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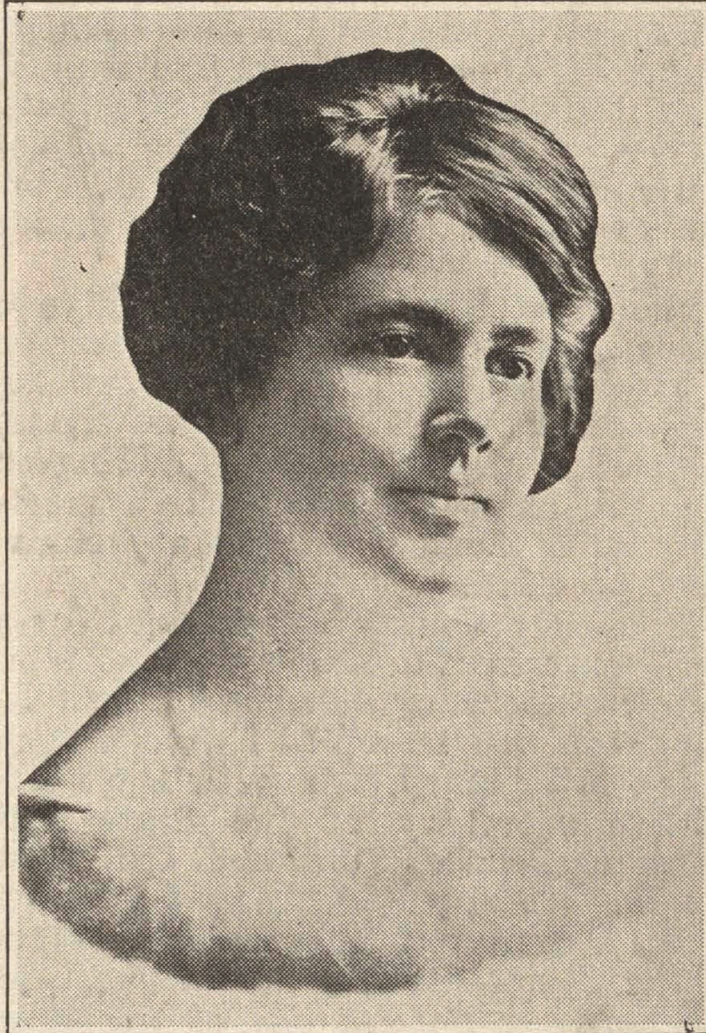
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MEMBERS OF EMERGENCY SUFFRAGE CORPS



Mrs. Charles H. Dietrich of Hastings, Nebraska, is president of the Nebraska Woman Suffrage Association. She was one of the group of women who fought through the famous Nebraska-petitions case in which the opponents of suffrage were defeated. Mrs. Dietrich is the wife of a former Governor and United States Senator from Nebraska. Mrs. Dietrich will be the guest of her step-daughter, Mrs. Herbert Knox Smith of Farmington, while in Connecticut.



Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham is known as the “woman who put Texas on the map.” It was she who led the fight for the primary suffrage bill which her state passed in March 1918, and which 400,000 women, more than the number of Texas men who had voted at the presidential elections, made use of in July, 1918. Mrs. Cunningham will represent Texas during the “Emergency” week.



Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy of Portland, Oregon, will represent Oregon in the Emergency Suffrage Corps which will visit Connecticut during the week, May 3-7. Dr. Lovejoy is president of the International Women's Medical Association. She was the first woman doctor sent abroad by the War Committee of the Medical Women's Association. She has been active in suffrage work since 1905.

WOMEN FROM EVERY STATE IN THE UNION WILL VISIT CONNECTICUT

Will Join With Connecticut Women To Prove That Special Emergency Exists

Connecticut is about to have one of the most unique experiences in the whole length of Connecticut's historical career. The state which gave to the country the first written constitution will receive during the week of May 3-7, a flying visit from women representatives from every state in the Union who will come to Connecticut to petition the Governor of the state to permit that state constitution to be amended, lest 9,000,000 women be withheld from voting for president in November.

Forty-seven women from forty-seven states, journeying into Connecticut from the Pacific coast, from the northern and southern boundaries of the country, from states where women vote, and from states where women's voting may depend on the action of

the Governor of Connecticut, will join, on May 3rd, with the president of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association in launching a national protest week in Connecticut—a consolidated and concentrated protest of the women of the country and the men and women of Connecticut against the refusal of Governor Holcomb to call a special session of the legislature to act on the federal suffrage amendment.

