

STRONG APPEAL BY RAYMOND FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Maui Ranchman Writes "Open Letter" To Representatives That Should Make Them Think Again Before They Vote

WOMAN'S VOTE FEARED BY EVIL

American Respect For Woman Should Prompt Giving Ballot in Full Confidence It Will Be Used in Making Community Better

"An open letter to those members of the Territorial House of Representatives who are opposed to woman suffrage," is the title of one of the strongest arguments yet made for giving the women of Hawaii the vote at the earliest possible moment. It is written by Dr. J. H. Raymond under date of March 15, and is worth reading by everyone. It is as follows:

"It is not my purpose merely to protest against your not keeping your promise to the voters, and forthwith make good on the pledge of both political platforms by voting our sisters the right of equal suffrage; nor do I seek to gain political prestige by advocating woman suffrage at this time. I want to state a few facts, and ask that you do your duty, as every citizen has the right to ask and expect of you; and do it now."

False And Base

"You are American citizens, free to act in an independent, honorable, upright manner, if you so desire. If you do not give the women of this Territory the right to vote now, because you are influenced by your employers, or those whom you know to be actuated by selfish political motives, or because you have fears of upsetting any political machine now in power, you are not true to your oath of office; you are not conscientious, or you are incapable of understanding the responsibilities of the office you hold. You are unworthy to be the son of a good and noble mother; the brother of a pure sister; the husband of an honorable wife; the father of an ambitious daughter. You are un-American, and morally wrong in holding the position of legislators, and are false to the voters who put you in so responsible a post—the honest, earnest citizens of Hawaii, upon whom the burden of good government rests."

"If you are students of history you will know that for centuries women have been crushed in foreign countries; they have been hatched to the plow by the very side of boats of burden; have been forced to toil in the fields and factories to a degree beyond the limit of human endurance. And all this from the very beginning of civilization up to the present moment in some of the European countries. And why? For the reason that she is of the physically weaker sex, gentler and purer in mind."

"You have read of the chivalry of the past, but to Americans must be given the palm for the treatment of women. From the time of the landing of the Pilgrims, woman has been the guiding spirit and divine inspiration of America's foremost men, in all the great trials, tribulations and issues which they had to face."

"Time and space will not permit me to recall the many instances where American womanhood has scored for America, from the hour of her arrival at Plymouth Rock, side by side with husband, father and brother, in fights with Indians at the threshold of her home in past centuries, to the late battlefields of Europe in this one under the banner of the Red Cross."

Good Reason For Demand

"Today she votes in many States of the great Union: New York, Illinois and California, the great pivotal states; and though she did not vote in those States until quite recently, it was not altogether because American men thought less of her than now, but because she, in her God-gifted modesty and gentleness of nature, did not press for it until social and political conditions forced it upon her. The dive, the hotel, the sweatshops, the slums, the underpaid shop girls and others forced into prostitution for a living, the gilded palaces of vice, with the misery and crime following in their wake, were the inciting causes, the same which awakened the spirit of Susan B. Anthony and other noble women in the interests of humanity. They arose in righteous indignation, and through arduous work succeeded in marshalling a great uplifting force, correcting, purifying and ennobling mankind to the very highest degree we have yet reached. And today we find our country the strongest, greatest and most potent nation for good in all the world."

Women Moral Superiors

"I challenge you gentlemen of the legislature, of Hawaii, to show a single good and valid reason why your mothers, sisters and sweethearts should not enjoy the same degree of social and political freedom that you do. Surely you must admit, in these days of universal education, that they are your equal in intelligence, and your superior morally and spiritually."

"If you are men worthy of the franchise which American men voted you, and lay claim to the proud title of American citizen, you will lay aside your cheap political camouflage, which is not only malodorous and disgusting in the face of the facts, but degrading, and at once vote for our women the right to live on equal terms politically with you as well as socially. There will be ample time for them to register and receive instructions in the May primary elections."

