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FDR's speech to the graduating class of  
Eastern High School, Washington, D.C.,  
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In the minor subjects to be announced in her final

Miss Pearl Myers was awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution medal as author of the best oration on the revolutionary war at the Washington high school. The award was made by Miss Mary Perry Brown.

The class valedictory was delivered by Miss Dorothea Cook. Other graduates taking part in the program were Misses Dorothy Shaffer, Anna Adel Shudson, Hazel Van Drak and Mary Kinney Allahand.

## WOMAN SUFFRAGE WINS IN LOUISIANA SENATE

Amendment to State Constitution,  
Previously Approved by House,  
Was Indorsed by President.

BATON ROUGE, La., June 11.—The Louisiana senate last night finally adopted an amendment to the constitution granting suffrage to the women of Louisiana, subject to ratification by the voters at the election next fall.

The vote was 23 to 11—one more than the constitutional two-thirds majority. The amendment passed the house June 11 by a vote of 49 to 21—also one more than the necessary majority.

The campaign for adoption of the amendment was featured by a message from President Wilson to members of both houses of the legislature, in which he stated he would not take regarding the settlement of this question as of world-wide significance and as affording a standard by which to judge our present interest in the complete establishment of democracy.

Senators declared that passage of the state amendment presented a test of the federal suffrage amendment pending in the legislative and executive sectors for states' rights.

## DODGE GIVES \$250,000 TO MEDICAL RESEARCH

To Be Used for Prevention and  
Cure of Soldiers' Dis-  
eases and Wounds.

Cleveland H. Dodge of New York has authorized the American Red Cross to devote a portion, not to exceed \$150,000, of his contribution to the second war fund to medical research designed to ascertain methods for prevention and cure of diseases and wounds to which American soldiers and sailors may be exposed.

This became known today through the making public of a letter from Mr. Dodge to the Red Cross war council.

From the fund was made two appropriations, one of \$100,000 and another of \$50,000 were made for medical research. The authorization received from Mr. Dodge will enable the war council to restore these appropriations to the great fund.

## More Pay to Boiler Inspectors.

Salary increases for federal boiler inspectors are authorized in a House bill passed yesterday by the Senate without amendment. It now goes to the President. New salaries are fixed as follows: Chief inspector, \$3,000 annually; assistant inspectors, \$1,000, and district inspectors, \$1,000.

## Candy in Soldiers' Rations Proposed

Proposal to put candy in the rations of the American expeditionary force and of the navy is carried in resolutions introduced yesterday by Representative Hull of New York.