

# N. Y. SUFFERS PLAN TO GIVE WOMEN CONGRESS SEATS

## State Leaders See Opportunity With 1,800,000 Newly Created Votes.

### PARTISANSHIP IS SHOWN

#### Coalition May Be Adopted to Elect New Representatives to Washington.

The women of New York State have the vote. Whereas up to November 6, 1917, only the women of rural communities could vote, and they only on school questions and bond issues, now every woman in the State who is 21 and neither an alien, an idiot, nor a criminal can walk into the polling booth on equal terms with men and cast her ballot for everything from Presidential electors down to collectors of dog taxes.

What will they do with it? What will the (approximately) 1,800,000 women voters of the State do with that vote? Coming down to brass tacks, the women in the year preceding the election of 1917 at the solicitation of canvassers of the New York State Woman Suffrage Party registered their names as desiring the vote.

It may be assumed, indeed it is known, that a considerable number of these women are controlled by the ideals of the New York State Woman Suffrage Party. The party with its more than 1,000,000 members, with its very thorough organization by Congressional, Assembly and election districts, with Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and the National Woman Suffrage Association backing and guiding its every move is easily the most powerful and efficient non-partisan voters' organization in the State. Its efficiency has been proved in many ways—by the war work it has done, as for example in taking the military census and getting subscriptions for the Liberty Loan—and finally by its success at the polls November 6.

### Political Trend of Leaders.

Of course it can never be predicted with certainty what any voter will do when the moment comes to deposit that piece of paper in the ballot box, and this is true of women as well as of men. But it is possible to make a rough division of the partisan and non-partisan.

Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Mrs. John Sherwin Crosby, these and many others have announced their intention of registering in and supporting the Democratic party. Miss Helen Varick Boswell, Mrs. James Griswold Wanta, Mrs. John F. Wanta, Mrs. George Wanta, these and many others are equally true to party on the Republican side of the fence. Socialist women who would indignantly reject the title of non-partisan are legion. But while these women are suffragists they have not been identified with the New York State Woman Suffrage Party. They could not be partisan and do so.

No one can tell just how many of the members of N. Y. S. W. S. P. will throw down the ideals of that organization and listen to the sweet songs of the party singing to them. Some will, no doubt. In the Bronx the name of Mrs. Frederick Palmer, leader of that borough for the New York State Woman Suffrage Party, is being mentioned for successor to Representative Henry Bruckner, and she has not specifically denied it; but she did not specifically deny it, and she is the State suffragist, so her stand on the non-partisan platform adopted then is not known. If she dips into politics she will make out of the suffrage party at once.

### Suffrage Ideals Paramount.

A statewide canvass of the local suffrage leaders undertaken by THE SUN indicates that from the Adirondacks to the Battery there is a steadfast determination to push the work of the party. The canvass is incomplete, because the party organization is in process of reconstruction. For the referendum campaign Mrs. Catt formed the party by campaign districts, twelve of them, following the lines of the judicial districts. Henceforth the Congressional district lines will be followed, and all the Congressional district chairmen have been appointed. In some cases campaign district chairmen will go on as Congressional district chairmen.

On the point of going into other districts to help the suffragists, there is campaign spirit inimical to their interests, the women are cautious. Campaigning is the chief quality of the N. Y. S. W. S. P. at present. No pluming themselves over the new dignity, no boasts of what they are going to do with the vote.

### View of Mrs. James L. Laidlaw.

"We have ways of showing that we're voters," as Mrs. James Laidlaw, Congressional chairman of the New York State Woman Suffrage party, said when she declined to decorate herself with that button that she has now, the button labelled "I'm a Voter."

Only the central body, the executive board, can send assistance to the various districts. The 1918 election literature, etc. As the organization is to be kept in fighting trim this undoubtedly will be done in the case of anti like Senator Brown. Mrs. Laidlaw says as much.

The most important campaign district was of course that comprehending Greater New York, the First, and of this Miss Mary Garrett Hay was chairman.

