

# WOMEN LOSERS IN HOUSE VOTE

Equal Suffrage Amendment Is  
Defeated, 204 to 174

## SPIRITED DEBATE PRECEDES

Democratic Majority Leader Opposes  
Resolution, Declaring Question Is  
One For States Rather Than Nation  
to Settle—Suffragists Appear Well  
Satisfied With First Test Vote and  
Announce That Fight Will Continue.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The Mondell resolution proposing an amendment to the federal constitution granting to women the right to vote in all the states was defeated in the house by a substantial vote.

Of the 378 members present 204 voted against the resolution and 174 for it. Woman suffrage, therefore, polled just 16 votes less than a majority of the full membership of the lower branch of congress.

The resolution lacked 78 votes of the total necessary for its adoption, two-thirds of the house being required on a constitutional amendment.

Woman suffrage did not make as good a showing in the house as the prohibition amendment, which was defeated in that body a month or so ago by 61 votes. The prohibition amendment polled three more than a majority of the members present.

The defeat for woman suffrage did not cause any surprise in Washington. It has been known for a week that the resolution would be rejected by an impressive vote. This was confidently claimed by the anti and conceded by the spokesman of the suffragists.

With the exception of the Progressives in the house there was no partisan line on the resolution. Republicans and Democrats divided on the proposal without regard to their political affiliations. Many of the latter though refused to follow President Wilson's view that woman's suffrage was a state not a national issue. The Democrats from the south voted against the resolution almost to a man. They were held in line in opposition by the cry of states' rights.

The suffragists are not cast down by their defeat. They insist that the battle has only begun. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, who sat through the debate, made this statement:

"Women's suffrage will be an issue in the presidential campaign of 1916. This is assured by the vote and debate. Suffragists rejoice even though the vote is adverse because it means that politicians can no longer ignore this question."

Of the 174 who voted for suffrage 85 were Democrats, 71 Republicans and 18 Progressives. The 204 who voted against giving the ballot to women were made up of 169 Democrats and 35 Republicans.

In the principal speech for suffrage Representative Mondell, author of the resolution, said:

"The stupid and threadbare argument that the exercise of the elective franchise will have an unfavorable effect upon the character of women, expose them to undesirable contact, destroy the finer fiber of the sex and put in jeopardy their natural charm has been utterly refuted by the experience of every state and nation which has enfranchised its women. If political methods anywhere are brutalizing and contaminating they ought to be remedied in the interest of all the people and the most effective remedy is to be found in the enfranchisement of women."

Majority Leader Underwood opposed federal woman suffrage on the ground that it would interfere with the rights of the states.

"The Democratic party has not been silent on this question," said Mr. Underwood. "It has not attempted to say what should be done in California, or in New York, or in Alabama. It has not been said that women of any state in the Union should not have the right to exercise the right of the privilege of the franchise, but it has been said that this question must be settled by the individual states and not by the national government."

"This right of suffrage is going to move just as fast as the conditions of the people who seek this privilege warrant them in exercising it. If you try to drive it faster than that you court disaster and the wreck and ruin of some portions of the country."

Progressive party support was voiced by Representative Kelly of Pennsylvania.

"There is no reason," he said, "why the woman suffrage problem should be met piecemeal and fractionally. There is no reason why it should be decided in forty-eight different places. It should be decided once and for all here in Washington. The blackguard, the thief, the unconvicted scoundrel of every kind walks up and casts his ballot, but the American woman must stand aside."

**Evangelist Arrested.**  
Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 13.—Wesley Fleming of Rockburg, O., revivalist and evangelist, and Sadie Jamison of Coombs, Ritchie county, W. Va., alleged "spiritual" husband and wife, have been separated. Fleming is under arrest, charged with violating the Mann white slave act.

# A BLIND MAN'S FIGHT

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Without doubt the most singular duel that ever took place in the United States occurred at Santa Fe, N. M., many years ago. It occurred several years previous to the first Pacific railroad and while yet every pound of goods going to the far west had to be hauled across the great plains by freight wagons or sent around Cape Horn by sea.

Two men in a Rogers & Bair outfit fell in love with the same girl in Santa Fe. One was an American named Jack Hines, and the other was a full-blooded Mexican, who was simply known as Don. The girl was a half-breed, and none of us outside the two rivals thought her worth fighting over.

