

New Party Is Formed By Women

Organization Perfected Whose Principal Objective Is Removal of Legal Disabilities of Sex.

Old Name Is Retained

Washington, Feb. 18.—The political life of the National Woman's party passed away today. A new organization, bearing the name and colors of the old, was born tonight.

The new organization, its leaders said, will function with the energy of the old, the only difference being in its objective, which was described as the removal of the legal disabilities of women of America. Spirited discussions marked the transformation from the old to the new, each step being subject to many speeches and careful analysis of the convention leaders. The leaders were determined that the machinery created eight years ago to work for the enfranchisement of women should not pass into control of radical or militarist hands.

Disarmament Rejected. The first light developed when the minority opinion of the resolutions committee was filed. It specified that the immediate work of the new organization should be in behalf of "disarmament" rather than the purely feminist program urged by the majority committee members. Finally it was voted to accept the latter and reject the disarmament proposal.

Discussions covered a wide range of subjects including an association of nations—birth control, plans for electing women to congress and other federal and state offices until their representation should be equal to that of the men; the rewriting existing laws regulating divorce, guardianship of children, sexual morality and changing standards to permit women to have full partnership under the law of family incomes.

A resolution embodying many of these questions and specifying them as the "program of working" for the new organization was introduced as an amendment to the majority report by Miss Crystal Eastman of New York. It was defeated by a vote of 170 to 95, after extended discussions which reached fever pitch at times. In its place the convention adopted the conservative statement of the majority report declaring merely that "the immediate work of the new organization be the removal of the legal disabilities of women."

Other Provisions Adopted.—Other provisions of the report as adopted, were:

"That the National Woman's party, having accomplished the object for which it was organized, now disband."

"That a new organization be created and its executive committee be empowered to the disposal of all property of the National Woman's party."

"That the political enfranchisement of women having been won in the United States, this new organization work for the equality of women and see that such equality be maintained in any association of nations that may be established."

Later a temporary constitution was drafted by Mrs. Donald R. Hooker, Baltimore, and adopted. It differed from the old constitution only as the purposes of the organization made necessary and provided for the maintenance of the organization's chapters throughout the country.

The convention adjourned after a dinner and ceremony in honor of the members who had served the "pickets" in the days when the suffragists besieged the White House and other public buildings in search of support for the Susan B. Anthony amendment. Many of the "pickets" had served jail sentences and proudly displayed their records as they passed by in line to receive the "distinguished service medal" for past services.

Parachute Saves Flyer

When Mail Airplane Falls
Mendota, Minn., Feb. 18.—When his mail plane developed engine trouble three miles south of here today, Pilot C. C. Eversole leaped to safety in a parachute from a height of 3,000 feet.

Eversole, who was flying from Minneapolis and St. Paul to Chicago, made the leap after his plane had gone into a nose dive.

Bolshevik Convoys Appear on Eastern Black Sea Shore

Constantinople, Feb. 18.—Bolshevik convoys, consisting of two submarine chasers and two gunboats, have appeared on the trade routes between Thebes, on the eastern shore of the Black sea, and Novorossiysk, on the northeast coast.

Public Health Surgeon Is Ordered to Go to Havre

Washington, Feb. 18.—Surgeon Burr Ferguson of the public health service has been ordered to Havre, France, from Rotterdam. It was announced today in connection with enforcement of American quarantine regulations on outbound ships.

Texas Bank Closed

Ranger, Tex., Feb. 18.—The First National bank of Ranger did not open today and officials said the institution would be taken over by a federal bank examiner. Suspension is the result of failure to realize on loans and a "run" yesterday, officers said, adding that the bank is solvent. In its last report the bank had deposits of \$1,500,000, and assets of nearly \$3,000,000.

Immigration Measure Before Senate Today

Washington, Feb. 18.—The immigration restriction bill is to be taken up tomorrow in the senate with the expectation of disposal in a few hours, according to plans announced by Senator Dillingham, republican, Vermont, in charge of the measure.

The Dillingham substitute for the Johnson bill had been passed in the senate calendar today, but was laid aside to permit passage of urgent appropriation bills. Senator Dillingham, in announcing to the senate that the legislation would be pressed tomorrow, said conferences with senators had indicated that its disposition would require only a short time.

Opponents of the measure, however, have indicated they were prepared to stage a hard fight.

Henry Starr, Bank Bandit, Fatally Shot in Hold Up

Two Companions of Famous Oklahoma Robber Surrounded by posse in Arkansas Wood.