As head of the New York City Woman Suffrage party, which was in existence even before the State was organized by Assembly districts, "Big Boss" Hay will go right on being boss. Her aggressive yet wise and cautious methods are too well known to require description. She is for the Federal amendment, but very much against the methods of the White House pickets. She is that she insisted that placards denouncing the picketing should be carried in the suffrage parade October 27.

As it was Miss Hay who at the State convention offered to the resolution favoring campaigning against candidates opposing the Federal amendment the clause saying: "We do not put loyalty to the Federal amendment before loyalty to our country," the position of the city party on patriotism is certain. Even in the stress of the referendum it women found time to do up production work, raising thousands of dollars for

# VOTES FOR WOMEN CHANCES UNCERTAIN

Legislative Experts Believe Amendment May Lack Two-thirds House Majority.

### WEBB REMAINS HOSTILE

#### Has So Far Prevented a Report by the Judiciary Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The passage of the woman suffrage amendment confidently hoped for during the coming session of Congress is regarded by legislative experts as a toss-up. It requires the approval of two-thirds of the Senate and House. A majority could be obtained without much difficulty. The required two-thirds may be lacking by a few votes in the House.

### Means Cleaner Government.

Politicians, according to Mrs. Laidlaw, and social workers are showing by their attitude that they believe the approval of the amendment is essential. Those who want cleaner government are only the women's help.

"Only to-day," she said a week or so ago in a speech at the New York State Woman Suffrage party, "we have seen the need to clean up vice conditions in an up-State town, came to us to ask the names of the most suffragists so he could go to them for help."

"There is a woman in this city who is in charge of an institution for unfortunates," she said, "and she went to her Congressman in behalf of some needed legislation. She got nowhere with him—he had no time for her. Little while after November 6 she went again and was astounded by the change in his attitude. He was ready to make all sorts of promises."

"She told me she felt a sort of rage when she realized the reason—that this Congressman now regarded her as the woman whom her institution helped. She came to us to tell us how sorry she was that she hadn't taken part in the fight for the vote. Immersed in her work she hadn't thought about suffrage, but now she realized how with the vote she could stride along where formerly she had crawled."

The New York State Woman Suffrage Party isn't worrying Congressmen to say right now how they feel on the Federal amendment. "Why bother the men?" says Mrs. Laidlaw. "Give our victory time to sink in. It will sink all right."

### Amendment Gains in Favor.

The National Woman's party in the intervals of picking the White House and going to Coconau Workhouse is deputizing (the word deputizing has a special significance in the woman suffrage movement, and is used to indicate that a person has been voted by deputies representing the cause) Congressmen right along, and pretty nearly all of the forty-three Representatives have been seen, as well as the Senators. Of course, some were good friends to the Federal amendment and didn't have to be seen.

### 25 YEARS IN SAME PULPIT.

Dr. Duffield Celebrates Anniversary in Old First Presbyterian.

The Rev. Howard Duffield, D. D., celebrated yesterday the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate of the Old First Presbyterian Church, Fifth avenue and Twelfth street. The pastor recited the history of the church and said that it had provided a place of worship for thousands of the most prominent men and women in the city.

"The sole reason for persisting in the almost hopeless task of securing endorsement for the old First Church," he said, "was the desire to have it neighbor to the needy. Now it is an honor in just such a place. It abides among the people, it sympathizes with the people and it works for the people. Its buildings, its music, its schools, its clubs, its message of hope, its ministry of help, all it has, is free to all. It extends the glad hand to all and it is trying to create the glad heart in all."

A special musical programme was given.

### Dependent Chef Kills Self.

Dependent on the loss of his job a year ago Frederick Wohlfart, 43 years old, a chef, living at 1161 East Thirty-ninth street, Brooklyn, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the head in a clump of bushes at Kings Highway and Flatbush avenue. Ambulance Surgeon McCullough of the Kings County Hospital said death had been instantaneous. The suicide was identified by his seventeen-year-old son, Leonard.