"If you are not thrilled and inspired by the martyrdom of Edith Cavell,

If you do not know the circumstances of her death, learn them at once, and you, as men, honoring your wives, sisters and daughters, will forever cherish her memory, and find solace and spiritual inspiration in the great part she and other women played in the greatest of all wars. They suffered to succor our brothers and sons in the hospitals and on the battlefields. What better testimonial of your appreciation can you now offer? If you turn them down now, you cannot deny that you are unjust. You would subordinate noble womanhood to brute force. If you are the type of men who, in looking at your hands must confess to future generations that you are wife-beaters, you many hesitate to cast your vote for the gentler sex. But, if you are true to the traditions of American manhood, with good red blood in your veins, believing in America and her great institutions, the rights of women in Hawaii; for woman is the greatest instrument God put upon the earth for its salvation. Hawaii needs her as much in the future as in the past, indeed more. There is a great work to be done, which can only be accomplished by the ennobling influence of women. There are many evils to correct in our body politic which, unfortunately, men fear to tackle. Women will, by their vote, correct these evils. They will vote fearlessly and conscientiously; they will select the best for public office; and any man who would shun the light of investigation of his political motives or his service as a law maker—much less the light in woman's eyes—is a poor stick of a man."

Australians Now Appreciate The American Soldier

SYDNEY, Australia, January 15—(Associated Press Correspondence)—Australians have learned to appreciate the value of the American soldier in the World War, according to the late Lieutenant Cecil Healy, of the Australian Expeditionary Force, an international swimming champion, killed last summer in France. Lieutenant Healy, who was one of the best swimmers in the world over the long and middle distance courses, compelled at the Olympic games in Stockholm, in a letter to a friend here he said: "Until America managed herself definitely on our side, I entertained strong misgivings as to what the ultimate issue would be, but when the United States declared war, the Teutons' chances of obtaining world domination vanished forever in my estimation. I at once ventured to prophesy amongst my coterie of friends that it would be Yankee brains, Yankee wealth and resources alone that would enable us to stave off defeat."

"To any group of soldiers that I happened to come upon in our camp that were discussing the Yankees, I told that I had made one of a bunch of athletes who left Australia to compete against Americans at the Olympic Games. We were convinced, I assured them, that the Yanks were all talk as was supposed. But I explained that after we had had an opportunity of seeing for ourselves what they could do in the way of organization, and had seen evidence of their shrewd and businesslike systems, and observed the fact that they were equipped with everything that brains could suggest and money buy; and moreover, had met them as man to man (in most instances receiving a sound trouncing at their hands) we began to regard them highly."

"Ultimately we returned to Australia with the firm impression that the Yank was about as worthy and adversary as would be met with in any hemisphere." Lieutenant Healy was killed in the Australians' capture of Mont St. Quentin.

PROVIDES FUND FOR SAFETY DEVICE FOR AVIATORS

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 8—(Associated Press)—A mother, lost her son in the war as a result of an airplane accident, has provided for a fund to be given as a prize to the inventor of a parachute to be used for escape from falling planes. Mrs. Louis Bennett, of Western, W. Va., is the donor of the fund, which has been accepted by the Aero Club of America, which has named a committee to organize the competition.

Lieutenant Louis Bennett, the son lost his life while flying for the British air service.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 3—(Associated Press)—R. H. Siddoway, state fish and game commissioner, has prepared measures for presentation to the present Utah legislature asking that five extensive game preserves be named and set aside as such in this state. Commissioner Siddoway's plans provide for the establishment of wild game preserves in the Cache National forest; the Strawberry watershed; Fish Lake, National forest; Dixie National Forest; and the Ophir range.

Cache National Forest is a haunt of deer, elk and grouse, according to Mr. Siddoway, who also intends to ask the legislature for a number of changes in the existing game laws.

NENANA, Alaska, Jan. 8—(By Mail)—(Associated Press)—Steel laying on the government railroad from Anchorage today reached Nenana River Crossing. Piling for a bridge 792 feet long at the Crossing has been driven, and within a week it is expected the bridge will be completed enough to permit steel-laying.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 2—(Associated Press)—Fred Foelsch, a member of the Washington University football eleven of 1917, and a pitcher of considerable promise, will receive a tryout with the St. Louis Nationals this spring. Foelsch played semi-professional ball last season.

Latest News By Wireless

KOREA ASKS RELIEF FROM JAPS

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 17—The Korean National Association has requested Wilson to initiate action at peace conference towards the independence of Korea with that country guided by mandatory power until the league of nations decided it was ready for full government. Copy of the request published here by Dr. Syngman Rhee, of Honolulu. The associated Hahu associations authorized delegates in United States send another letter addressed to the peace conference which asks that Korea be freed from Japanese domination and given full freedom eventually. Both requests assert that Japan established protectorate in direct violation of treaties with the country and have since misruled, resources exploited for benefit of Japanese only, literature suppressed, and religion supervised. It is charged that Japanese have arrested over 1000 Koreans connected with movement and inflicted inhuman punishment upon them.

