

MRS. MILLER QUILTS AS SUFFRAGE HEAD

Surprises Convention by Quitting State Chairmanship of Party

SUCCESSOR NOT NAMED

Question Arises—"Who Is Big Enough Woman to Take the Perplexing Position?"

By M'LISS
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Nov. 22.—A protechnical opening to what promised to be a placid first day of the forty-eighth annual convention of the Pennsylvania Women Suffrage Association in session here was given this morning, when Mrs. John O. Miller dropped a bomb in the shape of her resignation from the State chairmanship of the Woman Suffrage party.

Instantly, the suffragists realized that the feeling of rivalry between the East and the West, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, had not abated. It will be remembered that at the convention held at the Adelphi Hotel in Philadelphia last year after the defeat of the suffrage amendment, a split in the suffrage ranks was threatened and a walkout on the part of the Philadelphia contingent narrowly averted because the suffragists of the eastern part of the State resented the triumphant attitude of the Allegheny county delegates who carried their part of the State. Mrs. Miller is the leader of Allegheny county. She is credited with being the best money getter in the State and one of the most astute politicians. She has been dubbed the "Penrose of the organization."

Her resignation came as a complete surprise in an spirited speech which followed shortly after the annual report of the president, Mrs. George B. Orady, which was read by the fourth vice president, Mrs. E. E. Kierman. Mrs. Orady being unable to attend the convention on account of illness.

CHALLENGE TO CRITICS
Mrs. Miller gave press of business and home duties as the reason for her stepping down. Her friends declare that her action is instead a direct challenge to the criticism of Philadelphia and other suffragists throughout the State that she "wants to own the whole show."

It has been bruited about, they say, that she holds too many offices, that being first vice president, State chairman of the Woman Suffrage party and chairman of Allegheny County cuts too much power into the hands of one woman. But now that she has given them what it is thought they wanted, the cry is, "Who is a big enough woman to be the State chairman of the Woman Suffrage party?"

The reply on all sides like that in the morality play, is "nobody."

It is a known fact that in the council of leaders in which the resignation of Mrs. Miller was discussed before the opening of the convention the office of State chairmanship was offered to every member of the State Executive Board and promptly refused by them. It's a big job and needs a big woman. Because of the attempt which will be made on Thursday to revise a by-law which, if the revision is passed and it is predicted that it will be, will take the power of the leagues and clubs and centralize the full strength in the Woman's Suffrage party the job looms even bigger.

MALE ANTIS ASSAILED
Wanted: A State chairman. As yet no one has been found to be willing, or perhaps able, to take it. In her report of the work of the county conferences Mrs. Miller, preceding the announcement of her resignation, took a swat at the male anti who has made the female anti do his dirty work. She did not say that the male anti was synonymous with the liquor interests, but the feeling was that she meant it.

The day of the woman anti in the past, she said, and in the next campaign she will take even less part in the anti work than she did, and the man anti, who is really behind the whole opposition, will have to come down from behind the skirts of the women.

Two types of suffragists exist today, Mrs. Miller points out. They are the lifters and the leasers. The lifters, she explained, are the women who do a great deal of personal work on finance, and they are the women who know how to get along with other women. They are not overcritical and they always work at least three times as hard as any other suffragist in the county.

"If we had sixty-seven lifters in our sixty-seven counties, we could push the mass of leasers on to victory, because votes for women will be given because of the work of a comparatively small group and the rest will get it without any effort or work on their part," she said.

To facilitate the passage of the suffrage bill through the 1917 Legislature, Mrs. Miller declared that the Legislators were being reminded of suffrage by numerous letters and interviews. "We will go to the 1917 Legislature with the most thorough

STATE SUFFRAGE HEAD RESIGNS OFFICE



Mrs. John O. Miller, of Pittsburgh, surprised the delegates at the convention of the Woman Suffrage Association, at Williamsport, by resigning as State chairman of the Woman Suffrage party. Mrs. Miller, who is known as "the Penrose of the organization," is seen with her two children. The resignation is expected to reopen the breach that is said to exist between the eastern and western parts of the State.

poll that we have ever had in Pennsylvania and our members will go to Congress more thoroughly lined up than they have ever been before," she added.