The protest will cover the week of May 3-7 and will embody a series of some thirty or forty meetings throughout the state which will be addressed by groups of the forty-seven women who will spend the week in Connecticut as guests of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association. These women are leaders of the suf-

frage movement in their own states. Thirty of them will represent states where women are sure to vote in 1920 and the others will represent 9,000,000 women in the states where the women's vote will depend on ratification of the federal suffrage amendment.

Arrangements for bringing these women into the state are being made by the National American Woman Suffrage Association which is co-operating in every possible way with the state association in the campaign to “make Connecticut the 36th”.

The primary purpose of this protest week will be to provide the Governor with the proofs of the special emergency which he has said he is ready to receive. It will be a protest of Connecticut people, men and women, against the false position in which the state has been put by the refusal of the Governor to give the legislature an opportunity to act on the matter. “It will,” says Miss Ludington, president of the state association, be an endeavor to make plain that this is not Connecticut's sole affair, because by the method provided for ratifica-

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**WHAT IS YOUR PART IN THE
SPECIAL EMERGENCY
WEEK?**

Women from every state in the Union will join with the women of Connecticut during the week of May 3-7 in an effort to convince Governor Holcomb that an emergency exists for calling the legislature in special session.

These women are making an enormous effort to come to Connecticut. They are doing it because they place their beliefs in democracy before any personal convenience or private interests. It is a rare privilege which Connecticut women will have in entertaining these women who are the leaders of woman's activities along many lines in their own states. Many of them are ranked among the leading women speakers of the country. It would be an unusual opportunity to hear any of them speak on any subject but Connecticut is to have the privilege of seeing them assembled together in an effort to finish one of the greatest struggles in the history of the movement for democracy.

It need scarcely be urged that the women of Connecticut take advantage of every opportunity to extend to these guests proof of New England hospitality and courtesy. It is only necessary to remind every member of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association that this is her fight, that "Special Emergency Week" is a fitting climax to the long struggle for political enfranchisement, and that the co-operation of every suffragist in the state will be needed to make the final splendid effort the success that it must be.

Some of you will be asked to serve on committees on arrangements for meetings. Some of you live in towns where meetings will not be held. In that case see if there is anything that you can do to help in a neighboring town. Offer the services of your car or of yourself. Above all do not fail to attend some of these meetings, and especially the final rally to be held in Hartford, Friday morning, May 7.

**THREE COUNTY SUFFRAGE
ASSOCIATIONS MEET IN
APRIL**

Three county suffrage association meetings were held during the week of April 19-24. The chief business of all these meetings was consideration of plans for "Special Emergency" week.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hartford County Association was held in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium, Friday, April 23. The morning session was given over to a general business discussion. In the afternoon a political discussion took place. Mrs. Joseph Alsop, of Avon, spoke on the Republican Party, Mrs. T. S. McDermott, of New Haven, spoke on the Democratic Party, and Mrs. Annie G. Porritt, of Hartford, spoke on the Labor Party.

The New London County Suffrage Association met in quarterly session in New London, Thursday, April 22. Luncheon was served at the Hotel Mohican. Miss Katharine Ludington was the chief speaker at this meeting. Miss Edna Tyler, county chairman, presided.

Middlesex County women met for a conference at Stueck's Tavern in Middletown, Saturday afternoon, April 24. Luncheon was served at 1 o'clock after which Miss Mary Elizabeth Hutt, executive secretary of the State suffrage association, outlined the plans for the protest week, May 3-7. Mrs. Willis Austin, of Norwich, a member of the State Political Committee, was the honor guest and one of the chief speakers at the meeting. Mrs. Wm. P. Couch, chairman of Middlesex County, presided.

NEAR EAST RELIEF

The News Bulletin is asked to make an appeal to its readers for the Near East Relief in its courageous and over-whelming work in Armenia.

The condition of this unhappy country is so well known that the harrowing details of what it has suffered may well be spared. Given safety and time for recovery, Armenia would soon be self-supporting, but in the failure of the Allies to co-erce the Turk and the lack of mandates either for Turkey or Armenia, the situation grows more and more sinister. Since the withdrawal of French and English troops from that part of Asia Minor, there has been one terrible massacre and another is imminent. In the face of tremendous difficulties, the Near East Relief is working heroically to bring food, clothing and some sort of shelter to these unfortunate people, lest the whole nation be exterminated. It is a work in which every dollar given is put to immediate use, and the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association will gladly receive any contributions and forward them to the headquarters in New York.