# BIG RED CROSS FUND NEARLY EXHAUSTED

## \$100,000,000 Raised for War Relief Will Be Used Up by Spring.

### SPLENDID WORK DONE

#### Chairman's Report Informs Public How Vast Sum Is Being Expended.

### Henry P. Davison, chairman of the War Council of the American Red Cross, made a detailed report yesterday of the operations of the Red Cross since May 10, when the President named the council.

The receipts of the organization, what has been expended up to November 1, and the manner in which it has been spent is reported by Mr. Davison with much elaboration. The magnitude of the relief work among the suffering people of the allied nations, and particularly in France, makes up an impressive part of the task the organization has put under way.

"The Red Cross says that it conceives it to be its duty to care for the soldiers and sailors of America, to shorten the war and to lay the foundation for a lasting peace. The report submitted by the Democratic majority brought before Congress, that the American Red Cross has in cash been collected for the war fund. The demands, however, in Europe are increasing with great rapidity and the present basis of expenditure of \$100,000,000 war fund cannot last much beyond spring.

### How Money Is Spent at Home.

"The direct appropriations from the war fund for work in the United States are divided as follows:

Hospitals, etc.	\$20,000,000
Sanitary service, etc.	14,000,000
Relief service, etc.	15,000,000
Other	1,000,000
Total	\$50,000,000

"Work for the American Army is the first and most important part of the Red Cross programme in France. More than twelve hundred hospitals organized by the Red Cross and now manned into the American Ambulance, together with Dr. Joseph A. Blake's hospital in Paris. The Red Cross is serving 3,423 military hospitals, both French and American, through the Hospital Supply Service, which operates sixteen warehouses and a motor transport system.

"Included in appropriations for France are the following:

Budget for military relief, including work for the American army, hospitals, ambulances, hospital supply service, surgical dressings service, casualty service, etc., to November 1, \$2,411,225; budget for civilian relief, including refugee and reconstruction work, relief of mutilated soldiers, infant welfare, tuberculosis prevention, etc., to November 1, \$2,480,467.
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### Collections Cost Little.

"The total expenses of raising and collecting the war fund are proving to be less than 1 per cent. The war fund is deposited locally by the chapters and campaign committees. About 3,500 banks now hold these deposits, in the name of William G. McAdoo, treasurer.

"Forty-nine army base hospital units and 100 navy hospital units have been recruited, organized and equipped by the Red Cross. More than twelve of the army units and two of the navy units have been sent to France to provide medical corps and to be in service. These units can care for a 100 bed hospital each, and some of them have been retrained to enable them to take over larger hospitals.

"The Red Cross has also organized forty-five ambulance companies. A general hospital for the use of the navy has been established at Philadelphia. Convalescent homes have been built at Fort Ord and Fort McPherson, Ga., and a hospital supply service, surgical dressings service, casualty service, etc., to November 1, \$2,411,225; budget for civilian relief, including refugee and reconstruction work, relief of mutilated soldiers, infant welfare, tuberculosis prevention, etc., to November 1, \$2,480,467.

### Stop That Cold At Once

CASCARA QUININE

The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, easy to take. No constipation, no griping. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the Red Top and Mr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People at Any Drug Store.

### Along the Coast

Take a trip to the balmy Southland. A restful journey with opportunity to visit your friends in the big army camps. Go by SOUTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIPS "MORGAN LINE" NEW YORK — NEW ORLEANS

Connecting with the Sunset Limited and other splendid trains for the Southwest and California.

Ask for "Apache Trail" Literature

In permitting the Southern Pacific Company to retain the ownership and operation of the Morgan Line, the Interstate Commerce Commission said: "Many disinterested witnesses who have had years of familiarity with transportation conditions expressed the conviction that a severance of the Morgan Line from the Southern Pacific Company would be a calamity."

1135 Broadway at 27th St. 390 Broadway at Franklin St. 33 Broadway at 27th St.

### CONSUMERS ASKED TO AID MILK PROBE

#### Federal Commission Seeks Views on Distribution.

Various organizations representing consumers have been asked to testify before the Federal Milk Commission at the City Hall to-day and to-morrow as to the purchasing and distribution problems of the milk business.

