

### WOMEN ASK EQUAL RIGHTS WITH MEN

New Declaration of Independence Cheered by Delegates to National Convention

READY TO YIELD PRIVILEGES

Washington, Feb. 17.—Absolute equality for women and the abolition of their special privileges and the discrimination against them was demanded yesterday at the national convention of the National Woman's party, held at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel here.

The demand was made by Mrs. Norah Blitch of New York, a grand-daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, one of the pioneer suffragists, and was supported by the delegates to the convention, Miss Susan White, of Tennessee, seconded the declaration.

To accentuate the desire in some quarters to demand for woman her full rights it was recommended by Florence Boeckel, chairman of the national press department and editor of the Suffragist, that the woman's party publish a strong feminist magazine to tell the world that woman was coming into her own at last and asked no special favor or privileges from man so long as she got equality.

The desire for absolute equality was the leading feature of the day's session. It began when Miss Sue White told about discriminations against women in the administration of justice and in giving offenses against sex equality in regard to jury duty, property rights, the guardianship of children and the right to choose domicile, and the right to existing law for the husband to select the home proved an interesting topic. There was close attention to the superior rights of men in this phase of woman's inferior rights.

"It is a fundamental rule of law," she said, "that the husband has the right to fix the place of abode in the home. It is the duty of the wife to obey him in this respect, while application of the fundamental rule of law in the case of the husband and wife living in the house of the husband, though the wife pays the rent and supports the husband."

"The wrong way of thinking in regard to women is deeply rooted and by no means to be measured by the tangible evidences of the law—the opinions which lead to justify the decisions," Miss White stated. "A psychological revolution in the realm of the common law, upon the woman question, would be a godsend. If the old fallacy that upon marriage a woman loses her personality will be erased from the records and wiped from the memory, we might look for justice without fear of reprisals."

As to the eligibility for office, the qualifying word "male" will have to be removed in many instances," she was quoted as saying.

Other statements made by Miss White, Mrs. Barney, who is one of the few women building contractors in the country, raised the point that in many states women enjoyed special privileges, such as the responsibility of the husband for the wife's debts. She said she felt that was wrong.

"I had to incorporate," said Mrs. Barney, "in order to make sure that my husband would not be liable for any debt I might contract in my business. Are women, when they demand legal equality, willing to assume responsibility that go with that equality?"

"Absolute equality," came the answer, amid cheering.

Women representing ten foreign nations told the delegates last night of the efforts of women for more recognition. Mrs. Grouth, wife of the minister from the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, reported the women of those races. Other speakers were Anne Azagpetian, of Armenia; Miss Anna Stepanek, of Czechoslovakia; Mrs. Thil Jensen, of Denmark; Senora Alicia Viera, of the Philippines; Mrs. Bolina Swanson, of Sweden; Miss Holmfridur Arnardottir, of Iceland; Miss Wai Ling See, of China; Miss Margaret Chydenius, of Finland; and the Countess Irene di Boninai, of Italy.

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**HARDING HERE SOON**  
Accepts Invitation to Be Guest of Union League

President-elect Harding will be the guest of the Union League shortly after his inauguration.

Yesterday, at St. Augustine, Fla., he accepted the invitation tendered by William Simpson, of this city, in behalf of Edwin S. Stuart, president of the club.

Mr. Harding said he was delighted to accept the invitation of the "venerable citadel of Republicanism" on Broad street, but asked that the selection of the date be left to him.

President Harding's speech to the Union League probably will be his first public utterance of an official character.

**POLICE SAVE WOMAN**  
Rescue Her When Clothing Catches Fire

Mrs. Rebecca Snyder, sixty years old, was burned severely about the hands and arms today, when her clothing caught fire in her home, 392 Dickinson street.

She was saved by District Detectives Cohen and Guggen, who heard her screams at the Third and Dickinson streets station, across the street, and ran to her aid. They smothered the fire and carried the woman from the house. She was treated at St. Simons Hospital.

The fire loss was small, one company handling the blaze and confining it to the closet in which it started. Mrs. Snyder will return home from the hospital late today.

**PICK CHURCH FOR CARDINAL**  
Archbishop Dougherty Will Have Formal Title to Roman Edifice

Archbishop Dougherty likely will be made the "titular" of a church in Rome when he is elevated to the cardinalate March 1, according to cable dispatches received today.

It was said Pope Benedict has examined into the vacancies in titular churches for assignment among the new cardinals, as each member of the sacred college has a church allotted to him.

The cardinal elect will be given a surplice as a testimonial from laymen of Philadelphia before he leaves Saturday morning to board the Nieuw Amsterdam at Hoboken. There will be a meeting in the rectory of the Church of St. John, Thirteenth street above Chestnut, tonight, to further a plan for this.

**MAN HURT BY MOTORCAR**  
Driver Surrenders After Accident on Old York Road

Struck by an automobile as he was crossing York road at Erie avenue last night, Nathan Rabinowitz, forty years old, of 122 West Ashland street, suffered concussion of the brain and internal injuries.

He was removed to the Samaritan Hospital, where physicians hold out little hope for his recovery.