Harrison, Ark., Feb. 18.—Henry Starr, notorious Oklahoma bandit, was probably fatally wounded today when, with two other men, he backed officials of the People's bank of Harrison into the vault while attempting to rob the institution. One official who had hidden a rifle in the vault obtained the weapon and shot Starr down and opened fire at the other two, who escaped.

Starr, lying wounded on a bed at the county jail, admitted his identity, but refused to give any information concerning his companions, who are now surrounded in a wood, two miles south of the town, by an armed posse of more than 100 men.

Starr underwent an operation at the jail, made in an effort to save his life, and dictated telegrams to his wife at Tulsa and his son, Henry Starr, Jr., at Oklahoma City, telling them that he was dying. He was shot just below the heart.

"I always expected to die with my boots on," Starr told officers here.

At the jail it was said Starr gave the names of his two companions as Buch Davis and Tom Jones.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 18.—Henry Starr, Oklahoma outlaw, reported fatally shot at Harrison, Ark., today, was pardoned two years ago by Governor Robertson from a 10-year sentence on a bank robbery charge.

It was the second parole for Starr, he having been freed from prison in territorial days by presidential pardon on a similar charge.

Six Men Are Indicted In Connection With Liberty Bond Thefts

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 18.—Indictments were returned in the Shelby county grand jury today against W. L. Huntley, jr., a banker, M. B. Joseph, a local jeweler, R. E. Freidy, a bond broker, H. D. Nolen, a drug store owner, and two other men whose names were withheld, in connection with the disposal here of Liberty bonds, identified as a part of the loot obtained when a broker's messenger was held up in Brooklyn, November 3, and robbed of \$466,000 in bonds.

Joseph is alleged to have tendered \$65,000 in bonds to Freidy, at the solicitation of Huntley, who, in turn, said he acted as agent for a man known as "Anderson."

Nolen is said to have given John E. McCall, jr., a local attorney, another lot of about \$100,000 to be disposed of. Both McCall and Nolen, in published statements, declared they had no intimation the bonds were stolen.

Coldest Weather of Winter Is Forecast For Coming Week

Washington, Feb. 18.—The coldest weather of the winter may be expected over much of the country east of the Rocky mountains during the next week, according to a special bulletin forecast issued today by the weather bureau. The cold wave will extend southward over gulf and south Atlantic states and carry freezing temperatures to the coast the first part of the week, the bulletin said.

"Ankle Curtains" Installed Around Court Jury Box

Springfield, O., Feb. 18.—Keeping the promise he made to women jurors three weeks ago, Judge F. W. Geiger of common pleas court, had "ankle curtains" installed. The jury box is now surrounded by a green curtain.

Double Election Board Bill Passed in Oregon

Salem, Ore., Feb. 18.—A bill providing for a double election board system for counting ballots on election days in Oregon, passed by both houses of the legislature, was sent to the governor today.

Last Chance Today

You still have a chance at the \$50 in prizes in The Bee's contest for Nebraska and Iowa amateur photographers.

But there's need for speed if you want to jump into the competition.

This is the last day the contest remains open. Pictures must be mailed before midnight tonight in order to be considered in the awarding of prizes.

Fist Fight Is Sought By Butler

Omaha City Commissioner Fails to Get Battle From Lincoln Landlords—Rent Regulation Urged.

Charge Big Rent Profits

Lincoln, Feb. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—City Commissioner Dan Butler of Omaha offered tonight to use fists in settling a landlord-tenant argument with W. B. Shurtliff, Lincoln apartment house owner, and another Lincoln apartment house owner, following the hearing on the Foster rent regulatory bill before the judiciary committee of the lower house.

Shurtliff and the other Lincoln men began to talk valuation, interest on investments and other things to Butler after the meeting.

"I spend half my time arguing with Omaha landlords," Butler said. "and I'll not talk it over with you."

But they insisted.

Butler pushed his 250 pounds through the crowded committee room. Standing at the door, he shouted:

No One Will Fight.

"I'll settle things outside in the good old-fashioned way with you landlords, if you want to," but no one offered to accept his invitation. "Then when I got outside I found W. W. Whittaker of the tenants' league surrounded by a bunch of Omaha landlords," Butler said. Whittaker told them a few things and used some of our war-colored words in addressing the landlords. "And Butler continued, 'I waited around there for 15 minutes for them to start something with Whittaker. You know I still like a fight now and then.'"

Members of the Omaha-Tenants' league at the committee hearing snatched out many nifty statements and charges. Representative Harry Foster, City Commissioner Dan Butler, W. W. Whittaker and Earl Whitaker appeared for the league in what they termed a concentrated drive against the "rent hogs." Following are some of the high lights of their arguments:

Charge Big Profits.

