

STATE LEADERS SEE SUFFRAGE VICTORY

Pennsylvania to Ratify National Amendment in a Short Time, They Declare

WOMEN ARE OPTIMISTIC

Prediction was made by prominent men and women of Philadelphia today that the federal woman suffrage amendment would be ratified by Pennsylvania and a very large majority of the states throughout the country.

Pledges from five more states to support the amendment have caused general jubilation among the local and state suffragists. The new pledges of support came from Kansas, Iowa, New Hampshire, Minnesota and Ohio.

Members of the Pennsylvania branch of the National Woman's party said today the outlook for ratification of the amendment grows brighter every hour.

Legislators in position to know have assured them there was no doubt of a favorable result.

With Miss Mary H. Ingham, state chairman, and Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, chairman of the ratification committee, the active lobbyists today have been Miss Alice Gibson Brock, member of the state executive committee; Mrs. Mary Hallcock Greenewald, chairman of the Fourth Congressional district; Mrs. Archibald H. Harmon, chairman Sixth Congressional district, and Miss Caroline Katzenstein, state executive secretary.

In substantiation of their claim a number of statements were made public by the National Woman's party representatives as follows:

Senator Edwin H. Vane—"I shall be glad to vote for the federal amendment to give the women a vote. I think the splendid work they did in connection with the late war entitles them to every consideration and, as far as I am concerned, nothing is too good for them."

Senator George Woodward—"It is inevitable. As far as I know, everybody is going to vote for it whether he wants it or not."

Harmon K. Kephart, state treasurer—"I am in the majority's shoes and hope that Pennsylvania will follow the example of Illinois."

Representative Joseph E. Phillips, of Clearfield county, who made two efforts to introduce the resolution of ratification into the House of Representatives, said: "I think that the House will surely pass the amendment when it is introduced. Women have earned the right to vote and should no longer be denied the use of the ballot. We need the influence upon public affairs that the woman's direct participation in politics will bring, and I am ready to hasten the day when she can directly exert this influence."

Representative John T. Davis, of Indiana county, said: "I'd be glad to see Pennsylvania second among the states to ratify the amendment. I shall not only vote in favor of ratification, but shall work for the passage of the amendment."

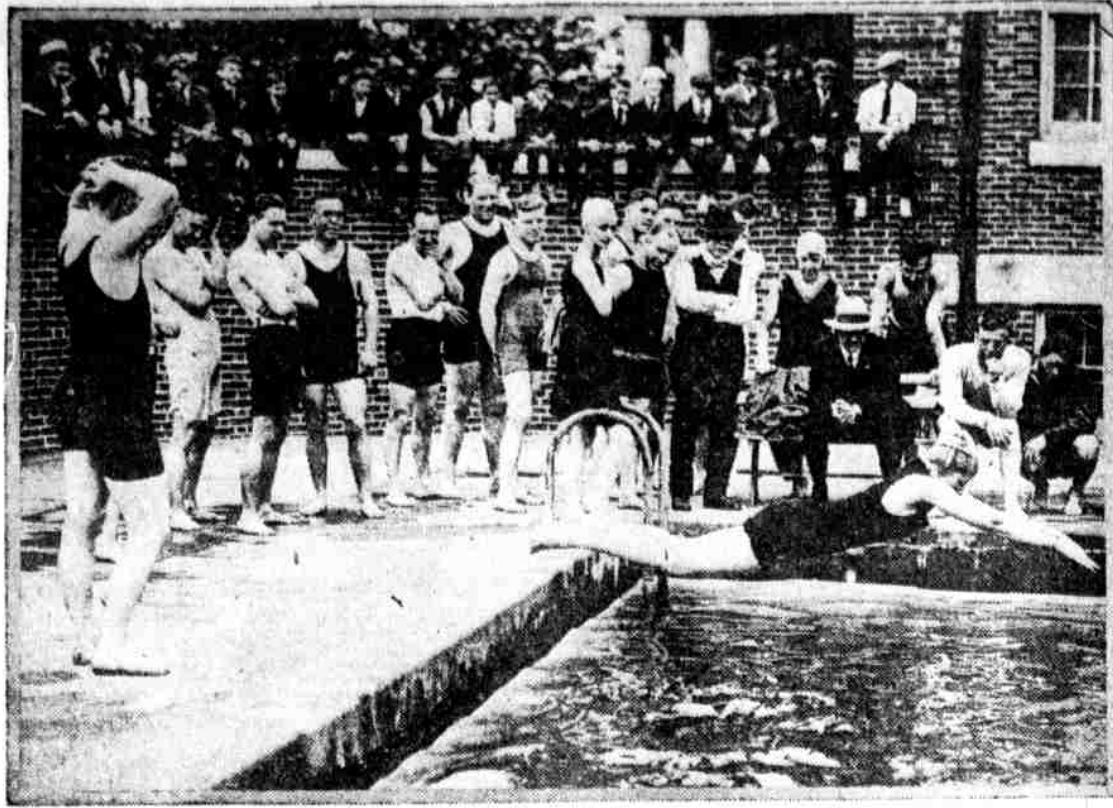
Representative James F. Norton, of Berks county, said: "I shall vote in favor of the amendment and hope that it will pass. It is a move in the right direction and I may be counted upon not only to vote, but to work for the amendment. You cannot expect people to pay taxes and not have a voice in settling affairs."

