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SUFFRAGE PROCLAIMED

AMENDMENT PUT INTO EFFECT

Certificate Arrives From Tennessee; Secretary of State Colby Then Issues Legal Notice

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (United Press). The right of women to the ballot was formally made a part of the constitution of the United States today when Secretary of State Colby proclaimed ratification of the nineteenth

amendment.

Colby announced the proclamation when he arrived at his office today, having signed it shortly before at his home here.

The official certification that Tennessee had become the thirty-sixth state to ratify the amendment was taken to his home early today.

A group of suffrage leaders, who had waited until a late hour last night for the arrival of the Tennessee certification, were hurriedly summoned to the state department and met Colby. They cheered when told the last step to make the amendment operative had been taken.

Among them were: Alice Paul, chairman of the National Woman's party; Mrs. Abby Scott Baker, Miss July Emorty, Baltimore; Dr. Lydia Allen Devibis of Georgia, Miss Mary Moore Forrest, Scituate, Mass.; Mrs. anne Calvert Neely, Vicksburg, Mass.; Mrs. B.C. Kalb, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Cyrus Mead, Dayton, Ohio; Miss Emilie Grace Kay, St. Paul, Minn.; Miss Emma Wold, Portland, Ore.

NO LEGAL FLAWS.

The Tennessee certification was taken to Colby's home by Charles L. Cooke. Master of ceremonies of the state department. Colby and Frederick Nelson, state department solicitor, went over it for possible legal flaws. They found none. It was ???

Suffragists had expected Colby to make the ceremony of proclaiming the amendment a public one and were evidently disappointed. They requested him to go through the ceremony again for their benefit and for moving picture men.

Colby said he would consider going over the ceremony again and went into his office.

HOLD JUBILATION

The women, however, left the state department without waiting for Colby's decision. They held a jubilation at their own headquarters, a short distance away.

Miss Alice Paul declared the suffragists will not relax their vigilance until they are sure no further attempts will be made to take from the women what they have won.

"We are confident the signature of Secretary of State Colby completes the suffrage struggle in this country," she said. "Despite every obstacle our opponents put in our way, women have won the right to equal voice in the affairs of the government.

AVOIDS CONTROVERSY.

Colby said the reason he had not made a public ceremony of the proclamation of the amendment was because of "considerable contention" as to what groups of suffrage workers should participate.

"This secondary aspect of the subject," said the secretary, "has regretfully been the source of considerable contention as to who shall participate in it and who shall not. Inasmuch as I am not interested in the aftermath of any of the frictions or collisions which have long been developed in the long struggle for the ratification of the amendment (illegible) contented myself with the performance in the simplest manner of the duty devolving upon me under the law."

"I congratulate the women of the country upon the successful culmination of their efforts which have been contained in the face of many discouragements and which have now conducted them to achievement of their great object."

CHICAGO, August 26. Request has been made by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Call president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, that every bell and whistle in Chicago be sounded at noon next Saturday in celebration of the ratification of the suffrage amendment.

Mrs. Call has sent similar requests throughout the country.