DISORDERS IN SEVERAL KOREAN CITIES

(By The Associated Press)

SHANGHAI, March 17—Thirty killed and forty wounded at Sungshon, Kora, on March the 4th, according to Japanese papers. Seoul reports disorders at Suheung village where four gendarmes fired upon mob until ammunition was exhausted, killing 51. Gendarmes eventually were killed. Twenty rioters were killed at Yangdok and 8 killed and 40 wounded at Anju. Activity of girls and students emphasized.

KOREA TRYING TO SHAKE OFF JAPAN

(By The Associated Press)

PEKING, March 14—Leaders of the Korean independence movement have arrived. They declared the movement is national with 3,000,000 adherents. They do not countenance force but will rely upon the generosity of western powers.

HONOLULU, March 14—Local Koreans got a cable from Shanghai saying that 5000 Koreans had been arrested and 500 killed.

A Nippon Jiji Tokio cable says the uprising had spread to all parts of Korea against foreign missionaries in cities, the younger people, students, and Japanese. The police forces have quelled the disturbances.

LATE REPORTS SHOW AMERICANS WERE NOT AT FAULT

(By The Associated Press)

PEKING, (Delayed) March 14—While earlier reports from Tientsin suggested that American marines were responsible for disorders. Later reports show that Japanese were also at fault. It is claimed that Japanese military guards entered the French concession and seized two Americans, giving negative answers to American official who inquired whether Americans had been detained. Later the official found two Americans at police station, one who was almost nude in the yard and calling for water. Japanese were induced to send the injured man to hospital and the American consul refused to leave until the other man was released. This was at last granted. Consul was stoned by Japanese while driving away it is reported. Situation is tense.

PLANES READY FOR CROSS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, March 15—Rear-Admiral Taylor announced that the navy is ready to attempt an airplane flight across the Atlantic within a month. The navy has 4 flying boats almost completed, all of which may start and make stop in mid-ocean for fuel from airship mother-ship.

ENGLAND PUTS TAX ON FOOD

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, March 15—The Nation says the British government has decided to tax food, giving preference to those articles on which duties are now paid, provided they product of British possessions. This implies there will be taxation of foreign sugar, coffee, cocoa and dried fruits.

CLEMENCEAU'S ASSAILANT MUST DIE

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, March 15—It took less than 6 hours to try Cottin. After the sentence was read, he said, "I am glad to die for the cause of the proletariat."

NINE LOST WHEN TRANSPORT STRIKES MINE

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, March 15—Nine sailors are reported drowned in the sinking of the American naval transport Yselhaven, which struck a mine. Thirty-five survivors have been landed at Hartlepool.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO BE PART OF PEACE

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, March 15—President Wilson has cabled Secretary Tumulty that—"The plenary council has decided that the league of nations is to be a part of the peace treaty."

SUGGEST PLAN TO PUNISH WAR LORDS

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, March 15—The sub-committee of the commission to investigate the responsibility for the war, has reported that strictly and technically criminal prosecution of those who brought on the war is "anomalous and unnecessary." In an official communique the report added that features—"might adopt special measures, even the creating of machinery to deal with those who planned the war."

DANIELS OFF TO EUROPE

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 14—Secretary Daniels leaves on Saturday for Europe.

BACKS UP WILSON'S PLANS

(By The Associated Press)

BERNE, March 14—The international conference of the league of nations society, has closed its sessions after adopting a resolution of thanks to President Wilson, with the hope that his 14 peace points and league of nations project may win.

LITHUANIANS DRIVING BACK BOLSHEVIKI

(By The Associated Press)

STOCKHOLM, March 18—Fighting has been resumed against the Bolsheviks on the entire Lithuanian frontier. The Bolsheviks were defeated at Soda and Pagiria, according to Lithuanian advices, which say—"Southeast of Vilna we are advancing and forcing the enemy to retreat on its whole front."

BERLIN REPORTS POLES VIOLATE ARMISTICE

(By The Associated Press)

BERLIN, March 17—Dispatches to Berlin newspapers allege that Poles are preparing for an advance against the Germans and have notified the German outposts that the armistice is no longer effective. The Poles are charged with 84 violations of the armistice. Lemberg is reported burning because of Ukrainian bombardments.