The resolution introduced into the Senate and the one that was proposed by Representative Phillips twice in the House were both offered by Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, chairman of the ratification committee of the National Woman's party.

Enthusiasm for ratification of the amendment is spreading over the entire country. Twenty-two governors in all sections of the United States have been requested by Harrison Chapman, Catt, president of the National Woman Suffrage Association, to call special sessions of their legislatures immediately.

Sentiment for woman suffrage is strong in these states, it is said, and there are indications that many will comply with the request.

THE MERMAID SEASON OPENS



At the Sherwood Recreation Center, fifty-six and Christian streets, the merca for swimming enthusiasts of West Philadelphia, the camera man makes a snap as the year's sport opens.

SWIMMERS SEEK INSTRUCTOR JOBS

Many Women Compete for Supervisors' Places at the City's Pools

Philadelphia mermaids have proved to a board of judges and Supervisor Gudehus, of the Sherwood Recreation Center, that the tiny fish has little on them for swimming and nothing at all for beauty.

This was shown conclusively at a natatorial exhibition yesterday at the center.

After mermaidizing about a bit they further demonstrated their ability to do the rescue and the resuscitation acts when fair swimmers volunteered to rock a canoe and fall overboard. To complete the test to qualify them as supervisors and instructors at the pools in the city's recreation centers it was necessary for them to receive a high score on their ability to instruct others in the natatorial art.

No spectators were invited to view the graceful, aquatic gymnastics, but there was an audience there nevertheless. School had just let out and on the high brick wall surrounding the swimming pool hundreds of West Philadelphia youths dangled their legs and cheered handsomely.

Some of the finest swimming in the city's recreation centers will not be permitted to rest on their laurels, fifteen years of age, ranks in the class of phenomenal swimmers. With wrists and ankles shackled, she easily swam the length of the pool repeatedly. Other swimmers who bid fair to qualify are Mildred Reichert, Stella Taylor, Louise Debus, Mildred Pidgeon, Dorothy Howell, Minnie Schwickler, Eleanor Wells and Dorothy Hendrick. James A. Steyer, known as the father of Philadelphia swimmers, said the women swimmers of Philadelphia and vicinity are second to none in the country.

"From now on swimming instructors in this city's recreation centers will not be permitted to rest on their laurels, medals and records," said Edward Gudehus, supervisor of Philadelphia's recreation centers, "but will have to qualify from time to time before expert judges and myself to prove that they

have in no way become incapacitated for their duties because of deaths by drowning are so frequent as to justify the highest precautionary measures."

