

**WOMEN STAND READY TO ORGANIZE FOR WAR**

National Service League and Suffrage Association Would Supervise Work

**LEADERS POINT TO NEED**

NEW YORK, May 23. It is the Government's duty to organize a department as comprehensive and efficient as the War Department itself for the victualing, housing, medical care and clothing of mothers and children.

Summed up, that was the verdict today of two national women's organizations, with headquarters in New York; the Women's League for National Service and the National Woman Suffrage Association.

They suggested, which is now seeking a solution of the problem, may use national organizations already in existence as a basis for this woman's war department.

The Service League favors reorganization of the National Red Cross under Government control, to shoulder the task.

The suffragists favor the development of their own national, State, county, city, village and election district organizations of two million women to handle the work for the Government.

Both bodies stressed their attitude that "there must be no hint of charity or philanthropy about this work."

"The Government," said Mrs. Coffin Van Rensselaer, of the Women's League organization committee, today, "has discharged only half its duty to the nation when it has trained, equipped and sent its soldiers to fight."

"It must also train, equip and empower its women to do their share at home in many ways; and it must protect the children already born and see that those who will be born have every opportunity to grow straight and strong, that they may take their fathers' places."

**APPLIES TO ALL**

"This applies not only to the wives and children of fighting men, but to all the women and children of the nation who need help and training."

"How this work is organized is up to the Government. Our league is pledged to support the National Red Cross, and if the work is turned over to the Red Cross, that will suit us. But both the Red Cross and ourselves are behind the Government in whatever it does."

"The Government owes a double obligation to the women. For they not only give up their loved ones to fight in the trenches, but they also face many difficulties at home."

Miss Maude Young, of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, outlined that body's attitude in the matter.

"The development of woman power in the nation and the protection of the feminine home forces by the Government is a far more vital problem in this war than the Government seems to have realized," said she.

"If we bundle the problem of woman power at the beginning the nation will seriously handicap itself in this war for a long time to come."

"The two million women of our organization are alive to the fact that the women at home will play an great part in the winning of this war as will our men at the front."

**WHAT WOMEN WILL GIVE**

"Women are going to be called upon to labor in the field, the factories, the business offices, the professions and the administration of local and municipal affairs."

"They are going to be called upon to bear children and to give up those they have already borne."

"But whether the task is assigned to us or to others we stand equipped and ready to help."

**VARE SUFFRAGE BILL'S FATE APPEARS SEALED**

Sent to Judiciary Special Committee, Controlled by Penrose Faction

By a Staff Correspondent  
HARRISBURG, May 23. The Vare bill granting the women of Pennsylvania the right of suffrage in presidential elections, which was introduced in the Senate Monday night, will probably meet the same fate that a similar bill, introduced in the House by Representative Lee N. Mitchell, of Jefferson, encountered.

The Mitchell bill was reported from committee with a negative recommendation. That means that 194 votes a constitutional majority, are necessary before the bill can be placed on the calendar.

The Senate members have been dodging the suffrage issue for years, merely voting on the amendment finally in order to kill it at the polls under the direction of the Senate leaders, McNichol, Vare, Crow, Sprout and the others. The Vare bill is in Judiciary Special Committee, which is dominated completely by the Republican organization leaders, and the Penrose faction, which failed to support the Whitaker amendment to the constitution giving the women the right of universal suffrage, several weeks ago, has a majority of the organization members.

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**WILL WED DESPITE WAR'S STERN ALARM**

**Miss Georgianna L. Murray Becomes Bride of Raymond M. Walton This Afternoon**

Camden's first selective conscription marriage will take place at 5 o'clock this afternoon, when Miss Georgianna Lore Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Murray, of 629 Market street, becomes the bride of Raymond Mason Walton, of 321 North Fifth street.

The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Holmes F. Gravatt, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Camden, at the bride's home.