"Apartment house owners in Omaha are making from 40 to 80 per cent on their investments. The owner of the Birchwood apartment is one making 80 per cent on his investment."

"In the event the Foster bill doesn't pass we're going to call for a committee to investigate rental conditions in Omaha."

"While the whole country is praying for a reduction in prices, owners of certain downtown Omaha office buildings are demanding that renters sign new year leases in which the rent is boosted from 100 to 150 per cent."

"In one particular instance, a man who has been renting an office in a downtown Omaha office building for \$85 a month, is confronted with a proposition to sign a lease for the same office at a rental of \$127.50 a month. The name of the landlord can be given if desired." (None of the landlords present demanded his name.)

Rightfully Public Utility.

"Apartment houses are rightfully public utilities under present city living conditions. They should be controlled as such. One apartment house owner in Omaha rents apart-

ment houses for \$100 a month.

President of Boston Bank Charges Closing Result of Conspiracy

Boston, Mass., Feb. 18.—The Tremont Trust company remained closed today and Simon Swig, vice president of the bank, declared the closing was the result of a conspiracy and that the depositors of the \$17,000,000 in the vaults would be paid in full. The suspension caused no flurry in banking circles today.

The closing of the Tremont Trust company in no way affects any other trust company, national bank or savings bank in Boston or elsewhere. I believe the banking situation here is sound."

Sisters Leave \$59,000 To Provide Public Park

Rockford, Ill., Feb. 18.—Approximately \$59,000 was bequeathed to a public park in Helena, Mont., by the joint will of the Misses Mary I. and Anna Beattie, sisters, disposing of a \$400,000 estate, filed today. The park would be a memorial to her brothers, Alexander H. Edward W. and George D. Beattie, former residents of Helena. Practically all the remainder of the estate was left for charitable, educational and religious purposes in Illinois.

Man Confesses to Murder: Body Found Hidden in Barn

Bangor, Me., Feb. 18.—Nelson E. Knights of Dexter confessed that he had killed Alfred Conner, 65, and taken the body in a trunk to the house of his mother-in-law in Canaan, where it was hidden in a barn, according to Sheriff Fernandez. The body, wrapped in quilts, was found in the place designated.

Boy Arrested for Theft Of Securities From Father

Spokane, Feb. 18.—Elliott Michener, 15, was arrested at Northport, Wash., charged with the theft of \$14,000 in securities from his father. Securities valued at \$14,500 were found in his possession.

Dial Files Complaint Against Judge Landis

Washington, Feb. 18.—Formal complaint against Federal Judge Landis of Chicago for his remarks in the case of an Ottawa, Ill., bank clerk charged with embezzlement is made in a letter sent to the Department of Justice today by Senator Dial, democrat, South Carolina.

The letter was not made public, but Senator Dial was understood to have objected particularly to Judge Landis' statement that the bank directors were directly responsible for the clerk's thefts because they allowed him a salary of only \$90 a month. Senator Dial has contended that such a remark from the bench would tend to increase crime.

Germany Must Pay To Limit, Promise Of Lloyd George

Premier, in Parliament Speech, Explains Reparation Demands in Answering an Attack on Policy.

London, Feb. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—Premier Lloyd George declared in the House of Commons today that he stood by his pledge that Germany must pay to the limit of its capacity.

The prime minister was discussing the German reparations question in answering Horatio Bottomley's arraignment of the government's policy of alleged ineptitude in regard to forcing Germany to comply with the reparations demands. The provision for the trial of war criminals and other portions of the peace treaty.

The allies, continued the premier, had taken the best advice available and had summoned the ablest men to be found, upon whose advice the present demands had been made, and the allies were carrying out the peace terms to the utmost of their power.

Has Delivered Bonds.

Germany, he pointed out, had delivered bonds to the allies, but the value of these bonds depended upon the value of the German security at the present moment. Raw materials, ships, property of other sort and coal also had been delivered, added the premier, and the question was what was their value.

Tells of Difficulties.

Mr. Lloyd George laid stress upon the difficulty of exacting an indemnity in another country and securing its payment here.

"You can easily collect in Germany any indemnity you impose within reasonable limits," added the premier, "but how are you going to transfer it here? There is much loose thinking on this subject. 'Indemnities can be paid in goods or service, and that is why we introduced an export tax on Germany's outgoing goods. That means that everything it sends out in goods is gold, for it gets something for which there is a gold equivalent.'"