The affair had gone on for seven or eight months before the outbreak came. We were in Santa Fe, making ready for a start east, when the Mexican one evening approached a fire beside which Hines sat alone and threw a package of powder on the blaze. With a leap aside he escaped consequences, but Jack Hines was blinded for life. It was a contemptible thing to do, and but for the civil authorities the Mexican would have been lynched. As it was, he was kicked and beaten and bounced out of camp. A day or two later, as the girl had gone back on him, he tried to carry her off by force, but had to let her go when she stabbed him. Hines depended on her pity in his misfortune, but she calmly told him that a blind husband would be of no use to her and laughed his tears to scorn. He had a relative in the city and was taken in and cared for, while the Mexican crossed the Rio Grande for a time. It was a year later, and Jack's old outfit and all his friends happened to be in Santa Fe again when Don returned. He had grown uglier and madder in the twelve months. We would have picked a fuss with him and shot him down, but Jack Hines had no sooner heard of his presence than he said:

"Boys, you must arrange for a duel. I shall never rest content until I have killed that Mexican!"

"But you are blind!" we protested.

"Never mind that. I must fight him and kill him, blind or not, and the whole of Santa Fe shall look on!"

When we found that he would have it so we carried a challenge to Don and also asked the authorities to let us have a public duel. Some weak objections were made, but they yielded the point. A fight of some sort was an hourly incident, and duels came off two or three times a week.

"Yes, I will meet the American," he said, "and I will slice and cut and prick for one hour by the watch before I give him the grand finish! The crowd that looks on will see some of the finest knife play ever shown on this side of the river. Tomorrow at noon, eh? I will be as prompt as the sun!"

You may believe that when the report spread about there was a great excitement. It was generally believed that the blind man would fall an easy victim, but even his best friends said that he had better die with a knife in his hand than to live in a helpless state the rest of his life. To three or four Jack confided his belief that he would triumph. His hearing had become as acute as a fox's, and he would make his ears see for him. He was in perfect health, had the nerve and courage of a lion and he believed he had a chance.

At high noon of an August day over 4,000 people, many of whom were women, assembled on the smooth turf to witness the strange combat. A ring of ropes was formed, and the spectators formed another. It was to be a duel with knives, and seconds and a referee were appointed. After each five minutes there was to be a rest. Foremost among the spectators was the girl who had caused it all, and she was free to say she didn't care who triumphed. Each man was allowed to wrap his left arm in a serape or cloak, and all cheering or advising was forbidden. The blind man was pale faced and nervous as the fight began, but his hard shut teeth told of the determination in his heart. The Mexican was all bows and smiles and confidence, and as he was known to be an adept with the knife a groan went about the circle as the two stepped forward to open the fight.

That duel was something to be remembered for all time. From the blind man's movements no one could have told that he was sightless. For four five-minute rounds they fought with only a few trifling scratches on either side, but if there was any advantage it was on the side of the American, who had the full sympathy of the crowd, Mexicans and all. When they came out for the fifth round Don winked and chuckled and said it was time he began slicing ears off. Hines had located his man in a hair's breadth, and as they faced each other the American leaped forward like a flash, caught the knife on his and threw it to the left, and the next instant his own blade had found the heart of the man who had blinded him. We who were only five feet away could not follow the movement, so swiftly was it made, but it was a successful one and, of course, ended the fight. Hines told me that during the fight he seemed to see every move and motion made by the other and from the first felt sure of victory. A public purse amounting to over a thousand dollars was raised for him on the spot, and about five hundred was subsequently added, and he was sent east to some institution and is today a teacher of the blind and a man too tender hearted to kill a fly.

# POPE BENEDICT

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ROME, Jan. 19. — Pope Benedict XV has addressed to all prelates and priests of Europe a prayer for peace. It follows:

"Appalled by the horrors of war into which peoples and nations have been plunged to their ruin, we seek refuge in your heart, O Jesus, as the only place of safety.

"From you, merciful God, we implore a cessation of this immense and cruel heratomb. From you, King of Peace, we desire a place to which we may hasten with our woes.

"From your divine hearth you irradiated charity on earth in order that every dissension might be removed and that only peace should reign among men.

"While on earth, you had throbs of the tenderest compassion for human misfortunes.

"May your heart be moved once

more in this hour so grave for us; replete with hatreds so fatal and carnage so horrible.