No words can describe the terrible conditions. To quote Ex-Ambassador Morgenthau in his Hartford speech last November—and this is only one phase of the situation—"Let every woman in this audience imagine her feelings if every morning when she opened her front door, she found lying on the steps a little child who had died during the night from starvation. This, and more than this, is true in Armenia."

**RATIFICATION COMMITTEE
MEETS IN HARTFORD**

Proofs that a special emergency exists for the calling of the legislature in special session will be prepared and duly and properly presented to the Governor declared Colonel Isaac M. Ullman, of New Haven, chairman of the Men's Republican Ratification Committee, at the close of a meeting of this committee which was held at Suffrage Headquarters in Hartford, Monday afternoon, April 19.

The Committee met in executive session in order to lay out plans for co-operation with the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association in arranging the series of Protest meetings to be held throughout the state during the week of May 3-7. The Committee expressed general approbation of the plans for the week of Emergency meetings. Plans were made to provide men speakers for all the "Emergency Rallies" which will be held in thirty-five or forty towns and cities throughout the state during the week.

Among the men who attended the meeting besides Colonel Ullman, were John T. Robinson, Harrison B. Freeman, Herbert Knox Smith, Chas. A. Goodwin, Hartford; Frank Cheney, Jr., Representative, W. B. Rogers, Senator Arthur E. Bowers, Manchester; Representative, Harry L. Welles, Wethersfield; Frederick A. Perry, New Haven; Mayor D. J. Donovan, Attorney M. M. Wilder, Meriden; Representative, Harry Sherwood, Westport; Senator John B. Dillon, Shelton; Representative Samuel C. Shaw, Bridgeport; Judge John H. Light, South Norwalk; A. S. G. Taylor, Norfolk; A. T. Pattison, Simsbury; Dr. Watson Phillips, Huntington.

**MRS. HALE SPEAKS BEFORE
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
ASSOCIATION**

Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robinson Hale, noted author and lecturer, was one of the principal speakers at the well attended April meeting of the Fairfield County Suffrage Association which was held in the First Congregational Church of Stamford, Thursday, April 8. Mrs. Hale emphasized woman's importance in the present critical world situation and spoke of her as providing the balance wheel between the violent radical and the violent reactionary.

Another speaker was Representative Harry R. Sherwood of Westport who ardently advocated that the legislature should call itself into special session over the refusal of the governor to call such a session.

Miss Caroline Ruutz-Rees, chairman of the Fairfield County Association presided at the meeting. Rev. Grant A. Walton, pastor of the First Congregational Church, welcomed the Association to Stamford. The May meeting will be held in Westport.

It was voted that the collection, one of the largest ever taken at a county meeting, should be made a personal gift to Miss Grace Murray, Fairfield County Organizer, as an expression of the regard in which the Association holds her.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY WILL HOLD CITIZENSHIP INSTITUTE, APRIL 28-30

A Citizenship Institute, or a three-day school for instruction in government and civic problems, will be held in New Haven, in the Center Church Parish House, April 28, 29, and 30 under the direction of the Citizenship Department of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association.

The Committee in charge of the Institute has arranged the program for the three-day school so that the course on the Machinery of Government will be given in the evening as well as in the day sessions, so that business women and housekeepers may have the same opportunities as the women who are able to attend during the day.

The Institute is designed primarily for the benefit of the women of New Haven City and County but it is open to all men and women of the state. Luncheon will be served each day by the Smith College Club. No admission will be charged for any of the sessions. The Institute is under the direction of the Citizenship Department of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association and is financed by the money raised in the Citizenship Campaign held last spring.

An extremely practical and interesting feature of the Institute, will be the demonstration of a voting machine which will be placed in the vestibule of the Parish House. This machine will be demonstrated by trained attendants throughout each day and evening and an opportunity will be given for the "scholar" to operate the machine herself.

The complete program for the Institute follows:

Wednesday, April 28, 1920

11 A. M. Town and County Government—Mrs. Nancy M. Schoonmaker, Counsellor-in-Citizenship.

11.45 A. M. Women's Police Bureau—Mrs. John P. Buwalda, Field Worker, Connecticut Protective Association.

12.15 P. M. Domestic Relations Bureau—Prof. E. M. Morgan, Yale Law School.

1-2 P. M. Lunch — Smith College Club.

