

HARD LICKS FOR POLICE

Sylvester And Force Charged With Mismanagement.

SENATORS TO SUFFRAGISTS' AID

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Washington, March 9.—Several hundred men and women gathered here this afternoon in a massmeeting of protest against the disturbance of the suffrage parade on Pennsylvania avenue last Monday and the conduct of the police along the line of march.

Major Richard Sylvester, superintendent of police, and his force were criticised for "mismanagement and incompetence," and those who interfered with the procession were called "brutal loafers."

The speakers were Senators Clapp, of Minnesota; Shafroth and Thomas, of Colorado, and Works, of California; Louis D. Brandeis, "Corporal" James Tanner and Charles Edward Russell.

The greater part of the day's speech-making was devoted to arguments in favor of suffrage for women; and the references to last Monday's trouble were largely incidental. Senator Clapp assured the audience that woman suffrage throughout the country was a matter of but a few years.

"Last Monday's spectacle," he said, "was a sad one. It is a sad thought that pure womanhood cannot march along the streets of the capital of a free nation without insult. The fact that brutal, depraved manhood could come to insult American women is evidence of the straits to which the evil political system in this country has come in its fight against progress. I believe last Monday's episode will bring the country to the realization that you cannot league yourself with wrong against progress and escape the responsibility for the acts of the substratum of supporters of wrong."

Senator Thomas told the audience that the disorder of Monday marked a new point of progress in the suffrage campaign.

"The movement," he said, "has passed through the stages of ridicule and argument and has now reached the point where its opponents resort to physical opposition. From this point it is but a short distance to victory, and the incident of last Monday will soon be forgotten in the blaze of glory that will attend the final extension of suffrage to women in every State in the Union."

The audience received the suffrage arguments of the speakers with enthusiasm and a number of telegrams from suffrage leaders all over the country protesting against Monday's disorder were cheered.