Benjamin Cohen, of 1316 North Fifteenth street, surrendered to the police of the Nicetown station office taking the injured man to the hospital.

**Widow Gets \$91,600 Estate**  
John Ferguson, a marble and granite dealer of 2814 North Thirty-fourth street, who died recently, left an estate of \$91,600 to his widow, Sophia, and to other relatives. Other wills probated today are: Mary H. Vandegrift, 1235 Fillmore street, \$29,900; Joseph Hecht, died in Rush Hospital, \$4700; Mary C. Foulkrod, 4406 Walnut street, \$21,500; George W. Cobb, 1549 North Myrtlewood street, \$6000; and Charles H. Hinkel, died in Frankford Hospital, \$49,000.

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**Deaths of a Day**  
**DR. ISAAC E. ROBERTS**  
Retired Physician to Be Buried Today

The funeral of Dr. Isaac E. Roberts will take place this afternoon from his home, at 1606 North Fifteenth street, where he died Tuesday from hardening of the arteries.

Dr. Roberts, who was born in Lancaster on May 28, 1841, was a son of the late Anthony Ellmaker Roberts, who was sheriff of Lancaster county, a member of Congress and United States marshal for the eastern district of Pennsylvania. The son studied at Franklin and Marshall College and was graduated from Union College. At the time of the Battle of Gettysburg he enlisted for ninety days with the Emergency Men. After having served as a physician at Hokeley Hospital, Dr. Roberts began private practice at Thirteenth and Master streets. He retired from practice some years ago. He was a friend of many of the chief physicians of the city.

### PRESIDENT AT CABINET MEETING



For the first time in two years, President Wilson met the members of his official family in the cabinet room of the White House executive offices. Seated next to Mr. Wilson is Secretary of the Treasury Houston, then Attorney General Palmer and Secretary of the Navy Daniels. The photograph clearly shows the President has aged greatly during and since his illness.

**MINGO MINE FIGHT AS SEEN BY WOMEN**  
Three Witnesses Identify Some of the Defendants as Participants

By the Associated Press  
Williamson, W. Va., Feb. 17.—Three women were the principal witnesses in the Matewan battle trials here today. Their testimony was given before the noon recess, which Judge Bailey extended until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock so that he and counsel for both sides might attend a funeral in the adjoining county of McDowell.

Mrs. Martha Hopkins testified that she saw four men lying in the streets after the battle, and that Reese Chambers had threatened her because of her testimony before the grand jury. Mrs. P. F. Smith, wife of the superintendent of the Stone Mountain Coal Co., said she was in the company store and saw several of the defendants during the fight. Two of them, she testified, "appeared hysterical."

Mrs. G. W. Smith, wife of a Matewan physician, said she saw several of the defendants during the fight. Dr. Edward Stimpkins, a dentist, testified that he saw Reese Chambers with a rifle after the fight began. Stimpkins was wounded by the bullet which killed Anne Hatfield, proprietor of the Matewan Hotel, last August. Hatfield was looking upon an important witness for the prosecution.

**TWO MEN "HYSTERICAL"**  
Musical Critic, Colleague of Huneker, Dies of Heart Disease

New York, Feb. 17.—Sylvester J. E. Rawling, sixty-three, musical critic of the New York Evening World, died here of heart disease yesterday. The death of his colleague, James G. Huneker, musical critic of the Morning World, is believed by his friends to have hastened his end.

Mr. Rawling was born in England and has been connected with New York city papers nearly half a century. He was in all health for some time Tuesday morning he collapsed, fracturing his shoulder, and gradually grew weaker until his death. At one time he was London correspondent for the New York Herald and later served as managing editor of the Paris edition of the same paper. He had been connected with the Evening World since 1883.

**DR. S. R. SKILLERN DIES AT AGE OF 87**  
One of the Oldest of Penn Medical Alumni—Was Former Phila. Practitioner

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Dr. Skillern practiced medicine in West Philadelphia from 1870 until he retired in 1911.

He was a contract surgeon in the Union army during the Civil War and built the Sutter Lee Hospital, for wounded soldiers at Darby, Pa.

Dr. Skillern was born March 16, 1834, at Hantsville, Pa. He was graduated from the medical school of the University in 1852.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Philadelphia County Medical Society, and had during his active life been a member of several leading clubs of the city. He was a member of the Masonic order and of the Episcopal church.

Doctor Skillern was married in 1875 to Miss Sarah Hill Ross, daughter of former Governor Ross, of Delaware. He is survived by four sons, Dr. Penn-Gaskill Skillern, Dr. Ross Hill Skillern and Dr. Samuel Ruff Skillern, Jr., all practicing physicians in this city, and Claude LeVoor Skillern.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Bar's Internment will be in Westminster Cemetery.

**Arkansas Cigarette Act Vetoed**  
Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 17.—Governor McRae yesterday vetoed a bill which would repeal the Arkansas anti-cigarette law and license the sale of cigarettes.

**Milton Robbins Jennings**  
Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.—Milton Robbins Jennings, editor and general manager of the Edmonton Journal, died suddenly here yesterday.

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