The young couple, who are popular in Camden social circles, have been playmates since childhood, and when their engagement was announced several months ago one of the largest church weddings in Camden was planned.

With the call for volunteers, and for fear of the "elacker" term being applied, the wedding was temporarily called off by Mr. Walton. Miss Murray had made all her plans, however, and when it was announced that June 5 was to be registration day for selective conscription, she insisted that they be married at once, and that if Mr. Walton is called to the colors she will abide by the nation's will.

Only the immediate members of the families and a few intimate friends will witness the ceremony. J. Harold Walton, a brother of the bridegroom, will act as best man, while Mrs. Russell H. Nulty will act as matron of honor. Walton is twenty-six and his bride twenty-five years old. He is a member of the firm of A. W. Walton's Sons, 199 Broadway, and is widely known in fraternal circles. The couple will take a short honeymoon and return to Camden on June 5 so that Mr. Walton can register under the conscription law.

**FELTON IS TO PICK RAIL MEN FOR FRENCH DUTY**

**Chicago Great Western President in Charge of Sending Regiment of Experts**

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Samuel M. Felton, president of the Chicago Great Western, has been selected to take charge of arrangements for sending the regiments of American railroad men to France.

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**GRUNDY MEN HIT BY HOUSE ACTION**

**Committee That Held Back New Workmen's Bill Discharged**

**DELAY ASKED BY STERN**

**McNichol Floor Leader's Move to Postpone Until Monday Night Voted Down**

By a Staff Correspondent  
HARRISBURG, May 23. Followers of Joseph R. Grundy, head of the Manufacturers' Association of Pennsylvania and chief opponent of suggested changes in the workmen's compensation act, urged by organized labor, suffered a stunning blow in the House last night.

When the House reconvened last night, led by Representative David Fowler, laborer member from Lackawanna, the advocates of the Woodward bill, providing important amendments to the compensation law forced the House to discharge the Committee on Labor and Industry from further consideration of the bill.

That action upset an apparent deep-seated plan to smother the bill in a subcommittee of which Representative Fretz, from Grundy's home district in Bucks, was chairman.

Back in March the Woodward bill was presented. It was sent to the Labor and Industry Committee, of which Representative Mangan, of Allegheny, is chairman. Later—this was weeks ago—it was turned over to a subcommittee, with Representative Fretz as chairman.

Chairman Mangan went home Monday night and in leaving delegated Fowler, chairman of the committee. The Scranton man called a meeting for yesterday. Fretz was told to be on hand with the bill. Members of the committee say Fretz, before the meeting, tried to round up enough votes to bring in a negative report. It availed nothing. The subcommittee was discharged in committee and bill favored. Fretz left the room without turning over the bill. He told Fowler he left it in his desk and would return with it. Fowler and the others have not seen Fretz since.

When the House reconvened last night, Fowler acquainted the members with the developments of the day. He was going into the issue in detail when Speaker Baldwin brought his gavel into play and shut him off. Reynolds, Philadelphia; Maurer, Berks, and Schaeffer, Schuylkill, insisted that Fowler be allowed to proceed. Finally Fowler, to bring the issue squarely before the House, moved that the bill be taken from the committee.

Stern, of Philadelphia, McNichol floor leader, seconded by Beyer, another of the organization's whips, moved to postpone action until Monday night. The House voted this down, 35 to 75. The motion to discharge the committee then prevailed with a few scattered noes.

Schaeffer, of Schuylkill, next submitted the amendments proposed in committee. Speaker Baldwin declared him out of order. He ruled that the amendment should be presented under the head of reports from committees.

"Well, then, I move that the House be adjourned and that the Speaker send the Sergeant of Arms out for Mr. Fretz with instructions to bring him before the bar of the House," Schaeffer shouted.

"If the gentleman from Schuylkill will acquaint me with a rule permitting such procedure, I will accommodate him," the Speaker answered.

Schaeffer said he knew of no such rule. "Wait if Fretz is not here tomorrow

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