"Have pity on so many mothers in agony over the fate of their children — on unfortunate Europe, over which such a calamity impends.

"Inspire, Jesus, the rulers of peoples with counsels of tenderness to settle the dissensions which are lacerating nations, so that once more men will exchange the kiss of peace.

"We appeal to you, who at the price of your blood made them brothers, as one day at the imploring cry of save us, Lord, or we are lost, you answered by calming the gale, so may you answer to our confiding prayer today by restoring peace and tranquillity in this world.

"You, too, most holy Virgin, as in other trying times, help us, protect us, save us."

## WINDMILL BATTERED BY SHELLS.

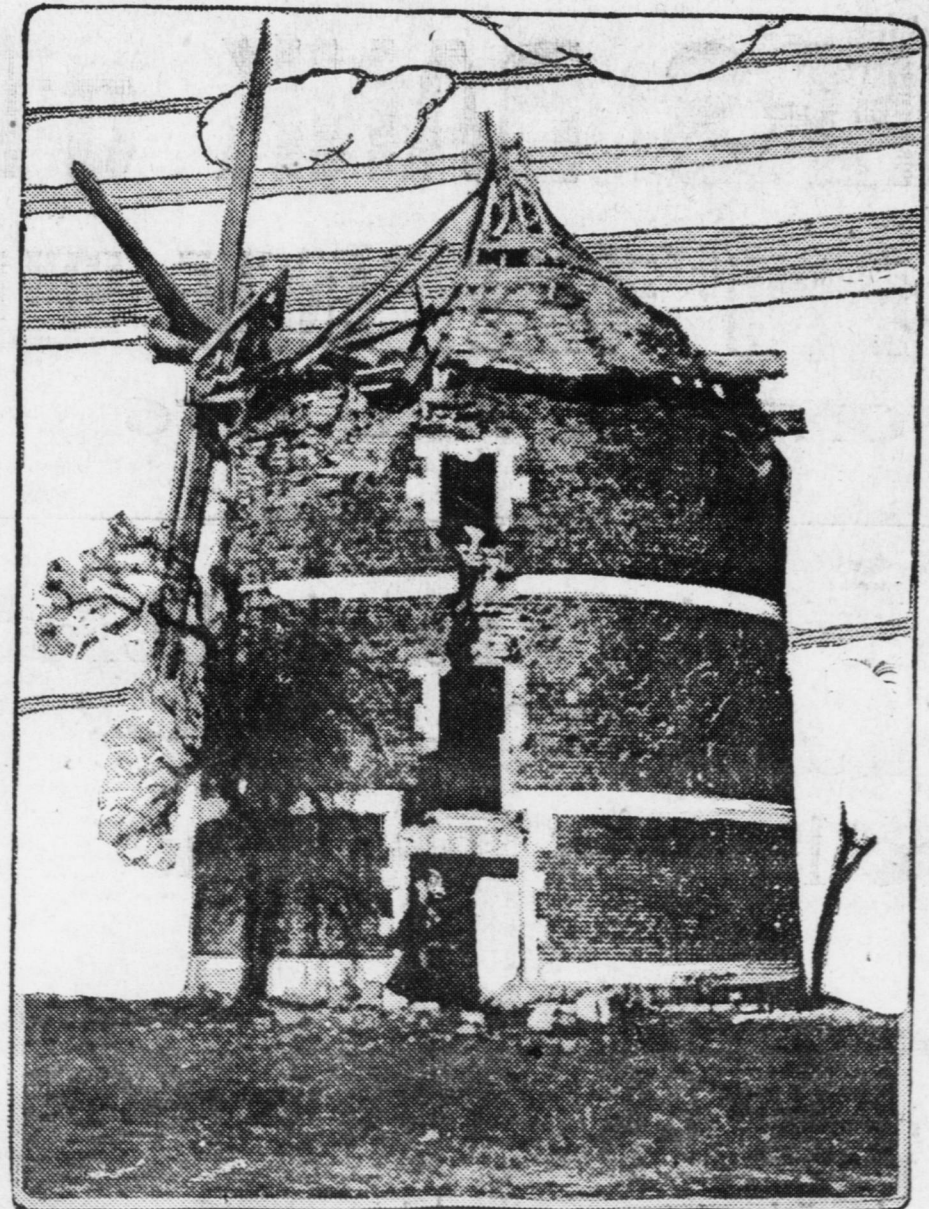


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The famous windmills of the low countries have suffered in the recent battles.