2 P. M. City Government — Mrs. Nancy M. Schoonmaker.

10 Minutes — Proportional Representations—Mrs. F. L. C. Kitchelt.

3 P. M. New Haven City Interests: Public School Scholarships—Mrs. A. K. Rogers.

Vocational Education — Miss Katharine Brennan, Principal, Benjamin Jepson High School.

Junior High School — Mr. Claude Russell.

8 P. M. Address by the Mayor.

City Government—Mrs. Nancy M. Schoonmaker.

8.45 P. M. Why I am a Republican —Mrs. Joseph W. Alsop, Chairman, League of Independent Republican Women.

Thursday, April 29

11.00 A. M. The State Government and How the Legislature Works, Mrs. F. L. C. Kitchelt.

11:50 Widows' Pensions — Mrs. Elizabeth F. Maloney, Supervisor of Mothers' Aid, Boston.

12.15 Child Welfare—Mr. Herbert M. Diamond, Assistant Director, Connecticut Child Welfare Commission.

12.35 The Woman's State Farm—Dr. Valeria H. Parker, Chairman, Connecticut Society for Social Hygiene.

1-2 P. M. Lunch — Smith College Club.

2-3 P. M. National Government—Mrs. Nancy M. Schoonmaker.

3 P. M. Smith-Towner Bill — Mrs. F. L. C. Kitchelt.

3.10 P. M. The League of Women Voters—Miss Katharine Ludington, Regional Director of League of Women Voters.

8 P. M. State Government (as above), Mrs. F. L. C. Kitchelt.

9 P. M. Americanization — Robert Deming, State Director.

Friday, April 30

11 A. M. New Problems — Mrs. Nancy M. Schoonmaker.

12 A. M. Public Health—Prof. C. E. A. Winslow, Yale University.

1-2 Lunch.

2 P. M. Political Parties — Mrs. Nancy M. Schoonmaker.

3 P. M. Mental Hygiene—Dr. Wm. B. Terhune, Director of Connecticut Society of Mental Hygiene.

3.20 P. M. Women in Industry—Mrs. Alice Barrows Fernandez, U. S. Bureau of Education.

8 P. M. National Government—Mrs. Nancy M. Schoonmaker.

9 P. M. Why I am a Democrat—Mrs. Hiram P. Maxim, Member-elect, Hartford Board of Education.

Committees in charge of the Institute are: Program Committee, Mrs. C. E. A. Winslow; Arrangements Committee, Miss Emily Whitney; Hospitality Committee, Mrs. William Lyon Phelps, Mrs. Elliot Watrous, Mrs. Josepha Whitney, Mrs. G. H. Nettleton; Publicity Committee, Miss Julia Hinaman, Mrs. John C. Clark, Miss Margaret Whitney, Miss Georgia Troup, Miss Katharine Schwab, Miss Alice Walker; Printing, Mrs. Joseph Reed; Voting Demonstration, Mrs. T. S. McDermott; Attendance, Mrs. John C. Schwab, Mrs. W. J. Mozart, Mrs. Jennie Robinson, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Miss Lola Walker.

WHO'S WHO IN THE EMERGENCY SUFFRAGE CORPS

A brief paragraph by no means does justice to the careers of the women who will make up the "Emergency Corps" but at least it will give you some idea of the fame of Connecticut's guests.

We have here data concerning not more than a fourth of the number who are coming. These are chosen not because they are the most important but because this information was the first to arrive in our office.

Miss Katherine Pierce, who will represent Oklahoma, is one of the youngest presidents of a state suffrage association. She is now Secretary of the National League of Women Voters. Miss Pierce is familiar with the ways of legislatures, having for five sessions served as journal clerk in the Oklahoma Senate.

Mrs. John L. Pyle, as President of the South Dakota Equal Franchise League helped to win full suffrage for the women of her state in 1918. She

is active in work of a civic and educational character in South Dakota.

One of the directors of the National American Woman Suffrage Association—Mrs. Ben Hooper—will represent Wisconsin. Mrs. Hooper is a club woman, was organizer under the State Council of National Defense during the war, and has been active in the legislative work for suffrage for many years. Wisconsin is one of the victory states of 1919.

Among the prominent suffragists who will come to Connecticut on May 3 is Mrs. F. Louis Slade of New York. Mrs. Slade was elected Regional Director for New York and Pennsylvania under the National League of Women Voters at the Victory Convention in Chicago last February. She has been prominent not only in suffrage work in New York, but held positions of responsibility during the war.

