgeon Reserve Lydia Allen DeVilbiss, of United States Public Health Service; Miss Mabel Kittredge, president Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Mary Anderson, chief Women's Bureau of Department of Labor; Mrs. Henry Villard, president National Woman's Peace society; Etie Smith, legislative secretary National Woman's Trade Union league; Mrs. Ellis Yost, legislative chairman National W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Mina Van Winkle, chief of Washington Bureau of Police Women; Miss Henrietta Addotom, executive assistant U. S. Social Hygiene board.

**Political Parties Active.**  
Political parties will make their bid for the women's vote tomorrow evening under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ietta Jewel Brown, West Virginia chairman of the woman's party. Dr. Simeon Fess, national congressional chairman of the republican party; Miss Charl Williams, national vice chairman of the democratic party; Congressman-elect of New London, socialist; J. A. Hopkins, chairman of the committee of 48, and Duncan MacDonald of the farmer-labor party, will speak.

The final discussion and decision on the political future of the woman's party is scheduled for February 18, when morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to debate by the delegates on what the next political step should be.

The final session on the evening of February 18 will be a final informal wind-up of the suffrage campaign at which every suffrage picket will be presented with a picket pin by Mrs. Richard Wainwright of the executive committee of the woman's party. The suffrage valedictory will be a farewell speech by Lucy Burns, who, with Alice Paul, first organized the party in 1913.

**Omaha Welfare Board Mum On Proposed Code Laws.**  
The Omaha Board of Public Welfare has made no recommendations on the 53 code bills submitted to the state legislature by the children's code commission. Rumors that it has approved certain measures and opposed others have been circulated over the state and are false, according to Superintendent Adams.

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## Little Girl Who Talked for 212 Hours Finally Ceases



Miriam Ruben, 8, Waukegan, Ill., who talked for 212 consecutive hours before she fell asleep at 8 o'clock Monday night, only to awake and resume her conversation shortly after midnight. Shortly after noon yesterday, Miriam ceased her continual talking.

## Bryan Outlines New Democracy Program

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assembly of the new congress should be set for January following the November election.

**"A Majority Should Ratify—We favor an amendment to the federal constitution permitting a majority of the United States to ratify a treaty."**

**"Prohibition—The national prohibition amendment should be enforced by the national, state and municipal officers without fear or favor."**

**"Military Training—We are opposed to universal compulsory military training in time of peace."**

**"Oppose Profiteering."**  
The democratic party pledges the nation to rid it of the profiteer and to close the door against his return. It will endeavor to eliminate all unnecessary middle men by the encouragement of organizations among producers that will bring those who produce and those who use nearer together.

**"Recognize the Soldiers and Sailors—We favor a liberal policy in providing for soldiers and sailors who made sacrifices in the world war."**

**"Bulletin on Issues."**  
"A National Bulletin—We favor a national bulletin, not a newspaper, but a bulletin, issued by the federal government under the fair and equitable control of the two leading parties, such bulletin to furnish information as to the political issues of the campaign."

**"Arbitrate Disputes—In the settlement of disputes between capital and labor we favor a board of conciliation patterned after the tribunal created by the 30 peace treaties, the board to have power to investigate all disputes but no power to bind the parties."**

**"Prohibit Gambling—Gambling in foodstuffs should be prohibited by national enactment."**

**"Bank Deposits—We favor national and state legislation guaranteeing the people's deposits in national and state banks against loss through bank failures."**

**"Liberty Bonds—We favor federal action that will maintain the price of Liberty bonds at par."**

**"Favors Reserve Bank."**  
We favor the federal reserve banking law but insist that it must not be used to squeeze the debtor by deflation processes.

