

TO THE SUFFRAGISTS OF MARYLAND**A Cordial Invitation to Speed the Departing Pilgrims.**

The Just Government League of Maryland extends a cordial invitation to all suffragists to meet at the Headquarters, 817 N. Charles St., on Saturday, June 13, at 11 o'clock, where an open-air meeting will be held. Previous to the start for Garrett county, which will be made at 11.30 O'CLOCK SHARP, all loyal suffragists who are able to be present are asked to fall in line and escort the pilgrims to Camden Station, where they will leave at 12.25 for Cumberland.

**"THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE FOUNTAIN PIN
IS THE HAND THAT RULES THE WORLD"**

By MRS. JESSIE HARDY STUBBS of the Congressional Union.

When the idea of a pilgrimage from New York to Albany was first suggested in November, 1912, by Miss Rosalie Jones, it met with several varieties of opposition from the older suffrage workers, not only of New York State, but of many other parts of the country. They could not and would not see the publicity and educational value of this type of campaign. There was the usual conservative cry of setting the cause back by such an endeavor. It was new, and the wary were filled with fear that it would not prove a success. It never occurred to them that a well organized walking trip, with meetings each night along the line of march, would prove immensely valuable as propaganda, while the novelty of the enterprise would command the attention of the newspapers and create publicity of still greater value. The small, determined and fearless band which started from New York made good. They were not daunted by any of the arguments against the journey, but marched steadily onward, bearing their petitions to the Governor the 170 miles between New York and the State Capital. So great was the interest in the pilgrimage that every single newspaper in New York city sent a special correspondent the entire time to cover the story for them. It would be very difficult to estimate the amount of space which the New York papers alone gave to the journey, while the associated press sent out two stories daily of at least 300 words each. There was scarcely a newspaper in the United States, both morning and evening, which did not carry a story about the pilgrimage.

The party hardly left New York when several of the correspondents began to use the term "hike" to apply to the pilgrimage, and the pilgrims became "hikers." This was regrettable at the time, since the mission had been undertaken in the spirit of those older pilgrims who went on journeys hoping to obtain a benefit at its conclusion. These pilgrims were carrying a message to Sulzer, then the Governor of New York State, embodying the request that he incorporate woman suffrage in his first message to the Democratic Assembly of the State of New York, and that he do all in his power to secure the passage of the woman suffrage amendment through the Legislature that year. All the world knows that the Governor received the pilgrims; that he extended hospitality of the Governor's Mansion to them, and that he and Mrs. Sulzer invited them into their private box at the inaugural ball and introduced them to the influential politicians there gathered. No one will ever be able to estimate how much this pilgrimage had to do with the passage early in the session of the woman suffrage amendment. However, this was one of the first acts of the New York Legislature in January, 1913. This pilgrimage to Albany opened the way for the popularity of this form of suffrage work. It was shown that thousands of people were reached who had never heard a word about suffrage in their lives before.

I assisted in the organizing of the hike, and was the speaker of the pilgrimage. Although I lost my voice before we reached Albany, and was barely able to speak when the pilgrims rehearsed their Canterbury Tales at the Historical Society, I had spoken almost continuously at nearly every crossroad. Beside the open-air meetings, at which a megaphone was used, there were parlor meetings, indoor meetings in halls and parish-houses, at vaudeville and moving-picture shows, as well as at a banquet, luncheons and a ball. In this way every man and woman in that Hudson River country whose interest had been aroused was enlightened.

So much for the educational value of such a journey, where personal contact became a valuable asset. Great as this is, it is for its publicity value, however, that most of the energy was expended. While many thousands of people actually listened to the story of the need of woman's participation in government, millions followed the journey through the columns of their daily papers in every corner of the United States. If suffragists had been compelled to pay for this amount of advertising in the press it would have represented millions of dollars. It was Mr. Dooley who said: "The hand that rocks the fountain pin is the hand that rules

the world," and Mr. Dooley knows. It is to keep these fountain pens rocking that suffrage hikes prove most valuable, and it is to be hoped that suffrage workers everywhere will increasingly see the value of this form of activity and will penetrate into the out-of-way counties of their States, creating sentiment in districts where it is almost impossible to organize large public meetings. The intimacy of stopping to speak to a group gathered on a porch here and in front of a store there gives this form of work an advantage over any other. The interest is unflinching and the reward sure.

THE ARMY OF THE SEVERN

"General" Latimer leading her army on the memorable trip to Annapolis.

AS OTHERS SEE US

Gleanings From Baltimore Dailies Regarding Annapolis Pilgrimage.

"Hats off to our hikers!"

Six lonesome souls amid the dark pitched tents and camped at Severna Park.

There is no doubting the earnestness of suffragists who would rather hike than tango.

Marines Salute Marchers.

At the Marine Corps barracks the hikers were given a welcome and cheers that resulted in a visible straightening of shoulders and gave added buoyancy to their steps. Outside of the barracks at "attention" stood a long blue line of marines. A long blast was followed by a grave salute to the "General," which the latter answered in true military fashion. An enthusiastic interne in the Marine Hospital found an outlet for pent-up emotion in waving a sheet as the army turned the hospital corner.

Watching for Hikers.

The ancient town by the Severn, however, is, if possible, just a bit more a-tiptoe over this gathering than usual, because it means a glimpse at a real bunch of "woman hikers."

Not only in Annapolis, but all along the route of the new boulevard from Baltimore, even this soon can be heard the query, "Are they coming yet?" When the women who are going to plead with the lawmakers to give them the ballot arrive tomorrow they will be heartily welcomed."

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