

**MEMORIES OF THE GREAT FLOOD**

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Red Cross has assisted everywhere. Professor T. W. Atkinson has been in charge of Labor Division, and local physicians have given services free.

Plans have been made by the Executive Committee and everything has been done in accord with this plan. Mr. Holmes is in charge of Commissary and Mr. Hunter and committee of Ministers has had charge of receiving and providing shelter.

From all over the south we have had a goodly supply of second hand clothing and bedding. Mrs. T. P. Singletary is Chairman of the Clothing Department.

Mrs. L. U. Babin Chairman Camp Committee. Miss Caroline Farnbacher, Mrs. Henry Cohn, Mrs. Joe Gottlieb and others. Miss Morrow, Secretary at the Deaf and Dumb. Miss Esther Dupree, Shipping Department, and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are every where at once, doing everything.

Each camp has two lady Captains and four lady lieutenants. On Wednesday afternoon the clothes had given out, and women that never brought a pair of shoes home from the stores in their lives, went through the streets begging and carrying old clothes. The Red Cross man came with boxes of clothes, others were received from distant cities, as well as Louisiana towns, and soon the room was full again.

A receiving station for colored donations was made at Mt. Zion church, and two colored women appointed to dispense them. They clothed one hundred and fifty people, and with one trained nurse took care of the sick and saw that everybody had a bath and clean clothes. Dr. Singletary said it was the first camp to get in perfect order. Mrs. General Ogden and Mrs. Allen were in charge.

I was at Ajax, the largest camp, the best part of four days. Ajax consists of Ajax. The pavillion a favorite resort of the negroes, a "knock up" of ten bed rooms, five hospital tents, the commissary depot, one hundred and fifty tents occupied by Italians. On May 8th there were nine hundred people, not including Dr. Dowling, President of the State Board of Health.

The Red Cross men, colored trained nurses and the Militia who took charge of every thing except building, etc.

referring orders to Mrs. Prof. Stumberg, Captain of the Pavillion, and Mrs. Prof. Walter Bynum, Captain of Ajax—cooking, shower baths, building shower baths, building, putting up tents, etc., and keeping order every where.

In three hours a tremendous ditch and cess pool was dug in the night and rain; in less than twenty-four hours something like two hundred tents. Electric lights strung across the grounds, telephones, a kitchen with five stoves, that proved not enough, now they have a perfect cooking and washing place.

The place is clean, the floors scrubbed once a day, and everyone required to take a bath and put on clean clothes. here was not such a large percent of sickness considering the awful circumstances. These were put into temporary hospital or the Sanitarium.

I have heard tales of thefts and disorder and do not disbelieve them for an instant. In such a crowd what else could be expected. Government clothes and rations were also a terrible temptation to the poor. By the middle and end of the week splendid donations began to come in, and many Church Societies begun to sew, although activities at the Board of Trade has never relaxed, and still they come, and still the rain pours down without much intermission.

The sad tales of ruin, death and destruction are on every tongue. The exclaims "My God, my senses are leaving me. Our plantation is under and my husband and sons are in the water trying to get the cattle out." It is not to be compared to the wailing mother who cries: "I saw four of my children drown." "My husband and my daughter and her little baby are lost, I do'n no if dey is drowned or not." Another said "Oh, Miss, we had to leave all de goats, hogs and chickens to be drowned, but my ole man he saved de mules." One woman came over on the ferry with all her earthly treasure strapped to her back—the sack contained four little live pigs. More just yet, and while we try to "smile a while" the hot tears come when a bundle is opened at Board of Trade and in it a layette all dainty and sweet that "Somebody's Darling" has never worn, and now it is for a desolate mother and an unknown babe.

And babies: Teddy Roosevelt never saw the like in his life, if he had his smile would widen like a southern crevasse. There are — now at the Deaf and Dumb, and the stork has

**NATIONAL WOMAN'S PARTY WILL WORK TO SECURE RIGHTS**

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states and territorial possessions. This, the leaders of the movement think is the logical next step now that the right of suffrage has been secured, to give women full political, legal, civil, economic, educational and social freedom.

In the carrying out of this purpose, a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been prepared under the advice of leading legal authorities, and will be presented to the Congress in December. This amendment reads:

Sec. 1. No political, civil or legal disabilities of inequalities on account of sex, or on account

simply lit on the house top too; tired to bring any.

There are glad things among many, many sad ones. One woman at Ajax said "Thank God it ain't cold, or we would freeze, and ain't we had trouble enough."

Friday the 11th of May. No one ever remembered such a storm. I was at Ajax, the only lady at the hall with about three hundred negroes, and three boys of the Militia. About two o'clock I told the people to get their clothes in quickly, it was going to rain. They could hardly run in with them before the heavens opened. Ajax is situated beautifully on a wide spreading hill, with many pecan trees. Suddenly a green glow overspread the scene, at first I thought it was reflection from the pecan trees. The brown tents were brought out in strong relief, as well as several horsemen and flying autos, already up to their hubs in water. The lightning played over everything, now green now vivid yellow. The face of the earth looked like a lake—poor refugees—I got scared.