**"Farm Loan Bank—The farm loan bank law should be maintained and strengthened to extend credit to the farmers and to protect them from high interest rates."**

**"Monopolies—A private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable. All necessary monopolies should be taken over by the government, national, state and municipal."**

**"Economy and Efficiency—We favor the reorganization of the administrative and executive departments of the federal government on an economy and efficiency basis, including the establishing of a budget system and a reduction in the number of departmental employees to the minimum needs of the government."**

**"Urges Profit Tax."**  
"Excess Profits—We are opposed to the repeal of the excess profits tax law and are opposed to the enactment of a sales tax law."

**"Reduce Taxes—For the purpose of lightening the peoples' burdens we favor an immediate return to a peace footing basis to bring about a reduction in taxes, and that in reducing taxes consideration should be shown to those least able to pay."**

**"Voting by Mail—We favor a legislative provision for voting by mail for voters away from home and for collecting ballots in order to accommodate women and men who are disabled or distant from the polls."**

**"National Primary Law—We favor a national primary election law."**

In an explanatory note, Mr. Bryan says this platform "will be added to as means for dealing with other questions are worked out."

**Madison Man Is Held to District Court for Assault**  
Madison, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—J. E. Brown, charged with an attempted assault on Mrs. Christ Martens, was bound over to the district court by County Judge M. S. McDuffee. No attorney appeared for Brown, although he had requested counsel and at the suggestion of the court, he elected to make no plea or statement until the case was tried in the district court and an attorney had been furnished.

**Firemen Give Dance**  
Madison, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The volunteer fire department gave their 41st annual masquerade ball here Valentine's day. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes.

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## Railway Unions To Have Inauguration In National Row

Head of Employees' Department of Labor Federation to Argue for Showdown on Collective Bargaining.

By ARTHUR M. EVANS.  
Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Local Wire.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Railroad unions have their inaugurations tomorrow before the labor board in the hearing over national working agreements. The question of collective bargaining on the basis of union recognition nationally, will be one point stressed by B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, in trying to bring the issue to a showdown. He will make a preliminary statement before presenting detailed rebuttal to the arguments of the carriers for abrogation of the agreements.

Briefly put, the unions in recent statements, have indicated their readiness to stand for changes in working agreements wherever such changes are shown to be "just and reasonable." The controversy finds one basic issue, in whether agreements should be national in scope. The unions insist on application of the collective bargaining principle nationally, while the roads want power to deal individually with their employees.

If the board were to issue a dictum upholding the idea of a national code—as now exemplified in the national agreements—it would open a way for suggestions that the executives and the unions get together in conference to revise and amend the present rules, which are loaded down with restrictive features.

Friday, officials of 150 railroads will meet in a session called by the American Association of Railway Executives. After reviewing the situation they will map out plans for bringing the question of reduced wages for common labor before the board in the shape of definite controversies.

**Reception Held by Carroll Bank in Modern Home**

Carroll, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The First National bank here has just moved into its new banking house which is one of the most up-to-date buildings of its kind in the state. The officers held open house all day and in the evening a reception and program was given. The Carroll band and Welsh sextette furnished the musical numbers. Hugh Boyle of Norfolk and Rev. F. M. Drudiner, local Methodist minister, spoke briefly.

The business men of the city gathered at the home of Daniel Davis, president of the bank, and in appreciation of his 25 years of business life spent in the city, presented him with a loving cup.

## Caruso Fighting Grim Battle Against Death



Enrico Caruso

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lapse last night. It was said she was beginning to show the terrible strain, but she managed to conceal it from her husband.

The anxiety over Mr. Caruso's condition was obvious not only from newspaper readers in the hotel lobby, on the streets, and in the subway, but also from deferential questions from Italian laborers who shyly requested the door attendant if he had heard from the singer's apartment. In and out of the Metropolitan Opera house passed a stream of persons asking: "Is Caruso still alive?"

The tenseness was somewhat relieved when Bruno Zitaro, Caruso's private secretary, came down for the first time since his chief's collapse and announced that he now had "great hopes."

This was later supplemented by an unofficial bulletin by the hotel physician, who said:

"Mr. Caruso is still holding his gain. His heart action is fully as good as this morning."