**Her Mean Brother.**  
She—Aline's twin brother annoys her dreadfully. He—How? She—You see, everybody knows they are twins, and poor Aline can't pass for only twenty-four because he tells people he's thirty!—Exchange.

**Two Puzzles.**  
Mrs. Bowns—How do you expect me to buy things for you to eat if you don't give me any money? Mr. Bowns—And how do you expect me to earn money for you if I don't get anything to eat?—New-York Journal.

**Are Foxes Vegetarians?**  
Foxes are not generally accredited with vegetarian instincts. You never see their tracks, as you see those of rabbits, around a young oak tree shoot which has been nibbled down to the tough stem. But Aesop evidently thought otherwise when he wrote his fable of the sour grapes, and there is plenty of testimony that Aesop was right. Foxes do eat wild grapes, and many observers have testified, citing a considerable way to get them, and probably at times they eat berries and perhaps apples. I have found the tracks, at any rate beneath apple trees. I have also been confidently assured that they eat the poisonous "strawberry" that the "of houn" dawgs know how good this fruit is, too, and if you wish to find the very best bee-take a "dawg" with you. —Watts-Prichard Eaton in Harper's Magazine.

**A Famous Warhorse.**  
The following inscription marks the grave at Stratfieldsaye of Wellington's famous charger, Copenhagen, which died in 1835 at the ripe old age of twenty-seven. This charger was buried with military honors:

God's humble instrument, though meaner clay,  
Should share the glories of that glorious day.

Copenhagen, it might be mentioned was the grandson of the mighty Eclipse, and Wellington paid £400 for him. His powers of endurance were marvelous. "I rode him," said Wellington, "at the battle of Waterloo from 4 in the morning until midnight. If he fed it was in the standing corn and as I sat in the saddle."—London Globe.

supplant the low bodices of the winter season, say the fashion makers.

"Women of fashion are showing preference for this robe de tailleur, and it is destined to great popularity this season," says the bulletin. "The smartest style will be in white, although shades may be worn. It will be in great demand for traveling because of its adaptability to traveling conditions.

"The shirt waist has outlived its popularity.

"Fine serge, gabardine, silk cashmere, satin cloth, faille, taffeta and poplin are all popular and suitable materials for the new garment. The shades include the new sand and putty and numbers of others, but for California and the south white will predominate.

"The style may include any adaptation of a flaring skirt and a long, close fitting sleeve, with a short jacket effect bodice to be worn with an adjustable gulmphe with or without a high collar.

"The high stock collar will be in decided evidence again next spring, but that is only another fashion caprice that demands a low neck for fall and winter and a high neck for spring and summer."

## WOULD DIVERT POOR BOYS.

Schiff Says Pranks of Rich Youths Are Called Larceny in East Side.

Mortimer L. Schiff appealed to the young men of the east side at a meeting in the Straus auditorium of the Educational alliance, New York, to work together to keep young boys from joining the east side gangs. They said the extension of the Big Brother movement was the best means of offsetting gang allurements.

"When we first started to take note of boys who went wrong," said Mr. Schiff, "we called them 'little criminals.' Later we adopted the name of 'juvenile delinquents.' Both titles are defective.

"As a matter of fact, the boyish spirits of our youngsters demand an outlet. If the youngster is well to do and goes to college he may steal a barber pole and be excused. It is forgiven as a college prank. But if he is a poor boy and steals a peanut then we call it 'larceny' and lock the boy up. Probably in his act he was having fun in the most exciting way he could find. We must find him new ways.

"Don't preach at the boys, but take them to baseball games and look in at their homes and try to make their homes so the boys will want to be there instead of away from there at night. I hardly ever see a boy in court but that I'd like to have his parents there in his stead."

## SEE WAR IN TIBER FLOODS.

Superstitious Romans Connect Inundation With Coming Conflict.

The Tiber river, which has been swollen by persistent rains, threatens to overflow its banks. The lower portions of Rome were flooded and water covered the bridge spans. The floods caused loss of life in one of the suburbs.

The superstitious Romans connect the inundation with war. They recall the floods of 1870 and fear a repetition. At Valmontone, twenty-eight miles from Rome, eight houses collapsed owing to a subsidence of the soil. Forty persons were buried in the ruins. Four dead bodies have been taken out. Twelve injured and eight uninjured persons have been rescued.