The suffragists were welcomed by Mayor Jonas Fisher and Miss Henrietta Baily Lyon, of Lycoming County; Miss M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr, responded. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw arrived last night.

SUFFRAGE CAUSE BRAVELY AWAITS HOUR OF VICTORY; MRS. ORLADY'S ADDRESS READ

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Nov. 22.—The salvation of the cause of woman's suffrage

lies in a man, according to the predictions made today in the address written by Mrs. George B. Orady, president of the Pennsylvania Women Suffrage Association, and read at the opening session by Mrs. E. E. Kierman, fourth vice president of the organization. Mrs. Orady was detained on account of illness and could not be present at the convention which opened this morning in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

Mrs. Orady in her message to the delegates said that a great American—who is to be—will arise and espouse the cause of womanhood, making it the fundamental principle of Americanism.

"I then give you this thought and belief," Mrs. Kierman read from Mrs. Orady's paper, "because that thing which we as much desire for our completion—enfranchisement—can only be given us by man,

and because we have demonstrated the merits of women, the time will inevitably come when man will be no longer content for his leader and his party merely to endorse or have the opportunity himself to vote favorably upon the question of woman suffrage; the time will come, and must come, when a great man, a Lincoln, a Washington or a Jefferson, will rise from the ranks of man and not only express his belief in the fundamental principle of Americanism for which we have striven, but will lead the way so forcibly that men at large will rise, combine and overthrow the lesser but powerfully organized part of our citizenry, which strives by devious and sometimes by despicable and debased methods to keep from us our rightful heritage of privilege and responsibility."

ULTIMATE TRIUMPH FORESEEN
The address continued:

"Inevitably, the time will come when great men, joining forces or inspiring and dominating a great number of our best men, will force men to endow us with all that which will contribute toward making us the most valuable citizens possible. "Already it is undoubtedly probable that a large majority of the best men in our country believe in the justice of our demands, but until these springs the great inspired leader to unify the thought of the individuals in the mass of men, that other always well-organized force, which is opposed to all legitimate progress and uplift, will have its way."

"It is truly remarkable, all things considered, if you think of it, that without ever having had a large force of men in the field openly fighting for this fundamental Americanism, we have secured as we have. It is truly remarkable, in view of the unquestioned justice of our demands, that there has not already sprung from men a man to make men see and realize what they should do to add to this activity. Remember always that those forces which progress to, and largely do, mirror and reflect sentiment in their various communities—the newspapers—for years in dominant numbers have espoused our cause."

"It is not strange then, that in view of the fact that the best men for years have announced their conviction and belief that ours is a righteous effort, organized opposition does not realize that it cannot much longer oppose this basically righteous movement. And is it not a sad commentary upon the whole situation that our cause, being so righteous, long ago has not been thrown to the unrighteous?"

"Undoubtedly, the great party of the future, the great political party, will be that party which, seeing far and clear through the eyes of its leaders, will realize that there is no one cause in which so many

individuals—individual Americans—are so strongly interested as in the enfranchisement of women.

"Stop for a moment and consider the progress of the woman suffrage cause, and what do you glean from the fact that the western man almost as a unit has now come to the point where he has enfranchised the women of his western section of the country?"

"Did he do it because he did not believe in their equal intelligence, because he did not have faith in their integrity, because he did not desire them to be laboring at his side at the polls for a better west or for a west kept clean? Rather did he not endow the women of his land with the franchise because he believed in them? And remember also that having granted this boon to women, he never has believed it just or necessary to take it away from her. Then consider the position, by comparison, in which the men of the east are placed!"

Mrs. Orady then quoted the constitution of the United States from the section which says: "To promote a more perfect Union; to establish justice; to insure domestic tranquility; to promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity," and then compared the actions of Canada to those granting suffrage to the women of the United States. She even predicted that as a result of the work women of Europe have done during the world war, it is likely that women across the Atlantic will be enfranchised before women in some parts of the United States are granted suffrage.

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