**Awakes From Sleep.**

Mr. Caruso awoke late in the afternoon after a comfortable sleep and took a little hot coffee. Father Morinelli, who administered extreme unction last night, and Father Meli of Patterson, N. J., a personal friend, were allowed to pay a short call while Mr. Caruso was propped up for his nourishment.

Upon leaving, Father Morinelli said the tenor's morale was satisfactory. After they had left, Caruso remarked: "If the priest doesn't come again, I am not at all worried. I feel I have made my peace with my God."

The only members of the family who have been with Mr. Caruso, he said, are Mrs. Caruso and their 14-month-old daughter Gloria. Enrico, jr., a student in Culver Military Academy, Indiana, is expected tomorrow. Rudolfo, 21, the other son, is in Florence, Italy.

## Houston Appears Before Senate Judiciary Board

Secretary Agrees With Committee Not to Make Any Additional Loans.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Secretary Houston agreed today with the senate judiciary committee not to make any additional loans to foreign governments, no matter how pressing the demand might be, until he had consulted the committee and given it full time for deliberation.

Mr. Houston appeared before the committee for questioning as to all the details of loans already made to foreign nations, and particularly as to the legality of each transaction. He had with him a great mass of correspondence and other data and was examined by Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, author of a pending bill to prohibit further advances to foreign nations.

Senator Reed said he would take up each loan in turn and call for the correspondence relating to it. He also explained that he would ask three principal questions in each case, the first to ascertain the authority given for credits advanced, the date of the advances and the purpose of each, and the balances and obligations against each advance.

Loans to Czechoslovakia were first inquired into. The treasury secretary produced a letter to President Wilson under date of October 4, 1918, asking if Czechoslovakia had been recognized and whether the treasury was authorized to make loans to it. The White House, he said, "approved."

The examination of Mr. Houston got only as far as the loans to Czechoslovakia, the hearing being adjourned until Monday, after it developed that Mr. Houston had not brought with him all the data sought.

**Saloonkeeper to Serve**

**Term for Contempt of Court**  
Chicago, Feb. 16.—Louis Weiss, a saloonkeeper, was sentenced today by Judge Landis to serve a year in the house of correction and fined \$1,000 on a charge of contempt of court. This saloon was ordered closed for a year last Friday, and investigators testified they purchased liquor in the saloon after issuance of the injunction.

**Opium King of Chinatown Taken on Federal Warrant**  
San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Wong Kwai Ching, considered by customs officials to be the opium king of San Francisco's Chinatown and the largest dealer in this drug on the Pacific coast, was arrested on a secret federal indictment returned yesterday, charging him with having opium in his possession.

## Keeg of Cider Explodes; Floods Bank Offices

Medford, Ore., Feb. 16.—A barrel of cider in the office of Former Prosecuting Attorney Roberts exploded today and the fermented liquor flooded the Medford National bank beneath, keeping the office forces from clerks to president, busy with mops and pails. The affair was reported to Prosecuting Attorney Rawles Moore, who defeated Roberts in the last election. Mr. Moore said the keg had been seized some time ago and in the confusion of office moving had been overlooked.

**Musical Critic Dies**  
New York, Feb. 16.—S. J. E. Rawling, 63, musical critic of the New York Evening World, died here today. Mr. Rawling, who was born in England and had been connected with New York City newspapers for nearly half a century, had been in ill health for some time.

He was preceded on the stand by Assistant Attorney General W. R. C. Kendrick, who told the committee how in April, 1920, he had written an opinion upon inquiry from the Monroe county attorney, to the effect that it was illegal for McClenahan to charge a \$50 fee or any fee for his address to the county boards.

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## McClenahan Denies He Accepted Fees After Being Warned

Des Moines, Feb. 16.—P. E. McClenahan, state superintendent of public instruction whose department is being investigated by the joint legislative committee, was unexpectedly recalled to appear before the inquiry board late today.

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