Mrs. John T. Fuller of Orlando, Florida, the president of the Florida Equal Franchise Association, is Chairman of Civics for the State Federation of Women's Clubs, and organized her state for the Food Administration during the war. While Florida women have not obtained full suffrage, Orlando is one of the cities which has granted municipal suffrage.

Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout was the leader of the group of women who lobbied for suffrage in Illinois and who have undertaken the work of obtaining a modern constitution for the state. Incidentally Illinois has the honor of being the first state to ratify the federal suffrage amendment.

The Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association has for many years been led by Mrs. Andreas Ueland, who was interested even before the beginning of her work for suffrage, in civic and philanthropic work. Mrs. Ueland is an honorary member of the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association—a men's organization. She is a good speaker—clear, concise, and full of humor.

NATIONAL SUFFRAGE SITUATION

Thirty-five states have ratified the federal suffrage amendment. Delaware is now meeting in special session. The lower house in Delaware has turned down ratification but there is still a possibility for reconsideration. The Louisiana legislature meets May 10. Governor-elect, John M. Parker, who will take office six days before the legislature convenes, is urging ratification of the amendment.

In North Carolina the legislature will meet in July. The Democratic State Central Committee has adopted a resolution favoring ratification. This practically assures favorable action from North Carolina as the Democratic is the majority party. It is said that the North Carolina legislators are anxious for an opportunity to act in order to win for the Democratic Party the honor of completing ratification of the amendment.

Connecticut and Vermont are the only Republican states which have taken no action in behalf of ratification. As yet no Republican state has turned down ratification. Twenty-nine of the states which have acted favorably are Republican.

WOMEN WILL VISIT CONNECTICUT

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tion of the amendment the voting of 9,000,000 women hangs on the action of Connecticut."

According to present plans, the women will arrive in Hartford, Monday, May 3rd, where a luncheon will be given in their honor. In the afternoon they will separate into four groups of twelve each and will be motored to New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury and New London where they will hold meetings that evening. On Tuesday the women will form twelve groups of four each and during the next three days they will speak at meetings in the following cities and towns: Manchester, New Britain, Thompsonville, Southington, Farmington, Windsor Locks, Bristol, Ansonia, Meriden, Naugatuck, Wallingford, Guilford, Branford, New London, Stonington, Jewett City, Mystic, Niantic, Willimantic, Putnam, Danielson, Central Village, Middletown, Haddam, Saybrook, Essex, Norwalk, Stamford, Greenwich, Danbury, Ridgefield, Torrington, Winsted, New Milford, Litchfield, Thomaston, Lakeville, Rockville, Stafford Springs.

A relay motor corps will be provided to transport the women from one city to another.

On Friday the "Emergency Suffrage Corps" will meet again in Hartford for a hearing before Governor Holcomb. The Governor has set 11:30 o'clock, Friday morning as the time at which he would receive the deputation of visiting women which will be joined by a large group of Connecticut women. The women will bring to the Governor the proofs of a special emergency for calling a special session of the legislature which they believe they will have in hand.

Following the hearing the women will address a large public mass meeting which will be held on the lawn outside the Capitol from 12 to 1.

Arrangements for the mass meeting will be made by Hartford suffragists. Mrs. Thomas B. Chapman is chairman of the arrangements committee. Plans are being made for effective decoration of the automobiles which will convey the deputation from Suffrage Headquarters on Pratt street, Hartford, to the Capitol.

A complete list of women who will form the "Emergency Suffrage Corps" has not been received but acceptances have come from the following women:

Alabama, Mrs. Solon Jacobs.
 Arizona, Mrs. Frances W. Munds.
 California, Mrs. Seward Simons.
 Colorado, Mrs. Helen Ring Robinson.
 Florida, Mrs. John Fuller.
 Georgia, Miss Annie G. Wright.
 Idaho, Mrs. M. J. Sweeley.
 Illinois, Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout.
 Iowa, Mrs. James A. Devitt.
 Kansas, Mrs. Chas. H. Brooks.
 Kentucky, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge.
 Louisiana, Mrs. Phillip Werlein.
 Maine, Mrs. Arthur Balentine.
 Maryland, Mrs. Chas. E. Ellicott.
 Massachusetts, Mrs. Ida Porter Boyer.
 Minnesota, Mrs. Andreas Ueland.