The judges were Fred A. Cady, principal of Sherwood, and widely known as a coach of champion swimmers; George Kistler, swimming instructor at the University of Pennsylvania; John Stevens, for many years swimming instructor at Girard College, and Miss Florence McKee, swimming instructor at the Columbia Swimming School.

To be sure, there were men, too, at the competitive exhibition yesterday afternoon seeking positions as instructors. The demonstrations will be continued until a full complement of instructors is appointed for the thirty-two pools maintained by the city.

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FIGHTS OFF 3 HOLD-UP MEN

Clerk to Police Captain Hearn Fois Highwaysmen After Struggle

Three men, said to have come from East Lansdowne, arrived in Philadelphia last night, bent on doing somebody wrong. Up to the hour of 2:30 this morning nobody knows just what plots and counterplots these Delaware countians made, but at about that hour, near North and Vine streets, they put one into effect.

William Ragan, in plain clothes, acting as clerk to Police Captain James Hearn, was sending his way homeward when the three men, whom he had passed, suddenly turned back and pinned him to the sidewalk. He struggled to his feet and gave battle. He did not propose to have it said that a police captain's clerk was to be the easy prey of hold-up men. By keeping the three men busy he hung on until a patrolman arrived.

Gas Manual, twenty; Joseph Ansley, twenty-five, and Thomas Bird, forty-two, were arrested in the case and finally held in \$1000 bail for court by Magistrate Beaton this morning.

MYSTERY IN GIRL'S DEATH
Body Found in Oneida Lake Clad in Bathing Suit
Syracuse, June 11.—(By A. P.)—The body of a young woman thought to be Catherine Carroll, of Utica, a stenographer, was found in two feet of water in Oneida lake near Lakeport late yesterday. The body was clad in a bathing suit. It is claimed that there were bruises on the head and shoulders. Coroner Barton, of Canastota, is investigating the circumstances surrounding the young woman's death.

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MORE CITY SOLDIERS RETURN WITH SIXTH

Philadelphians in New York With Vanguard of First Units of Regulars

MANY HAVE WAR CROSSES

The vanguard of the Sixth Division, the first of the regular army to return, including many Philadelphians, reached New York city yesterday on the transport Mount Vernon. The division is popularly known as the "Sixty-sixth Sixth," having journeyed through France and into Germany with the army of occupation without experiencing any real fighting.

The troops brought a total of 5551 officers and men.

The Santa Olivia was the only other transport to reach New York yesterday, bringing 1891 men, including many from the Seventy-eighth Division.

Major General Walter H. Gordon, commander and organizer of the Sixth and Brigadier General Lucius H. Durfee, of the Twelfth Infantry Brigade, both regular army officers, each wore a Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Honor and a Croix de Guerre with a palm. Lieutenant Colonel E. Milliken, of divisional signal officers, in the latter part of November, 1917. The volunteer personnel of the division came from every part of the United States, and when the drafted men were assigned to it to bring it up to the wartime strength the Sixth had a large number of Pennsylvanians.

First Action in Vosges Mountains
Lieutenant Kirk, who has compiled the history of the division, said the organization went ahead in July of last year and after a month's training behind the lines first got into action in the Vosges Mountains. After forty days in the trenches there, in which only minor operations were conducted, it was transferred to participate in the Argonne-Meuse offensive, going into the battle on October 28, and after holding the lines for four days it was again transferred to the sector just northeast of Verdun, being in reserve when the armistice went into effect. During that time, however, the losses totaled 570 officers and men killed, wounded and missing.

The division remained in France until April of this year, when orders were received to go into Germany with the army of occupation. It was assigned to the Moselle valley and occupied an area of 1200 square miles, populated by about 75,000 Germans. The men had hardly established themselves in their new station when supplementary orders were received to proceed to the United States.

Just two weeks ago the men pulled up their stakes and now virtually the entire division is on the high seas bound for home.