CHINA ALARMED OVER SOVIET MOVEMENT

(By The Associated Press)

PEKING, March 17—Chinese government is alarmed by reports from Petrograd that Chinese working men's organization formed with 60,000 members to carry revolutionary propaganda and establish Soviets in China.

North Dakota To Go Into Banking On Large Scale

BISMARCK, N. D., March 8—(Associated Press)—The laws permitting the state of North Dakota to go into business under the industrial program of the National Nonpartisan League went into effect when Governor Frazier recently signed the bills. Banking, home building and flour milling are among the projects covered in the ten constitutional amendments adopted at the last general election.

The parent bill creates a state industrial commission composed of the governor, commissioner of agriculture and the attorney general, who are given blanket authority in establishing necessary state departments. The commission is given authority for the operation of a system of banking under the name of the Bank of North Dakota.

The banking measure provides for issuance of \$2,000,000 in bonds to furnish capital. The system will start "whenever the sum of \$2,000,000 issued by the state as provided by law" has been delivered to the commission. The bank will become the depository of all public funds of the state, counties, cities and school districts. General banking business is authorized, and in addition the Central state bank will become the depository of the reserve funds of several hundred private banks chartered by the state. These reserves are now held in St. Paul, Minneapolis and Chicago. The state bank will have charge of the issuance of state bonds to finance industrial enterprises and will act as a rural credit bank for promotion of agriculture.

The industrial commission bill and the banking act have passed both houses by two-thirds majorities, which permits the inclusion of an emergency clause putting them into immediate effect. The other bills are expected to pass soon with the emergency clauses.

The other League program bills provide for the creation of terminal elevators and flour mills, and extend state credit to all citizens desiring to erect homes.

The milling measure authorizes the establishment of a system of warehouses, elevators, flour mills and factories with which the state will engage in manufacture and marketing of farm products. The milling association will be capitalized at \$5,000,000, part of the money to be obtained through certain funds in the state treasury and part through the sale of state bonds.

The Home Building Association of North Dakota, authorized under the home building measure, will purchase or build homes or farms for citizens on receipt of twenty percent payment. The remainder may be paid on an amortization plan in from ten to twenty years. A house costing \$5,000 can be purchased in twenty years on monthly payments of \$26, according to League members. They say the act will bring rapid settlement of the state's idle lands.

State-owned coal mines and packing plants, also a part of the League program, were not expected to be

authorized at the present session. One bill expected to be acted upon imposes a one-half mill tax to create a fund for returned soldiers who would be entitled to \$25 for each month in service. The money would be placed in the home buildings association fund or be deposited for the soldier's education.

Strange Tale Is Told Of A Ghost Ship In War Zone

LONDON, March 8—(Associated Press)—Among the war stories that British naval men feel free to tell now is one about a "ghost ship" whose mystery has never been solved. In 1917, a convoy of twelve ships left a British port. At dawn on the day after sailing the escort commander discovered thirteen ships under his charge. While the identity of the extra ships was being discussed, the convoy was suddenly attacked by German light cruisers and most of the escort and rine of the merchantmen were sunk. The Germans then made off.

Survivors positively assert that there were thirteen ships and that the mysterious vessel disappeared as strangely as she had appeared. They are certain that the ship was not sunk. Official inquiries failed to throw any light on the nature of the craft. It was ascertained that she could not have been a disguised German raider, and her presence was "logged" by the escort commander.

OIL EXPORTED FROM MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 12—(Associated Press)—Petroleum exported from Mexico during 1918 was valued at 140,557,553.20 pesos, according to data furnished by the department of petroleum of the government. Government duties on these exports amounted to 11,120,397.90 pesos. Of the 7,677,277 tons exported, 5,057,556 were crude petroleum and the remainder refined. From Tampico was shipped 5,250,000 tons, from Tuxpan 2,250,000 tons and from Puerto Mexico, 149,554 tons.

VALDEZ, Alaska, Jan. 15—(By Mail)—(Associated Press)—That Valdez holds the record for orderliness among the towns of the same size in the United States, is the belief of Valdez officials. Not one arrest has been made for any cause during the past six months.

CLEVELAND, C., March 2—(Associated Press)—Pitcher Morton is the latest member of the Cleveland Americans to be discharged from the army. Morton advised Manager Lee Fohl that he would go to New Orleans the spring training camp direct from his home and will be among the first arrivals for the spring workout.

Phone The Undertaker
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