

WIKERS GET OVATION AT THEIR GOAL

**Tired Suffrage Army Almost
Mobbed By Cheering
Throngs.**

**"GEN." JONES REFUSES
TO USE BACK STREET**

**Defies Miss Paul, Who Ordered
Pilgrims Not To Traverse
Main Thoroughfares.**

Washington, Feb. 28.—One of the most remarkable demonstrations Washington has seen in years and the most enthusiastic ovation the pilgrim army of suffragists has received on its journey from New York was accorded them today by a host of citizens and visitors. Tens of thousands of persons lined the route of parade, and the suffrage colors of yellow and black were predominant everywhere.

"General" Jones, in spite of orders from suffrage headquarters to enter the city by the back streets, boldly took to the main thoroughfares.

Miss Paul, who had been bearer of the disagreeable orders last night, met "General" Jones at Tenth and Maryland avenue and wanted to know why the order to enter Washington through the back streets had been disregarded. The meeting was not cordial and the "General" sent Miss Paul away without giving a satisfactory reply.

Tribute To Pilgrims.

The reception was in the nature of a direct honor to the hikers themselves and a tribute to their courage and stamina in finishing a task under the adverse conditions which beset the marchers. The little army of 14 regulars held the honor position in the parade, and it was to them the cheering throng lifted its voice of acclaim and encouragement.

"Gen." Rosalie Jones headed the hikers, and was flanked by Bugler Ward and Colonel Lemon. Following were the faithful army stretched across the street in a parallel line, their hiking sticks interlaced in their hands and their faces smiling and happy. They had not the appearance of a pick and span brigade, for their garb gave mute testimony to the hardships they had endured. That they were known individually was apparent, and the name of each member was caught up by the thousands of throats and the cry of "Votes for women!" helped to swell the tumult.

A Presidential inauguration could hardly have presented a more enthusiastic spectacle than Pennsylvania avenue from the Capitol to the Treasury Building after the plucky, disheveled band of suffrage pilgrims swung wearily around the Peace Monument for the final march of their 250 mile walk for the cause of equal franchise.

Incoming Presidents have not received more clamorous applause than did the company of brown-clad women, huddled in a little group forced to fight their way through veritable walls of shouting humanity for more than a mile of their historic "hike."

Police Powerless.

Police were powerless to restrain the crowds which overflowed from the sidewalks and choked the long thoroughfare from the Capitol to the suffrage headquarters. So dense was the mob of cheering men and women, that the march up Pennsylvania avenue resolved itself into a struggle to make progress.

To prevent disruption of their column in the demonstration "General" Rosalie Jones and her tired comrades locked arms and in two lines cling together, moving only when police could clear the way for a short distance. In every block they were halted repeatedly, the crowds greeting them everywhere along the line with tempestuous demonstration. Men and women alike braved the horses' hoofs and chugging automobiles of the suffrage army escort, to grasp the hands of the suffrage pilgrims.