Cleveland Judge Is Acquitted of Murder After Second Trial

Cleveland, Feb. 18.—William McGannon, chief justice of the municipal court, on trial for the second time, was acquitted of the charge of slaying Harold C. Kagy on the morning of May 8 last, by a jury of three women and nine men in common pleas court, after deliberating 21 hours and taking eight ballots.

The women on the jury refused to comment on the case.

The jury in the first trial was unable to agree on a verdict after 48 hours deliberation.

Judge McGannon did not sit on the bench after he was indicted, pending the outcome of the trial.

"I expect to resume my position on the municipal bench after a brief rest," he announced after hearing the verdict.

Mystery Still Clouds Murder of Teachers

Cleveland, O., Feb. 18.—The double murder of Miss Louise Wolf and Miss Mahel Foote, Parma Heights High school teachers, whose mutilated bodies were found yesterday morning, remained unsolved tonight. Several suspects were questioned by Sheriff Charles B. Stannard, but all proved alibis and were released.

A trail of footprints which led from the spot where the bodies were found, tends to confirm the belief of the searchers that the crime was committed by one man. The trail, led back to a shanty, where the murderer is believed to have been in hiding and then into the woods, where it was lost.

Start Nationwide Search For Missing Texas Man

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 18.—A nationwide search was started for Scott Nichols, chief operator for the Western Union Telegraph company here, who has been missing since February 7. Nichols left the main office of the company here at noon. He later cashed a check for \$150 and has not been seen since that time. He was formerly with the Associated Press at Memphis, Tenn., and the Western Union at El Paso.

House Backs Rail Body In Rate Increase Fight

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The house, by a vote of 52 to 26, adopted the Williams resolution backing the railroad commission in its fight against the recent Interstate rate hike granted by the Interstate Commerce commission. Representative Osterman lost a fight for an amendment which would strike out the clause suggesting financial aid to the commission in its attempt to block the rate increase.

Stok Sale Guarantees Building of McCook Hotel

McCook, Neb., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—A two-day campaign added \$55,000 to the stock for the Keystone hotel project in McCook, and absolutely guarantees the completion of the 6-story building this summer. The building will cost about \$300,000, and the total of stock sold is about \$250,000.

We Used to Think it Belonged to Us



Call for Meeting Of Farmers Sent Out for April 20

President of National Union Says Action Prompted by "Perilous Condition of Agriculture."

Washington, Feb. 18.—A call for a mass meeting here April 20, was issued to members of the National Farmers' Union by its president, Charles S. Barrett, who declared he was prompted by "the perilous condition of agriculture."

"This is the time," he called said, "when the farmers, like other interests, should in the most forceful manner compatible with the respect we always have for authority, make known to the government the need of legislative measures in behalf of the noble calling of agriculture."

"A new administration is about to assume command of agriculture," it continued. "It takes control in a time of great national stress, when deflation, largely artificial, has accomplished the temporary ruin of thousands of our farmers and permanent ruin of thousands of others."

Interests seeking to "control the food, clothing, transportation systems and distribution of the nation's commodities" were declared to be "well entrenched" in Washington and Mr. Barrett said the farmers would be "able to impress upon congress that we are a real power, with real interests to protect."

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Railroads Win First Decision Secure Removal of Suit by State Railway Commission To Federal Court.

Lincoln, Feb. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The railroads scored first here this afternoon in the Nebraska supreme court when they secured removal of the suit, brought by the Nebraska State Railway commission to prevent the carriers from putting higher freight and passenger rates into effect, to the federal court here.

The commission had attempted to secure an injunction against the carriers putting into effect an order from the Interstate Commerce commission allowing the railroads to make a 10 per cent increase in freight and passenger charges. The Nebraska supreme court transferred the action of the commission on a petition filed by the railroads, setting forth that the question involved was purely one of federal jurisdiction.

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Food Prices Drop 1 Per Cent Here Since December

Average Decline of 3 Per Cent For Entire Country During January Reported by Labor Department.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Decline of 1 per cent in retail food prices in January, as compared with December, was reported by the bureau of labor statistics of the Department of Labor.

The greatest decrease, 6 per cent, was reported for Los Angeles and Manchester, N. H. The decline in Boston, Bridgeport, Fall River, Mobile, Portland, Me., Portland, Ore., Providence, Rochester, San Francisco and Seattle, was 5 per cent.

Among the items in the deficiency bill an increase from \$1,000,000 to \$1,450,000 in the pension enforcement fund and \$65,575,000 for payment to the railroad administration of mail transportation accounts.

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