

SUFFRAGE DAY IN WASHINGTON

Two Hundred Thousand People See Great Parade and Tableaux.

**MRS. TAFT AND FRIENDS
IN PRESIDENTIAL BOX**

Descendant of George Washington, Six Years Old, Youngest in Line.

PARADE STARTS AT 3:15

Formation at Peace Monument to Signify Peaceful Methods in America.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

Washington, March 3.—Through the streets of a city thronged by a crowd of perhaps 200,000 visitors, the preliminary or advance guard of the national capital's inauguration week influx—the big and unique parade of the suffragettes—is taking place today, with practically all the famous leaders of the suffragette movement in the United States and many representing foreign countries participating. Approximately 5,000 women, with a sprinkling of men, have assembled for the parade and pageant which will pass up Pennsylvania avenue this afternoon from the Capitol to the White House. Taking advantage of the unprecedented crowds in Washington for the presidential inauguration, the would-be women voters have reached the climax of the movement that was started several months ago to bring about a performance in Washington such as is calculated to impress the people of the nation and the members of Congress with their sincerity of purpose in demanding the ballot.

All along the line of march the national colors and the green and white of the inauguration, which envelopes practically every building, are temporarily pushed into background by streamers and pennants of yellow and purple, the official colors of the suffragettes.

The streets are thronged with thousands of men, women and children, a large number of whom are wearing or carrying Votes for Women emblems. All along the line seats have been sold on the inaugural stands for this occasion, and at the south entrance to the Treasury Department, where a series of allegorical, historical and patriotic tableaux will be executed, the reviewing or grandstand, seating several thousand persons, has been entirely sold out, and many officials of the government and of the various states, including senators and representatives, will occupy them.

In the Presidential Box.

In the forefront, in a box provided for the President and his family, are being seated Mrs. Taft and a party of friends. The President declined an invitation to be present because of the pressure of executive business in the closing hours of Congress. In an adjoining box are being seated Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt,

men, who came in on two special trains. They are headed by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association; Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, president of the Women's Political Union; Mrs. James Leeds Laidlaw, Miss Inez Milholland and other prominent workers in the cause. Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton is at the head of a delegation which came in on a special train; Miss Mable Gillespie heads a delegation from the Massachusetts Political Union, and Mrs. George Algro is at the head of a contingent from Rhode Island. Large delegations are also present from Connecticut, Maine, Illinois, New Jersey, Michigan, Kansas, California, Nebraska and Missouri.

Prominent figures in the parade are Mrs. and Miss Clark, wife and daughter of the Speaker of the House of Representatives; Nellie Bly, the newspaper writer, who eclipsed the imagination of Jules Verne in her record-breaking trip around the world, and the "pure food baby," son of Dr. Harvey Wiley.

Descendant of Washington.

The youngest female in the pageant is Evelyn Yturri Coburn, a great-great-great grandniece of George Washington. She is six years old and represents the Lone Star in the Texas float.

With Mrs. Burleson, an attractive young woman and the wife of Lieutenant Burleson, a regular army officer stationed at Fort Myer, Va., as the grand marshal, the parade is headed by a troop of prominent young society women, brought from various sections of the country. Behind them are several thousand marchers, and the column is ended by still other suffrage leaders.

Aside from the great parade itself, the feature which is calculated to be most impressive for engaging public attention to the cause, is a series of tableaux on the broad landing at the entrance to the Treasury department. In this 100 women participate, the leaders representing noted figures, and giving classical dances, some of the dancers undertaking their work in bare feet in order to make certain a graceful execution.

Passing the Treasury Department the parade will continue on around the south front of the White House and to the Memorial continental Hall, the national home of the Daughters of the American revolution, on Seventeenth street. There will be held a large mass-meeting, with leaders of the parade as speakers. It is calculated that only a small portion of the enthusiasts can be accommodated in this hall, so a score or so of overflow meetings will be held at different points down town while the crowds are still in the streets.

In One Congested Mass.

Early in the morning the visitors in the city thronged Pennsylvania avenue and by noon the thoroughfare was a congested mass of humanity crowding to the ropes which held them back from the main highway. Owing to the crowds throughout the city and preparations for having the inaugural parade tomorrow, the police force appeared to be inadequate to cope with the situation and keep the eager mass back from the line of march, so anxious is everybody to get a glimpse as closely as possible of the women in the parade, particularly of General Rosalie Jones and her doughty band of 13 pilgrims who marched all the way from New York as advance agents of the show.

Although the march does not begin until 3:15 o'clock the troopers already are assembling in the various approaches to the Capitol building in the shadow of the dome for the formation in columns to begin the parade from Peace Monument at the

seated Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the International Women Suffrage Association, with a number of advocates of the cause, who are acting as the official reviewing party. Mrs. Catt will lead a division in the march through Pennsylvania avenue to this point.

Conspicuous in the procession is the New York delegation of some 312 wo-

men in columns to begin the parade from Peace Monument at the foot of the West Capitol steps. This monument, it was explained, was chosen as significant of the motto of the suffragettes to obtain their rights of suffrage in this country by peaceful demonstrations.

Tableaux at Treasury.

Simultaneously with the starting of the procession, the tableaux on the Treasury Plaza will begin. It will reach a climax as the head of the procession appears there and will continue until the last marcher shall have passed. The principal character in the tableaux is Columbia, represented by Hedwig Relcher, the German actress. Madame Nordica had been widely advertised in this part, but the change in program was announced at the last moment. Sarah Truax will impersonate Justice; Violet Kimball, Charity; Florence Fleming Noyes, Liberty; Eleanor Lawson, Peace; Mildred Anderson, Hope.

Despite the sudden change in the weather, which greatly lowered the temperature, Mrs. Noyes and Miss Anderson announced a determination to perform their parts barefooted, saying that they could not execute their graceful classical movements if attired in footwear, no matter how light. Miss Relcher will wear a