A series of questions, prepared by a special committee of the commission, are now in the hands of many consumers for study. The questions are interesting in that they indicate the commission's wish to get information tending to show whether consumers who are competent to give opinions in such matters, believe that the cost of milk to the consumer can be reduced by changes in methods of distribution.

The questions which are asked:

1. To what extent is delivery duplicated in your section?
2. Would you be in favor of one of the following methods of distribution?
  - (a) Assigning a single district to a single distributor?
  - (b) A central distributing system through the combination of all distributing companies.
  - (c) A central distributing system operated by the State.
  - (d) A delivery express system carrying the milk of all companies.
3. Would you be satisfied with daytime deliveries?
4. How can the State help any more under the conditions now existing?

At all the many inquiries conducted heretofore into the cost of producing milk the point has been emphasized repeatedly that the two principal items that tend to do up production costs are the cost of feed and labor.

### 1% PER MONTH ON PLEDGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

THE PROVDENT LOAN SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

Applicants for loans of large amounts will be considered at the office at Fourth Avenue and 25th Street.

MANHATTAN  
Fourth Avenue, cor. 4th Street, Eldridge St., cor. Rivington St. East Houston St., cor. Essex St. Seventh Av., bet. 48th & 49th Sts. Lexington Av., cor. 124th St. Grand St., cor. Clinton St. 72d St., bet. Livingston & 3d Aves. 11th Av., cor. 127th St.

BROOKLYN  
Courtlandt Av., cor. 146th St.

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Smith St., cor. Livingston St. Graham Av., cor. Devoise St. 1st Av., cor. 1st Ave.

# STATE NEAR CLOSE IN TRIAL OF MEANS

## Defence Will Introduce at Least Two Dozen Witnesses in His Behalf.

### Special Despatch to THE SUN.

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 2.—After the first real rest period since the opening of the trial of Gaston B. Means for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, his employer and benefactor, both the prosecution and defence are ready to-night to renew with new vigor the fight for the life of the accused man.

The State is beginning to see the end of its direct case and the defence has definite knowledge of the charges it must combat. Means has won one victory for which the attorneys have fought since indictment for murder; his counsel has had a chance to examine some of the mass of documents brought here from New York by Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling as part of the case against him. These papers, most of which were seized when Dooling raided the King-Means apartment at 1155 Park avenue, New York, in September, have been a source of constant worry to the defence. Time after time they have sought to obtain possession of them and as often they have been defeated. At last they have seen at least part of them, but only when the prosecution was ready for them to do so.

### VAUDEVILLE'S RED CROSS BIT.

#### Morning Performances in 628 Theatres on Friday.

E. F. Albee, general manager of the United Booking Offices, announced yesterday that 628 vaudeville houses, making up the B. F. Keith circuit in the United States, will unite in celebrating Red Cross theatre day on Friday. Special morning performances will be given in most of the houses in the country.

"The extra morning performance," said Mr. Albee, "throws a heavy burden upon our artists and employees, whose time is already fully occupied, but they have cheerfully and voluntarily shouldered it. It is not our idea to divert any of the proceeds from one of our regular performances to the Red Cross War Fund, but rather to create an entirely new benefit-performance of which the full receipts—without no deduction for any purpose whatever—shall go to that worthy cause. Stage hands, musicians and all others have voted to work without salary on the morning of December 7. Our house employees will also serve free of charge."

### Bay State Hotels Save Meats Food.

#### WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Massachusetts hotels and restaurants, by observing the conservation directions of the Food Administration, saved in October 4,600 barrels of flour and 640 tons of meat.

### FORDHAM OPENS NEW SCHOOL

#### Classes for Graduates Established in Woolworth Building.

Fordham University has established a graduate school in the Woolworth Building. Courses are offered leading to the degrees of A. M., M. S., Ph. D., M. A., and Ed. D. For the convenience of those who are engaged in professional pursuits down town by day the lectures have been extended so as also to include the evening hours.

The courses are open to graduates of any college or university of good standing and to special students. The Dean, Matthew L. Fortier, R. J., is dean of the faculty including several of the most prominent Jesuit educators in the country.

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