

WOMAN'S CONGRESS

Proceedings Show Considerable Variance in Sentiment.

REPORT OF MAGAZINE EDITOR READ

Criticism of Its Statements by the President General.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

The morning session of the D. A. R. opened with a small attendance. Many of the delegates are sightseeing, and a large number have gone home.

The president general called her sharply to order but Mrs. Morgan held her ground. She said that she had a right to be heard.

It was discovered that alternates were being elected upon the floor, contrary to the rules. The president general demanded that the floor be cleared.

The American Magazine, the organ of the society, has always been a bone of contention. Some want it abolished; some contend that it should be retained.

The congress is so far behind on its business that there is no possibility of reaching through the day.

The first business of the morning at 12 o'clock Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, the magazine editor, read her report.

The report was read in a very strong language, and she brought the president general to her feet. She demanded that the report be read.

At the close of the reading half a dozen ladies rose to demand that the objectionable matter be excluded.

Fifty women were on their feet for and against the report at one time, but all were ruled out. The report was read.

There was not a minute of the afternoon of the evening yesterday that the daughters of the American Revolution did not illustrate the privileges of their ancestors.

After further discussion, participated in by as many as a dozen ladies at one time, the question was put and the congress voted to adopt the report.

Mrs. Walker of the District, who had been an alternate and had no voice in the congress, moved to amend the report.

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board and the Congress in the Loyal War Chapter matter.

Order of the Day. The order of the day was called for, and Mrs. Robert Stockwell Hatcher, chairman of the Franco-American memorial committee, submitted her report.

The total fund set up to February 10, according to the report, when the books of the treasurer general were closed, amounts to \$2,784.04, of which \$172.73 has been contributed to the Washington monument fund.

Mrs. Hatcher reported that at the request of the architect the following inscription on the tablet should be substituted: This Tablet is a Tribute of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to the illustrious memory of Lafayette.

The Friend of America and the Fellow Soldier of Washington. The Patriot of Two Countries. "The secretary of the memorial committee," she advised Mrs. Hatcher, "that the original intention of the commission to dedicate the completed monument on July 4, 1876, has been abandoned, but on that date a reproduction will be dedicated, which will, however, not be the purpose and stand in Paris throughout the position of the permanent monument to be erected as soon thereafter as possible."

Mrs. Hatcher announced that the president general, acting by request of the last continental congress, had appointed the following to the memorial committee: Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth, Miss Mary Dasha, Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, Mrs. Inez M. Chapman, Mrs. Robert Stockwell Hatcher, Mrs. Charles Caryle Darwin, Mrs. Albert Akers, Mrs. Sara Thompson Kinney, Mrs. Mary P. Cameron.

Revolutionary Relics. The report of the committee on revolutionary relics was submitted by Mrs. Eleanor Holmes Lindsay, the chairman. The report showed that the committee had been very successful in securing relics, and the collection now in the hands of the society is the largest ever gathered.

Miss Mary Boyce Temple, chairman of the committee on historical scholarships, submitted the report of that committee. She said that the committee had taken the initiative in the work of establishing scholarships, and advised that \$500 be appropriated for the purpose.

Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth, chairman of the committee on the memorial monument, submitted the report of that committee. She said that the committee had taken the initiative in the work of establishing a memorial monument to Lafayette, and advised that \$500 be appropriated for the purpose.

It was announced that a message from the president general, Mrs. W. W. White, was to be read. The message proved to be the commission of Mrs. Daniel Manning, the president general, as one of the commissioners to the memorial monument.

New business was taken up at the evening session. It was after 11 o'clock when the congress adjourned.

The first business of the morning for consideration was the report of Mrs. Wallace DeLafayette, the regent of the national society, on the memorial monument and Washington tablet.

Mrs. Fanny of Virginia offered a resolution that the memorial monument be extended to the preservation of historical places in and about Jamestown, Va. The resolution was adopted.

Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee of the District of Columbia, who had been an alternate, moved to amend the report of the congress, and the chair ruled that no matters submitted by her could be considered.

Governor Lounsbury of Connecticut has appointed Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, state regent of the D. A. R., to officially represent the organization at the memorial monument.

Mrs. Emma A. Fox, a well-known club woman, is in attendance upon the congress of the D. A. R. as an alternate from Michigan. Mrs. Fox is a member of the study of parliamentary law, and is probably the only woman instructor of parliamentary law in the country.

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TO ARM THE NATIVES

Proposed Organization of Cuban and Filipino Bribes.

Withdrawal of American Troops From the West Indies—General Lawton's Plans.

The question of the withdrawal of American troops from Cuba and the substitution of a Cuban military establishment is under consideration by the President, Secretary of War and the officials at the War Department.

April 11, 1900, has been tentatively selected as the time when the substitution of Cuban troops for American troops shall commence. There are about 9,000 American troops in Cuba at present and it is expected that the number will be reduced to 5,000 by the 1st of May.

The proposed Cuban regiments will be drawn will consist almost entirely of cavalry and infantry. The artillery troops at Havana are all voluntarily authorized by the protection of the fortifications of that city.

