

# MANY SUFFRAGISTS COME TO TOWN

They Want an Early Date Set for  
Action on the Stillwell Bill  
Now in Committee

CAME ON A SPECIAL TRAIN  
AND MARCHED TO CAPITOL

Glad to Hear That Senators Cobb and  
Heacock Have Changed Their  
Minds—Dr. Mary Walker Here—  
Antis Will Arrive To-morrow.

Two hundred and more suffragists from New York came here in a special train to-day and marched up State street hill to the capitol. This will be a persuasive day. The leaders plan to convince the stubborn ones who are not convinced that women should be permitted to vote. They also will endeavor to accelerate action on the Stillwell woman suffrage measure in the Senate.

Some of the New Yorkers will remain for the mass meeting to be held in the Assembly chamber to-night and

for the hearing to-morrow afternoon before the Assembly judiciary committee on the Murray bill, which provides for equal suffrage.

Among those in the party were Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Winthrop Burr, Miss Maud Ingersoll, Mrs. Eva Ingersoll Brown, Mrs. Herbert Carpenter, Mrs. Montague Glass, Mrs. Glackens and Miss Annie R. Tinker, the girl who is going to head the suffrage parade in New York next May with 50 horsewomen; Mrs. John Winthrop Brannon, Miss Brannon and Miss Caroline Lexow.

The train made a stop at Poughkeepsie to take on Mrs. John Rogers, jr., and some other women. Mrs. Frederick Hazzard came from Syracuse with a delegation. The march on Albany was organized by the Woman's Political union, of which Mrs. Blatch is leader, and the organizations represented are: Equal Franchise society, the New York State Woman Suffrage association, the Collegiate Equal Suffrage league and the Wage Earners' league. The Woman Suffrage Study club was represented by its president, Mrs. Raymond Brown.

The New York Central does not permit decorations on the outside of its cars, but the interior of this suffrage special was attractively decorated. Flags and bunting were extended from one end of the car to the other and long streamers of purple, white and green adorned the sides. It had been reported that Senator Wagner would be attacked in placards pasted on the car windows, but nothing of the kind was done.

Upon detraining the women formed by twos. Several carried flags, while others wore sashes which were inscribed with "Votes for Women." The delegation was headed by Miss Alberta C. Hill of New York and Miss Gwendolyn Lennon. The only man in the crowd was John Sherman Crosby, who came as a substitute for his wife,

## AT THE CAPITOL.

Mrs. Blatch and the delegation of suffragists from New York took possession of the Senate galleries and listened patiently to the debates on various Senate bills. During the session several of the leaders moved about the Senate lobby and spoke to those legislators who left the Senate chamber.

Mrs. Blatch said the time between March 20, the date set for action on the Stillwell woman suffrage bill in the Senate, and March 29, the date of final adjournment, was too short to secure proper action. The suffragists asked that an earlier date be set for action, but they received little encouragement.

Senators Wagner and Hinman, who the suffragists say are standing between them and favorable action in the Senate, did not leave the Senate chamber during the session and they were not waited upon by the suffragists until adjournment.

Someone remarked that perhaps window breaking might be made a feature of to-day's demonstration in favor of suffrage.

"No," Mrs. Blatch said, "there is no danger of anything like that. The men we have to deal with are gentlemen and are considerate and courteous, which is not the case in England."

## DR. WALKER ON HAND.

The leaders are encouraged by the change of attitude on the part of Senators Cobb and Heacock, who have heretofore opposed the suffrage bill. Many of the senators say they are opposed to woman suffrage, but are willing to let the people vote on the proposition.

Dr. Mary Walker, who is a suffragist, was also at the capitol. She said she was not in sympathy with the campaign as conducted by the women. Dr. Walker said the women

should go to the polls and demand the right to vote. There is nothing in the constitution, so far as she can see, which prevents a woman from voting now if she wants to.

When the Senate took a recess at 1:30 p. m. the Democrats went into caucus, but the Republican members did not escape so easily. Senator Walters of Onondaga was surrounded by a score or more of suffragists, who asked him why he could not vote for the bill the women have worked so hard for.

"I should think you would dread to take such a great responsibility," one of the suffragists said.

"I take equal responsibility on every vote I cast, and must be prepared to take the consequences," Senator Walters replied.

Miss Harriet May Mills will preside at a mass meeting this evening. Among the speakers will be Gilbert Roe, John S. Crosby, Mrs. Raymond Brown and Mrs. Helen Hoy-Greeley.

The suffragists will have a fine array of speakers at the hearing to-morrow.

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