Major Arnold S. Miller, brother of Karl G. Miller, associated with the University of Pennsylvania, also arrived with the Eleventh Field Artillery. Other passengers were Lieutenants Joseph A. Hayes, captain, of 224 East Duram, and Althal Hutchinson, 1914 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Other Philadelphians Arriving
Other Philadelphians arriving today included:
Morris L. Curtis, 3730 North Perry street; John J. Kane, 309 West Somerset street; P. Coleman, 24 Pierce street; George V. France, 1913 North Second street; Franklin Hays, 680 Anderson street; Samuel Smith, 2442 North Garnett street; William Stapleton, 2062 Aramingo avenue.

Louis J. Quillet, 403 Wayne avenue; Henry G. Hoff, 4128 Edgemont street; Horace Achuff, 2429 North Bouvier street; Alfred A. Chapman, Thirty-seventh and Chestnut streets; William H. Hartman, 4718 Garden street; Jacob E. Coney, 3740 Frankford avenue; Frank J. Allen, 3481 Helen street; James Sturby, Woodlawn avenue; Leonard De Anzella, 703 Callowhill street; Louis Smet, 1339 Adams avenue; Samuel P. Altman, 1408 North Tenth street; William J. Atkinson, 1232 Oakmont street; John L. Traister, 1214 Wagner avenue; Samuel Strick, 636 Garrett street; James Thorn, 2021 South Midland street; Edwin L. Dittol, 602 Umund street; John H. Penman, 2742 North Twenty-ninth street; Machin L. Korin, 5222 Race street; Matthew Shaubnessy, 555 Paxton street; J. Dopprich, 223 Green street.

Clarence J. Warner, 816 North sixteenth street; Samuel A. Miles, 2372 Greenwich street; Victor J. Pearce, 1439 South Fifth street; Dante Decicco, 4408 Parrish street; Hugh J. Dever, 2127 North street; George F. Hill, 677 North Forty-second street; Francis H. Jarrill, 40 West Wood and avenues; E. Salomone, 1548 North Twenty-second street; William F. Hess, 2937 North Lawrence street.

Charles A. Hickey, 812 West Huntingdon street; Samuel J. Rubin, 1847 North Eleventh street; Thomas J. Mullin, 2103 Woodstock street; Walter Moore, 2437 North College avenue; John Hooper, 2329 Eirenda avenue; Joseph W. Duane, 603 Trinity street; John P. Quinn, 92 Queenan, 478 Ridge avenue; Peter Scamuffo, 1926 South Juniper street; Michael Dooner, 823 Tasker street; Samuel A. Harvey, 3345 Chancellor street; Henry K. Lavon, 912 Porter street; and Matthew Hannan, 1219 Belmont avenue.

STATE HOUSING AID URGED BY IHLDER
Financing of Building Through Loans to Trust Companies Is Advocated

The financing of building operations by the state through loans to trust companies was advocated today by John Ihlder, secretary of the Philadelphia Housing Association, in commenting on the Bucher tenants' bill.

This measure, designed to compel landlords to give renters ninety days' notice to move, is to be left sleeping in a legislative committee, information from Harrisburg indicates.

Mr. Ihlder today said he did not believe legislation would be very effective in solving the housing problem that now is and has been confronting this city.

"The main solution," he said, "is the building of more homes. This will require the extension of water mains and sewers. At present there are only 3600 lots in this city on improved streets. An improved street is one equipped with sewers and water mains.

"Some cities have adopted the plan of taxing unused land. That plan, in a way, leads to more intensive building. More houses are built on less space. What is desirable is more houses, with as much space around them as possible. Intensive building has a tendency to create tenement conditions.

"A solution would be the loaning of more capital by the state to trustworthy trust companies so that building would be stimulated."

Appraisers' Bill Revived
Harrisburg, June 11.—The bill authorizing the auditor general to appoint mercantile appraisers in each county except Philadelphia and Allegheny was revived in the house yesterday on motion of Mr. U'eb, Dauphin.

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