

# SUFFRAGE PICKETS FREED FROM PRISON

## Twenty-two Hunger Strikers Get Out, but Nine Others Stay in Washington Jail.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 27. — Twenty-two militant suffrage pickets, most of them hunger-strikers, serving terms varying from fifteen days to seven months, were released from the District Jail late this afternoon. No reason for their release was given by the jail authorities other than that it was by the order of Alexander R. Mallowney, the Police Court Judge who sentenced them.

Miss Alice Paul, leader of the pickets, who was serving seven months, was the first to be released. Mrs. Lawrence Lewis of Philadelphia, Miss Lucy Burns of Washington, Miss Kate Heffelfinger of Shamokin, Penn., and Miss Rose Winslow of New York, all of whom had seven-month sentences, were among those released. Miss Paul, who had been on a hunger strike for twenty-two days, was very pale and thin. When she reached suffrage headquarters at Cameron House she said:

"We are put out of jail as we were put into jail, at the whim of the Government. They tried to terrorize and suppress us. They could not, and so freed us. The Administration has found that it dare not imprison American women for asking a share in the democracy for which we are fighting abroad. Our prisoners in Occoquan were released from that institution last Saturday on the court ruling that they were illegally and lawlessly confined. The action of the Judge in commuting our sentence today acknowledges it was unjust, arbitrary, and a gross discrimination made in an attempt to suppress legitimate propoganda, an attempt which failed.

"Twenty-two of us are out, but nine are unjustly imprisoned. Those of us who hunger-struck were freed. The others were not. These, too, must be released before the Government's conscience is clear."

Asked when they would picket again, Miss Paul said:

"We hope that no more demonstrations will be necessary, that the amendment will run steadily on to passage and ratification, without further suffering. But what we do depends on what the Administration does. We have one aim: The immediate passage of the Federal amendment. As for picketing, we are well pleased at what it has accomplished.

Among the pickets released were:

- Miss Agnes Morey, thirty days, Boston.
- Miss Cornelia Whitcomb, thirty days, Worcester, Mass.
- Miss Julia Emory, Baltimore.
- Miss Paula Jacobi, thirty days, New York.
- Miss Lou Daniels, fifteen days, Boston.
- Mrs. L. H. Hornsby, thirty days, New York.
- Miss Catherine Lincoln, thirty days, Philadelphia.
- Miss Elizabeth McShane, thirty days, Philadelphia.
- Mrs. P. B. Johns, thirty days, New York.
- Miss Alice Gram, thirty days, Portland, Ore.
- Miss Betty Gram, thirty days, Portland, Ore.
- Miss Matilda Young, fifteen days, District of Columbia.
- Mrs. Alice Cosu, thirty days, New Orleans.
- Miss Hattie Kruger, thirty days, Buffalo.
- Mrs. Kate Stafford, thirty days, Oklahoma City.
- Miss Belle Shelberg, thirty days, New York.
- Miss Minnie Hennessy, seven months, Hartford, Conn.

The suffrage pickets still in jail include Miss Maude Jamison, seven months, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. C. T. Robertson, thirty days, Salt Lake City; Mrs. R. B. Quay, thirty days, Salt Lake City; Miss Amy Jungling, thirty days, Buffalo; Mrs. George Scott, thirty days, Montclair, N. J.; Miss Dorothy Day, thirty days, New York; Miss Ella Fjeldsen, thirty days, Lawrence, Mass., and Miss Hilda Blumborg, fifteen days, New York.

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