

NEWS FROM CONNECTICUT

Miss Alice Paul Outlines Work of Congressional Union Before Interested Audience in Hartford.

MISS ALICE PAUL of the Congressional Union at Washington was in Hartford a few days ago and gave an interesting account of the activities of her organization. Asked if she felt satisfied with the results of the new policy of the union in the last elections—the policy of going to the states where women vote and asking the help of the women voters to defeat the Democrats on account of the party record with regard to woman suffrage—she replied that she was entirely content. One representative—Mr. Seldomridge—had been defeated—a defeat which was quite generally attributed to the vote of the women given in response to the appeal for their help. Two senators had been so closely pressed that it was days before the results of the election could be announced. These were Senator Thomas of Colorado and Senator Smith of Arizona. In both these cases it was the vote of the women that imperilled the reelection of the senators. "Woman suffrage and the passage of the amendment to the National Constitution will never again be a negligible question in the equal suffrage states," said Miss Paul. "The Republicans loved us this time, because we opposed the Democrats, but, of course, we should oppose the Republicans quite as vigorously if they had been in power and had also neglected to pass the amendment."

Active Campaign for Delaware Planned.

In regard to the plans for the immediate future, Miss Paul said that as long as Congress was in session there would be no let-up in the effort to obtain the passage of the national amendment. She had good hopes that the effort would be successful as far as the Senate was concerned and the prospects were also good in the House. If, however, it should not pass during the short session, it would again be introduced and pushed when the new Congress came together. During the recess the Congressional Union planned to work in Delaware. In Delaware it is not necessary to take a popular vote on a constitutional amendment. All that is necessary is to obtain its passage through two legislatures, and there was good hopes of success with this. They purposed to open headquarters in Dover, where Miss Mabel Vernon, who had had tremendous success in her campaigning in Nevada, would be in charge.

One project of which Miss Paul spoke with enthusiasm was the coming deputation of Democratic women, who are to wait on President Wilson on January 6. This is the association of women that was organized by Secretary McAdoo before the election of 1912—the Wilson and Marshall Association. They are led by Mrs. George A. Armes, and in the election campaign they worked hard and unremittingly for the success of the Democratic candidates. They were publicly thanked by the campaign managers, and now they are to approach President Wilson and ask his aid in obtaining their own enfranchisement and self-government. Surely the President, who is so concerned about self-government for the Filipinos, cannot turn down the request of these women, to whom he is already indebted.

In the summer of 1915 the National Woman Voters' Association will hold a convention at San Francisco. This will be so timed as to make possible a visit to the exposition for all the delegates. Mrs. William Kent, who is one of the leaders of the voting women, belongs to California, and is in charge of the women's booth at the Panama Exposition.

Mrs. Hepburn's Fame as Debater Spreading Rapidly.

The fame of Mrs. T. N. Hepburn's debates with the ladies who have been brought into Connecticut to oppose woman suffrage on the platform has gone far beyond the limits of the state, and it seems likely that there will be a considerable demand for Mrs. Hepburn's services as a debater. On Wednesday, January 5, Mrs. Hepburn is to meet in debate Mrs. William Force Scott in New York. Mrs. Hepburn does this in response to an invitation from the Equal Suffrage League of New York. Later Mrs. Hepburn will probably act in a similar capacity on behalf of the Just Government League of Maryland and also for other associations, not wholly devoted to suffrage, which desire to have debates between those in favor of and those opposed to the granting of votes to women.

SCRUBWOMEN AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE

"If the women had the vote they would get an eight-hour day for scrubwomen," said Mr. Owen R. Lovejoy, Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, speaking at a meeting of the Woman's Republican Club at Delmonico's, at which Mrs. Charles S. Whitman and Mrs. John Purroy Mitchell were guests of honor. "New York men have protected themselves very neatly with their eight-hour day," added Mr. Lovejoy, "but scrubwomen work 10 and 12 hours a day for \$22 a month, and are expected to support families of little children."

LAMP OF SACRIFICE

The year that is about to dawn means more work to be done for suffrage if we are to be successful in 1916. As we cannot send speakers into all the highways and hedges to preach the doctrine of "equal rights for all, and special privileges to none," we must do the next best thing, which is—send literature.

To be able to send literature we must first have it to send.

If we use what we have on hand without replenishing and enlarging our stock from time to time, we will soon find ourselves in a bad fix, for everything will give out at one time and it would be an almost impossible task to stock up anew.

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