

WOMEN AWAIT ORDER TO FALL IN LINE

Over 5,000 Will Participate in
Pageant, Seeking to Advance
Suffrage Cause.

FLOATS WILL TELL A STORY

Depict Various Phases of Woman's
Fight for the Vote—Capital
Filling Up.

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WASHINGTON, March 2.—Preparations have been completed for to-morrow's pageant of the woman suffragists. The last rehearsal was held this afternoon, and now nothing remains but the order of Mrs. Richard Burleson to "fall in." Everywhere the little yellow "votes for women" flags are in evidence. Thousands were sold on the streets to-day. On many houses yellow bunting is entwined with the red, white, and blue flung out in honor of the inauguration of Wilson. Every railroad train to-day brought women who have come either to see the demonstration or take part in it.

The "manless special" train, carrying 100 Illinois women, in charge of Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, President of the Illinois Woman Suffrage Association, arrived this evening. The porters on the train were women. At the stops the women passengers made speeches and sometimes they poured tea for visitors. A train from the South to-day brought Mrs. Brown of the New Era Club, the four delegates from New Orleans, and delegations from Alabama and other Southern States. Harriet Taylor Upton and the Ohio delegation reached here early to-day. Mabel Gillespie headed a delegation from the Massachusetts Political Union, and Mrs. George Algro led the contingent from Rhode Island. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, President of the National Woman's Suffrage Association; Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, President of the Woman's Political Union; Mrs. James Leeds Laidlaw, Miss Inez Milholland, and about 200 New York women have arrived.

Marchers from Connecticut, Maine, New Jersey, Kansas, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, and Michigan are here.

There was a full-dress rehearsal of the tableaux to-day on the steps of the Treasury. The six principals and the eighty-seven attendants were there, attired in the robes in which they will appear to-morrow. Mrs. Florence Flemming Noyes and Miss Mildred Anderson appeared without their shoes, because they could not perform the graceful figures of their dances in shoes. It was cold, and a cutting wind swept in from the northwest, but the women, not daunted by the weather, went through the tableaux. The two dancers hopped about on the cold stones, going faithfully through the drill. Miss Hedwig Reicher, a German actress, will take the principal part in the pageant, that of Columbia. She will wear a helmet once worn by John McCullough. Sarah Truax will represent Justice and Violet Kimball Charity.

A rehearsal of the parade proper was held in the morning at the Peace Monument, the starting point of the pageant. Mrs. Burleson, the Grand Marshal, her Captains and aids were on hand.

More than \$5,000 was contributed to the suffragist cause at a meeting held in the Columbia Theatre this afternoon. The collection was taken at the end of a very enthusiastic meeting, over which Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch presided. Though an admission fee was charged, the theatre was filled. Girls, said to be among the prettiest in Washington, acted as ushers. Speeches were made by Mrs. Blatch, Miss Milholland, Dr. Shaw, Mrs. Raymond Brown, and Miss Maude Younger of California. Gen. Jones introduced her band of hikers, who occupied the first row of seats.

Mrs. Blatch paid her respects to the anti-suffragists. She said that at present the suffragists were busy, but they might in the near future answer the anti-suffragists' attacks of the last few days. Mrs. Blatch said that any woman who said that she was not for equal rights "was a liar, and she knew it in her heart." Applause followed.

Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the Speaker, and John Barrett, Director of the Pan-American Union, were among those in the boxes. Each contributed \$100 to the war fund. Gifford Pinchot was among those who contributed. Gen. Jones's hikers contributed \$50. Many contributions were made in the names of political leaders. There was applause when some one announced a contribution "in honor of Theodore Roosevelt." By this system of unauthorized proxies, President Taft, President-elect Wilson, William Jennings Bryan, Eugene V. Debs, and others contributed.

A determined-looking woman in the first gallery arose and said that she wished to contribute \$5 of "anti-suffrage money." The audience became quiet, and then Mrs. Blatch leaned over the stand. "I give \$5 from an anti-suffragette, in memory of Florence Nightingale, who did a great work without wanting a vote," said the woman in the gallery. She waved a bank note, and one of the ushers took the bill.

To an outsider it would appear that there has been a change of heart on the part of the officers of the National organization toward Gen. Jones and her hikers. Women of the National organization took the message to Mr. Wilson from Gen. Jones when she almost had reached Washington. Dr. Shaw has said that she was not responsible for the action. "It was all the result of an unfortunate understanding," one woman said, and this is the best explanation that has been made.

It is expected that 5,000 women will march in to-morrow's parade. The floats will tell the story of the struggle of women. Following Grand Marshal Burleson and her aids will come Miss Milholland, the mounted herald. The floats in the first division will illustrate the world-wide movement for woman suffrage. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the International Suffrage Alliance, will head this division.

The floats of the second division will represent woman's seventy-five-year-old struggle for the ballot. Floats in the third division will show women in the field, the home, in patriotic service, in education, in labor and in Government. The latter float shows a woman with her hands tied.

Floats of women in the professions will be represented in the fourth division. Marchers not in uniform will be in the fifth division. In the sixth division will be a float depicting the "Appeal of the States." State delegations and Gen. Jones's hikers will follow. In the line will be twenty-six floats, ten bands, five squadrons of cavalry, and six chariots.

SUFFRAGISTS OFF FOR CAPITAL.

Three Special Cars from New York
Yesterday.

Bedecked with yellow gardenias and the votes for women streamers, some forty women started for Washington yesterday morning when the 11:08 train pulled out

of the Pennsylvania Station. They represented the National Woman Suffrage Association, the Woman's Suffrage Party, and the New York State Association. They had two special cars, and a crowd of the curious saw them off.

The special car of the Women's Political Union left the Pennsylvania Station at 12:30 last night. This party numbered close to seventy-five and the color scheme was entirely different, and sashes of violet, green, and white were much in evidence. On their arrival at the capital this morning they will don their knapsacks and start promptly on the task of hawking The Women's Political World.