**The Women of Belgium.**  
No one can travel in Belgium without being struck by the extraordinary activity and prominence of the women. Over the doors of shops of all descriptions the name of the owner or owners is frequently followed by "Sisters" or "Widow." You find them proprietors of hotels and restaurants. They are often custodians of the churches. They are employed to tow the boats along the canal banks. They cut up the meat in the butchers' shops, and they are even to be noticed shoeing horses at the forge.—Liverpool Mercury.

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**LINEE ITALIANE**  
NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA  
FLORIO-RUBATTINO  
**LA VELOCE**  
SOCIETA' DI NAVIGAZIONE A VAPORE  
ITALIA  
NAVIGAZIONE ITALIANA A VAPORE  
SERVIZIO CELERE  
per Napoli, Genova, Palermo, Messina  
VAPORI NUOVI A COPPIA ELICA  
SPLENDIDI ADATTAMENTI  
per la 1a, 2a, e 3a. classe  
PROSSIME PARTENZE  
Da Philadelphia Da New York  
NAV. GEN. Verona 16 genn.  
ITALIANA Duca d'Abb. 30 genn.  
VELOCE Europa 6 Febr.  
ITALIA Stampalia 27 Febr.  
Ancona 23 genn.  
I biglietti sono vendibili da tutti gli agenti autorizzati  
Hartfield, Solari & Co., Agenti Generali  
24 WHITEHALL STREET, NEW YORK

## CHICAGO TO AID UNEMPLOYED

Mayor Suggests Naming of Five Men to Find Jobs.

Mayor Harrison asked Charles G. Dawes to take up with the commission on unemployment the appointment of five employers to work out a plan for providing immediate work for those out of jobs. Mr. Dawes suggested that work could be found cleaning factory yards.

The suggestion was made to the mayor that he appoint a commission of five to devise ways to provide jobs at 50 or 75 cents a day.

Mr. Dawes mentioned Cyrus H. McCormick, James A. Patten, E. J. Burdington and E. H. Gary as the type of men he would recommend for the commission proposed to the mayor, who said he would appoint such a body if it would not interfere with that now existing.

489,733 in French Hospitals.

The precise number of wounded treated at French hospitals between Sept. 15 and Nov. 30 was 489,733, according to a report submitted by M. Troussaint, chairman of the army committee to the chamber of deputies. Of this total 248 per cent died.

## A Domestic Disturbance.

The trouble began with a tea fight. The milk was sour, the cake cut up, and the sugar fell out with the tongs. The spoons clashed, and the table groaned. The fringes on the dollies snarled, and the crackers snapped. The easy chairs were soon up in arms, and even the clocks did not agree. Things were no better in the kitchen. The pitchers were all set by the ears and stuck out their lips, while the teapot and kettle poked their noses into everything. The range was redhot, which made the saucepan look black and finally boil over. The bells started jangling, all the pickles and preserves in the cupboard were jarred, and there were any number of scraps in the refrigerator and meat safe. Naturally when the mistress of the house reached the scene of disorder the cook was put out.—Judge.

## It Changed His Mind.

A switching engine prevented a Chicago man from committing suicide the other day. With a rope around his neck and fastened to the rails of the Rock Island railroad he was crawling between the ties, prepared to jump from a viaduct, when a switching engine came along and cut the rope. As he had lost his chance of hanging himself, he thought better of his project.

## Good Advice.

"What would you say," said the prophet of woe, "if I were to tell you that in a very short space of time all the rivers in this country would dry up?"

"I would say," replied the patient man, "go and do thou likewise."—Stray Stories.

## Laughed and Won.

When the British were storming Badajoz the Duke of Wellington rode up and, observing an artilleryman particularly active, inquired the man's name. He was answered "Taylor." "A very good name too," said the duke. "Cheer up, my men! Our Taylor will soon make a pair of breaches in the walls!"

At this sally the men forgot their danger, a burst of laughter broke from them and the next charge carried the fortress.—London Answers.

## Bullet Wounds.

The entrance wound caused by the modern small arm bullet is not a gressome spectacle. It is small, and its appearance has been compared to that produced by the bite of a certain parasite insect. Often there is but little external bleeding, but this is not to be taken as a danger signal, as might be popularly supposed.—London Telegraph.