

SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT IS DECLARED FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

SECRETARY COLBY OF STATE DE-
PARTMENT PUTS OFFICIAL AP-
PROVAL ON RATIFICATION

INVITES SUFFRAGE LEADERS

Invitation Sent Out to Leaders in Suffrage Fight to Meet Colby, and to Hear His Statement, Could Not Be Accepted.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The proclamation announcing officially that the Federal suffrage amendment had been ratified was signed today by Secretary of State Colby. The document was signed at 8 o'clock this morning at Colby's home, when the Tennessee governor's certificate was received.

Says Stay by Old Parties

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 26.—The women of the nation now enfranchised by the ratification of the eighteenth amendment should join with the two great parties and should not attempt to form a party of their own. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the national woman suffrage association, declared today in formal statement. Mrs. Catt stopped here enroute from Nashville to New York.

Colby Invites Suffrage Leaders

Washington, Aug. 26.—Secretary Colby later sent word to women's party headquarters that he would see suffrage leaders at his office if they desired. Word was sent back that leaders had already returned to their homes and the invitation could not be accepted.

Secretary Colby had prepared a statement regarding ratification of the suffrage amendment which he intended to read to the national committee of the Woman's party. The women expressed keen disappointment with their inability to arrange a celebration of the ratification, and returned with plans to celebrate independently.

Another Party Arrives

When the invitation was declined, another party appeared at the secretary's office. They were members of the Woman's American Suffrage Association, headed by Mrs. Carry Catt.