

# WOMEN ASK VOTES AT LIBERTY'S FEET

Read an Appeal at the Base  
of Bartholdi Statue on  
Bedloe's Island.

## PARADE ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE

Suffragists Hold Street Meetings  
on March to Columbus Circle  
to Advocate Their Cause.

The suffragists of the city, representing the Empire State Campaign Committee, had the finest procession yesterday of all their parades, in celebration of the Fourth of July, and in connection with the reading of the women's "Appeal for Liberty."

The celebration began when the yacht Tourist, nearly hidden under suffrage banners, carried the officers of the five organizations, composing the Empire State Campaign Committee, to Bedloe's Island at six o'clock yesterday afternoon to hear the appeal read at the foot of the big Statue of Liberty. The sun came out brilliantly as the closing words of the appeal were sounded, and a band struck up the Star-Spangled Banner.

"What says the Goddess?" called Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, looking up at the mammoth Bartholdi figure, and almost before she could utter the words a voice from the statue replied: "Votes to Women." It was a little trick that had been arranged by the Rev. Allan McCurdy high up in the statue.

### Program for Demonstration.

The suffrage demonstration was under the auspices of the five great suffrage organizations of the city forming the Empire State Campaign Committee. These are the New York State Woman Suffrage Party, Mrs. Raymond Brown President; the Collegiate League, Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany President; Woman Suffrage Party, Miss Mary Garrett Hay President; the Equal Franchise Society, Mrs. Howard Mansfield President, and the Men's League, James Lees Laidlaw President. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, is the founder and head of the Empire State Campaign Committee.

The demonstration was arranged by the Press and Publicity Council of the Empire State Campaign Committee, Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse Chairman.

The "Appeal for Liberty" was written by Mrs. Catt and Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, and was signed by the five Presidents of the organizations forming the committee. It was read by Miss Margaret Wycherly dressed as a Goddess of Liberty. After pointing out the political discrimination against women, the appeal, which was addressed "To the men of New York," continued:

We therefore appeal to you, in the name of justice and fair play, for relief from the intolerable position in which we are placed.

We protest that no Government is just which taxes and governs half its people without their consent.

We protest that no Government is efficient which is guilty of so absurd a discrimination as that of putting a vote in the hand of male paupers and denying that privilege to at least a third of its taxpayers; of counting the opinion of illiterate males, and denying that count to the 41,000 women teachers of the State.

We protest that no Government is sound which pretends to secure the highest welfare to its people, yet pays no heed to what half its people want.

We protest that no Government is logical which elevates half its people regardless of qualifications to sovereignty and condemns the other half to political subjection.

Justice gave you the vote. In the name of that same great virtue, we ask you to give it to us!

The appeal was made in the name of the "foremothers," of the women of Colonial days, of the Women of the Revolution, and of the women of today. It was signed by Mrs. Catt, Mrs. Brown, Miss Hay, Mrs. Mansfield, and Mrs. Tiffany, heads of five suffrage organizations.

### City Officials Invited.

A hundred city officials were invited to be present at the ceremony on Bedloe's Island, and Miss Jane Addams, just arrived from Europe, was asked to be the guest of honor. Invitations were also sent to the various yacht clubs of the city asking them to take part in the celebration and send boats decorated with the suffrage colors.

Leaving the island after the reading of the appeal, the suffrage party was carried up the North River to 136th Street, where it disembarked and proceeded to Riverside Drive, just back of Claremont, to attend a mass meeting, at which Mrs. Catt spoke. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung by Miss May Peterson, and Miss Wycherly again read the appeal.

This was the beginning of the demonstrations along Riverside Drive, and they ended late in the evening at Columbus Circle with a meeting and the reading of the appeal. In the procession was the Liberty Float drawn by four white horses, bearing the Goddess of Liberty (Miss Wycherly) and her attendants: Mrs. Crystal Eastmas Benedict, Amy Mali Hicks, Leila Wittler, Miss Callista Edward O'Neill, Miss Elizabeth Frazer, Miss K. Seaman, Mrs. John Williams, Miss Alice Hunt, Mrs. Margaret Owen, Miss Anita Hunt, Miss Agnes Pelton, Miss Janet Scudder, Miss Theodora Bean, and Miss Marjorie Benton Cooke. At the head of each horse marched a woman in white with a palm branch. They were four women sculptors of the city. The posing of the women on the Liberty Chariot was done by Miss Janet Scudder, the sculptor.

Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse as Grand Marshal led the parade, and after her came the standing committee and the officers of the Woman Suffrage Party. Following were the women of the party by Assembly Districts, and then the Liberty Float. Following the chariot were the German, French, Scandinavian, and Bohemian committees of the party. Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, Chairman of Manhattan Borough of the Woman Suffrage Party, was in charge of the arrangement of that contingent. Each marcher carried over her shoulder a lantern and wore a sash and the emblem of her party.

### The Reception Committee.

Marshals assisting Mrs. Whitehouse were: Miss Emily Hooper, Marshal General; Mrs. Frank Stratton, Grand Marshal for the Woman Suffrage Party; Mrs. Alice Burke, Grand Marshal, east of Claremont; Mrs. H. K. Bender, Marshal on West Claremont; Miss Virginia Thorburn, Marshal for the First and Sixteenth Assembly Districts; Miss Fanny Lawson, Marshal for the Seventeenth to Thirty-first Assembly Districts; Mrs. E. C. Cohen, for the Seventeenth Assembly District; Miss Hermie Trost, Assistant Marshal for the German committee; Mrs. William R. Shepherd, Grand Marshal for the German committee; Miss Lavinia Dock, General Marshal for the Southern districts. Mrs. Leonora Hanna carried the party banner.

Receiving the guests on the boat bound for Bedloe's Island were representatives of the different organizations forming the Empire State Campaign Committee and the members of the Publicity Council, Mrs. Catt and the different presidents. Mrs. Raymond Brown, President of the New York State Woman Suffrage Party, was assisted by Mrs. Robert Adamson, Mrs. Jessie H. Childs, Miss Hopewell and Miss Marion May. Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, President of the Collegiate League, was aided by Miss Eleanor Byrns, Mrs. Charles Darnton, Mrs. Alice Duer Miller and Mrs. Anne O'Hagan Shinn. Miss Mary Garrett Hay, Chairman of the Woman Suffrage Party, was assisted by Mrs. Richard Aldrich, Mrs. H. Edward Dreier, Mrs. Theodore Rousseau and Mrs. Martha Wentworth Suffren. Mrs. John Blair acted for Mrs. Howard Mansfield, President of the Equal Franchise Society, with Mrs. William Bourke Cockran, Mrs. John O'Hara Cosgrave, Miss Caroline Duer and Mrs. Joseph S. Stevens. The Men's League for Woman Suffrage had with its President, James

Lees Laidlaw, William Harman Black, George Creel, Gilbert E. Roe and Charles E. Strong. Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse had with her Miss Katherine Dreier, Miss Ida Proper, Mrs. Ogden Mills Reid and Miss Rose Young.

The appeal was read five times during the march down Riverside Drive, at 104th Street, at Seventy-sixth Street and finally at Columbus Circle. Among the speakers at the different places were Mrs. Laidlaw, Miss Alice Carpenter, Mrs. Frances Brewer, Ferdinand Pecora and George Creel.

### Controller Prendergast Speaks.

The little plaza at the north end of the Claremont was well filled with figures in white, each carrying a lantern, when the officers from the boat landed at the dock at the foot of 136th Street. The procession was to have started at 8:30 P. M., but the big float with the goddesses to carry the Appeal was late.

At 104th Street Controller Prendergast spoke, and made a strong appeal to the voters, speaking to them as "man to man," saying that the women were appealing not only to their patriotism, but to their chivalry, in asking them to vote "Yes" for the women's cause in November. Miss May Peterson, an American flag draped about her, sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." Borough President Marks, riding by in a crowded automobile, stood up and waved his hat enthusiastically.

No attempt was made for numbers in the parade. Only members of the Woman Suffrage Party were supposed to take part, though others joined, and there were a number of men who marched with the women. A military band of twenty pieces played. There were eighty police to see that the women were not molested, but they received only the warmest welcome.

Mrs. Alice Burke and her yellow suffrage automobile were in the parade. Miss Marion May rode through the greater part of the parade standing on the running board of Mrs. Burke's car.