The proposed Cuban regiments will be the nucleus of a Cuban army to be built up gradually by accessions from time to time of other native regiments. When the time comes for the complete withdrawal of the authority of the United States from Cuba the Cuban government will find its authority backed by a well-organized military establishment.

It is designed to have the change in the form of government made gradually and the organization of these regiments is merely one of the preliminary steps to that end. The regiments will be enlisted, organized and officered under the advice of high Cuban officials, and the process of their substitution for American troops will also be carried out under the recommendation of them and approved by Gen. Wood.

Native Force in Philippines. Before his death, after giving much thought to the subject, General Lawton worked out a plan for maintaining order in the Philippines after the close of actual hostilities, which was submitted to Gen. Otis, and is, presumably, the plan which will commend itself to the War Department.

General Lawton's idea was to create a force of native police, which officers, at first in all grades, and finally as conditions improve, in the upper grades alone, should be recruited from the ranks of the regular troops by other forces competent to preserve order.

Some of the men who are now successfully employed in Cuba by General Wood under the cognomen of rural police, are the inhabitants of the Philippine islands, who are being trained by the United States Army. General Lawton's idea that there would be no difficulty in securing police who should be recruited from the ranks of the regular troops, apart from those of their military, to which they might be assigned, that this theory was well founded is indicated by the success of the Macabebe tribe by General Lawton himself, and by General Young later on, in his redoubtable chase after Ansaldo in the north of Luzon.

The Macabebes were the only loyal Philippine force to be most excellent scouts, were fearless soldiers and their appearance at the front of the hostilities, it was an invaluable contribution to the United States Army. An invaluable contribution of this kind would be their thorough acquaintance with the country and their ability to penetrate into the most inaccessible regions in running down law breakers.

Alleged Capture of Aguinaldo. Because of the similarity of feature and figure of the Tagals the American troops have had great difficulty in distinguishing between the real Aguinaldo and the impostor who had been put in his place by a friend from the east.

Indeed there is a story in circulation among some of the army officers who have just returned to Washington from Manila that the army actually captured Aguinaldo in the Philippines, but that he was released days ago as a suspicious amigo and then released him, only to hear of his identity with the real Aguinaldo.

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Condensed Locals. The work of restoring the east side of Monroe street between Harrison and Grant streets, Anacostia, to its proper condition was begun this morning. This part of the street was closed for several months last month when the work of widening the street car tracks was commenced.

The Boss Barber's Assembly had a meeting last night at Edwards' shop on 14th street. The meeting was attended by a number of the members of the assembly, and the matter was discussed.

Samuel H. Walker and others, defendants in the Mutual Fire Insurance Company injunction cases this afternoon, through Attorneys Wilton J. Lambert and D. W. Baker, filed a petition asking the court to issue a rule upon the defendants, John Quinn and C. F. D. Kattlemann, to show cause why they should not be held to answer a severance and appeal. Upon consideration of the petition Justice Cole issued a writ of habeas corpus to the defendants.

A reference to the statement below will show that the circulation of the Star is a bona-fide one. It is easily possible for a newspaper with an elastic conscience to swell its legitimate circulation enormously, by sending out thousands of papers to newsstands which are returnable, and which are, in fact, returned, but nevertheless are included in what purports to be an honest statement of circulation.

Intelligent advertisers, however, judge by results, and bogus circulation don't give them.

The family circulation of The Star is many thousands in excess of any other Washington paper.

SENATE "STERLING" COMMITTEE

Those Who Will Decide on Order of Business.

Senator Allison, chairman of the republican caucus, today appointed the committee on order of business authorized by the caucus. It is composed of Senators Allison, Hale, Aldrich, Chalmers, Wolcott, Sewell, Spooner, McBride, Hanna.

Measure Reported to the Senate With an Increase of \$22,000. The diplomatic appropriation bill was today reported to the Senate by the committee on appropriations. The appropriation made by the bill was increased to the extent of \$22,000, making the total \$1,765,788.

Changes on the Asiatic Station. The following changes of officers on the Asiatic station have been announced at the Navy Department: Lieut. G. C. Day, from the Newark to the Samar.

Lieut. A. Carr, to the Monadnock. Lieut. Y. S. Shing, to the Brooklyn. Ensign C. E. Glyn, from the Marietes to the Newark.

Ensign L. R. Sargent, from the Brooklyn to the Marietes. Ensign W. R. Sexton and I. F. Lannis to the Newark.

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THE McPHERSON DISABLED

Broke Propeller Shaft in Storm of Last Monday.

Investigation Into the Affair and Amount of Damage Ordered.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. PORT MONROE, Va., February 24.—The transport McPherson, towed by the steamer Admiral Sampson, was in the capes yesterday and anchored off the Fort Monroe quarantine station. She brings troops from Cuba.

The transport had a thrilling experience. During the heavy storm of Monday, while 440 miles at sea, she broke her propeller shaft and drifted helplessly for many hours until she was rescued by the transport Admiral Sampson.

Excellent discipline prevailed. Contemptible discipline prevailed. Contemptible discipline prevailed. Contemptible discipline prevailed.

General Ludington Informed. Quartermaster General Ludington was advised this morning through the Association of American Steamship Lines that Admiral Sampson passed through the Virginia capes this morning, towing the United States transport McPherson toward Hampton Roads.

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