Mississippi, Mrs. B. F. Saunders.
 Missouri, Mrs. Walter McNab Miller.

Montana, Mrs. Wallace Perham.
 Nebraska, Mrs. Chas. Dietrich.
 New Hampshire, Mrs. Mary I. Wood.

New Mexico, Mrs. A. B. Stroup.
 New York, Mrs. F. Louis Slade.
 North Dakota, Mrs. Robert Clendenning.

Ohio, Miss Rose Moriarty.
 Pennsylvania, Mrs. John O. Miller.
 Michigan, Mrs. Myron B. Vorce.

GOVERNOR ASKS FOR PROOFS OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY

Colonel Isaac M. Ullman has made public the letter received from Governor Holcomb, March 31, in reply to the request for a special session made by a group of prominent Republicans at the time of presentation to the Governor of the resolution passed by the State Convention. This reply was sent out in spite of the statement of Executive Secretary, John Buckley that no formal reply would be given.

Governor Holcomb's letter together with Colonel Ullman's reply is given here:

March 31, 1920

"Dear Colonel Ullman:

I have given consideration to the petitions and arguments presented at the meeting on Tuesday and to the urgent appeal that I call a special session because, it is alleged, the vote of Connecticut is necessary to complete the number of states necessary to adopt the Federal Suffrage Amendment and enable the women of this state to vote this year, and that this creates the special emergency which authorizes and should compel the governor to convene the General Assembly in special session.

I do not agree with this claim. A special emergency cannot be manufactured by insistent and persistent appeals, otherwise, in these temperamental times, the General Assembly would be in continuous session.

One of the provisions of our Constitution is intended to prevent hasty action. The Federal Suffrage Amendment will be before the next session of our General Assembly and I find no justification for convening a special session to act upon it.

Respectfully yours,
 (Signed) M. H. HOLCOMB."

Colonel Ullman's letter follows:

April 9, 1920.

"Hon. Marcus H. Holcomb,
 Hartford, Conn.

My dear Governor Holcomb:

I have received your letter of March 31st, in which you decline to comply with the request contained in the Resolution passed by the recent Republican State Convention that you summon a special session of the Legislature to act upon the ratification of the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

Using the power vested in you, you have decided that no special emergency exists for the consideration of the Amendment. You courteously make clear in your letter that your refusal is based on this ground.

I feel, however, that your mind will always remain open to conviction on this, or any other disputed matter. I

have hopes that the proofs of such an emergency will yet be presented to you in convincing force, as perhaps they have not yet been so presented.

Twice as Governor you have decided that such an emergency existed and have called a special session. Both of these emergencies were of exactly the same kind as the one now presented to you; both involved the right to vote. But while of the same kind, neither of these prior cases, nor both of them together, approached the present one in magnitude. The first one concerned the votes of about two thousand soldiers on the Mexican border; the second about fifty to seventy-five thousand serving in the great war.

The present emergency affects the voting rights of over two hundred and fifty thousand women of Connecticut, and, very possibly, of over ten million in the United States. Our women in this war have fought level with our soldiers. They sent their men to fight, and backed them with laboring hands and brave hearts. They served their country doubly in its need.

Their service has been accomplished, their men returned, or are never to return. The movement of events now places the momentous issue of their political rights upon the Governor and Legislature of Connecticut. I believe that the members of the Republican State Convention considered this a supreme State and National emergency.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) ISAAC M. ULLMAN."

In the reply which Governor Holcomb sent to this letter, he said in part:

"Yours of the 9th is received, in which you say that you have hopes that proofs will yet be presented to me which will convince me that an emergency exists regarding the calling of a special session. I am ready to receive the proofs."

The Republican Ratification Committee has already announced its determination to present such proofs as the Governor expresses himself willing to receive.

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, President of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, had a large share in the distinction of making Kentucky an enviable exception to the rest of the Solid South in the matter of suffrage. For several years Mrs. Breckinridge was second Vice-President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and has held many positions of responsibility in her own state.

Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, honorary president of the Missouri League of Women Voters, is also chairman of its committee on Social Hygiene. Mrs. Miller at one time held the position of Chairman of the Public Health Department of Missouri. She is a national figure in the work for suffrage.

Resolutions of congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Townshend, of New Haven upon the birth of their son, Henry Hotchkiss Townshend, Jr., were passed at the April meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association, held at the home of Miss Emily Whitney in New Haven, Wednesday, April 14. Mrs. Townshend was formerly chairman of New Haven County.