A company of brawny, wet giants came in from the levee. There was no hope for supper in such a downpour. I found out afterwards that no such rain had fallen in forty-seven years, or since the weather bureau was established. And no way to get dry clothes for those men, it continued four hours. Out of the wild waters and lurid sky came the sound of a hymn, voice after voice took it up until its sweet cadence seemed like the spirit of the storm, as Jack Turner, Militia man who says everyone knows him, played the old melodian, and I cut about one hundred paper dolls for the pickaninnies.

of marriage unless applying alike to both sexes, shall exist within the United States or any subject to their jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

In conformity with the intent of this amendment bills will be introduced into the legislatures of the various states as these bodies assemble. The suggested bill which will be adapted to conform to the needs of the individual state will take the following form:

Wisconsin, the first of the states to pass the Woman's Bill of Rights, adopted the measure on June 21 in blanket form, as follows:

"Women shall have the same rights and privileges under the law as men in the exercise of suffrage, freedom of contract, choice of residence for voting purposes, jury service, holding office, holding and conveying property, care and custody of children and in all other respects. The various courts, executive and administrative officers shall construe the statutes where the masculine gender is used to include the feminine gender unless such construction will deny to females the special protection and privileges which they now enjoy for the general welfare. The courts, executive and administrative officers shall make all necessary rules and provisions to carry out the intent and purposes of this contract."

For the brining about of these reforms that will so change the status of woman as to revolutionize eleven centuries of discrimination and inequality, prominent women from every state in the Union have banded themselves together and are working with the same zeal and singleness of purpose that characterized the militant suffragists in their history-making activities.

The chairman of the National Woman's Party is Miss Elsie Hill, daughter of the late Ebenezer Hill, for 21 years a member of Congress from Connecticut; the temporary secretary is Miss Anita Pollitzer of South Carolina, whose activities in various states during the ratification campaign, placed her in the fore of the feminist movement. The legislative chairman, Miss Maud Younger of California, whose card index on the representatives to Congress is internationally known and constitutes the last cry in detail and in efficiency; research chairman, Miss Sue White of Tennessee; political chairman, Mrs. Izetta Jewell Brown of West Virginia; chairman of Fi-

nance Committee, Mrs. James Rector of Ohio; chairman Permanent Headquarters Committee, Miss Mary Winsor of Pennsylvania, all nationally known figures in the cause of woman. The most zealous and active member of the organization, is Miss Alice Paul of New Jersey, former chairman of the old National Woman's Party, under whose leadership women fought their way on the picket-line, through prison to the polls.

The governing body of the organization is the National Council, consisting of 38 members, of which 15 constitute the Executive Committee. In addition, there is an advisory council of 150 members.

For the carrying on of its work the National Woman's Party has established permanent headquarters at 25 First Street, N. E. The purchase of this property, so admirably adapted to its purposes, and so strategically located on Capitol Hill directly facing the east front of the Capitol itself, was made possible through the generosity of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, the well-known feminist leader, whose activities as well as whose contributions for the cause of women have been continuous and notable, who has given the sum of \$150,000, the entire purchase price of the property, so far as is known, the largest gift made to the cause of women during the lifetime of the donor.

The house is one of the most historic buildings in Washington, known as the "Old Brick Capitol," the house was built by a stock company of Washington citizens to afford a meeting place for the Congress after the Capitol was destroyed by the British in 1814. The Congress met here from 1815 to 1819. James Monroe's inauguration took place here on the terrace in front of the house.

After the destruction of the Capitol No. 25 First Street reverted to its owners, and experienced the vicissitudes of fortune that marked the following days of the nation's history. As a private residence, it was the home, in turn, of many prominent people. John C. Calhoun lived and died here. As an hotel, it became one of the historic hostleries of the early days of the National Capitol. In the dark days of 1863-68, No. 25 First Street became a Federal prison known in history as the "Old Capitol Prison" where many prominent men and women, Southern sympathizers, were incarcerated. Mrs. Surrat spent the last night of her life here before being led away to her execution. Belle Boyd, the famous Confederate spy

**YOUNG FOLK'S DEPARTMENT**

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Johnnie and mother with the bait, a tempting lunch, waited under the shade of a big tree till Jimmie and his gang came along.

Johnnie called Jimmie to come over and mother seconded the invitation; the others thinking Jimmie was in for a lecture took to their heels, but Jimmie reluctantly came over.

Mrs. Benton invited him to sit down, and in her nice way insisted he have some lunch with them.

Jimmie was ravenously hungry, just as Mrs. Benton knew he would be, so to save him any embarrassment she walked away.

While Jimmie ate, Johnnie talked about the pleasant morning he had, told Jimmie the interesting story his teacher had told him, and giving him a card with verses on it, he also offered Jimmie a Sunday School paper with the lesson on it for next Sunday; he also extracted a promise from him to come to his home on Saturday evening and study the lesson with him, adding that mother had promised them a treat if they would study together.

Summer gradually faded away and Johnnie and Jimmie became good friends under his mother's wise guidance.

Two fish were caught, for the fish realized her own boy had only been nibbling at the bait.

With the ring leader interested in higher things than breaking the Sabbath day, the gang soon got tired of each other, and Johnnie, with Jimmie's help brought many boys into the fold of the church, and Johnnie, even when a man, useful and saved into the Kingdom of his Lord, laid it all to the day he went fishing on Sunday.

was imprisoned here.

As headquarters of the National Woman's Party, this old house will be restored, refurnished, rejuvenated, re-born. It will contribute to history in a new and not less vigorous and unique way. As a club house for its members, it will become an embassy for women, a center of feminist thought, an international gathering-point for women who are working for the advancement and development of women under the new era of awakened consciousness and universal citizenship.

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