

MRS. SCOTT TO APPEAL TO WOMEN VOTERS WILL LEAVE ON SUFFRAGE SPECIAL FOR ENFRANCHISED STATES APRIL 8

MARYLAND will be well represented on the tour of the free States by Mrs. Townsend Scott, chairman of the Maryland Branch of the Congressional Union.

Believing that the mobilization of the women voters of the Western States into a woman's party will be an effective weapon toward securing the passage of the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment, the Congressional Union will send a delegation of 36 prominent women, one from each unfranchised State, on a Suffrage Special through the enfranchised territory to line up the women voters into a powerful voting body.

When the matter of sending an envoy to the West from Maryland was taken up at the last meeting of the Maryland Branch of the Congressional Union, Mrs. Scott was urged to represent the State in what is thought will be the largest demonstration ever held in the history of suffrage, and after deep consideration of the importance of the project, signified her willingness to accept the appointment.

Regarding the plan for the formation of a woman's party and its probable effect on the 1916 election, Mrs. Scott said:

"It is daily becoming more evident that the political work of the Congressional Union is a factor that the politicians must consider in making their plans for the fall campaign. The Union has just issued a compilation of the figures in the Congressional elections for the past 20 years in the 11 States where women will vote for members of Congress in November. The figures also include the Presidential election figures in Illinois, where women will vote in the November election.

"The Congressional Union has never had any false idea about its political policy. It has never expected that strong party women of either party would join in the movement to put political liberty for all women above all party affiliations until all women were free to form their chosen party alliances. It has relied on the support of the independent women who have no strong party affiliations and on the help of women who have never before taken sufficient interest to vote at all, to swing the elections as the need arose.

"It has taken the position that a comparatively small number of voters were needed to carry the election in many places. The tables just published show that in no election in any of these districts in the past 20 years would it have been necessary to change a very large per cent. of the votes cast in order to have swung the election to the other leading party. A case in point is that of Senator Newlands, who was elected by a majority of only 40 votes. The submission of the question to the States would take the entire suffrage question out of national politics and place the decision in the hands of the State Legislatures.

"The very fact that so many vital national issues are now before the nation makes it supremely important to women that they should have a direct voice in national affairs, and so far from leading them to lay aside their cause, the momentousness of the national problems only strengthens the movement for the Federal enfranchisement of women."

Mrs. Scott will leave Baltimore next Saturday morning, April 8, for Washington, and on her arrival there will go direct to the National headquarters of the Union at Cameron House, where elaborate preparations are being made for the Advisory Council Conference April 8 and 9, at which plans for the proposed woman's party will be discussed, and the envoys formally appointed to go into the enfranchised women's territory and plead for the support of the women voters.

Resolutions to be carried to the women voters will be adopted and resolutions and petitions from women's organizations in the East to corresponding organizations in the West will be presented.

Mrs. John Rogers of New York will preside at the business session, at which the formation of the party will be the only business discussed. The conference will close with a farewell luncheon given in honor of the departing delegates on Sunday, April 9, at 2 P. M. The luncheon will be served in the large dining-room at Cameron House, and covers will be laid for more than 100 guests.

Immediately after the luncheon, Mrs. Scott, accompanied by the other delegates, will leave in decorated automobiles for the depot, where a

spectacular demonstration will be given by the Congressional Union at 5.30 P. M. A beautiful feature of the exercises at the station will be a shower of purple, white and gold flowers, the colors of the Union, just as the delegates board the "Suffrage Special."

Arrangements for the farewell meeting are in the hands of Miss Virginia Arnold of Portland, Ore., and Miss Elizabeth Elder of Philadelphia.

Miss Elder is well known in suffrage circles in Baltimore, having worked throughout the past year with the Just Government League of Maryland. According to the present plans every member of the Union living in Washington will be mobilized at the depot for the big demonstration as the "Suffrage Flyer" leaves for its tour through the free States. Requests have been sent out for hundreds of blooms—violets, white sweet peas and jonquils—with which the Western invaders will be showered.

The big swing through the West will be in charge of a corps of workers who will handle every detail in connection with the trip.

Even the 10-minute stops will be in charge of a chairman who will see to it that the "tank towns" receive their quota of suffrage bombardment.

Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles of Wilmington, Del., is making arrangements for the meetings to be held around the back platform of the "Suffrage Special." According to her schedule, no town where the train stops will be passed by, but every minute will be utilized in winning recruits to support the Union's plan to get the amendment passed at once.

With 36 women leaders aboard the "Special" no difficulty is anticipated in getting up a brilliant and convincing program on short notice. Mrs. Hilles declares that a meeting can be pulled off in less time than it takes to swing a mail bag from a car to a station platform, and enough literature distributed to spread the gospel of nation-wide suffrage from Dan to Bersheba.

The arrangements for the reception in the Western States of the party of Eastern suffragists are in the hands of the national organizers of the Union. The tour will culminate in Salt Lake City, where a conference of the enfranchised and unfranchised women will be held.

MAKE A BIG SHOWING IN CHICAGO

WHEN the monster suffrage parade is held in Chicago the first week in June in order to impress the delegates to the National Republican Convention with the importance of the woman suffrage movement throughout the country, it is hoped that many Maryland women will be in line.

If all those who have inquired as to the rates, etc., to Chicago, would definitely decide to make the journey, Maryland would have a splendid showing, and Mrs. Almira Sweeten, J. G. L. chairman of transportation, would have good reason to feel satisfied, for Mrs. Sweeten is anxious to have a big delegation, and is working hard to secure as many Maryland marchers as possible.

A special rate from Baltimore to Chicago, provided a party of 22 is made up to take advantage of the offer, has been made by the B. & O. Railroad. The Maryland party will leave Baltimore on June 5, and since this is a very substantial reduction over the usual rate, it is hoped that many Maryland suffragists will decide to take their vacation early and to go to the Chicago convention.

Mrs. George Bass of Chicago has been appointed Chairman of Hospitality, and will see to it that all marchers in the big parade will be comfortably housed during their stay in the Windy City.

AND YET JUSTICE IS NOT A FEMININE VIRTUE

A Chicago woman has just adopted her husband's child. Previous to its birth, the wife took care of the unmarried mother in her own home and insisted that her husband fulfill the Illinois law and pay the young mother \$500.

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