

# Deaths and Funerals

## Mary O'Sullivan Dies in Medford

**MEDFORD, Jan. 18**—Mrs. Mary Kenney O'Sullivan, 79, for 50 years a nationally known labor leader and champion of women's rights, and widow of John F. O'Sullivan, former labor editor of the Globe, died today at her home, 541 Winthrop st., West Medford.

She was born in Hannibal, Mo., in 1863, the daughter of Michael and Mary (Kelly) Kenney, and while still a young girl moved to Chicago, where several years of working 12 hours a day for a weekly salary of \$4 paved the way for a lifetime fight to improve labor conditions of working women.

Shortly after she moved to Chicago, Mrs. O'Sullivan became associated with Jane Addams in the Hull House movement for the betterment of conditions in the city's overcrowded tenement districts. While still in her teens she founded the Jane Clubs for working girls, and was active in putting through the Illinois Legislature laws favorable to working people. She organized the first bookbinders' union of women in Chicago, was the first woman organizer appointed by the American Federation of Labor, and the first woman factory inspector in the United States.

She came to Boston in 1892 as national organizer of the A. F. of L., and in the course of her duties here met and married Mr. O'Sullivan. After his death in an accident she became an inspector in the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries in 1914, holding that position until her retirement in 1934.

She founded the Boston Women's Trade Union League, conducted a camp for working girls at Point Shirley in connection with the Denison House for many years, and spoke for women's suffrage. She was president of the Boston Women's Labor League, vice president of the Boston Women's Trade Union League, and treasurer of the National Women's Trade Union League. In 1926 she was appointed a delegate from the United States to the annual conference to prevent war, which was held in Dublin, Ireland, under auspices of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

She was a frequent speaker on economics and labor problems at Ford Hall Forum. She was also a member of the Women's Industrial League and the Massachusetts League of Women Voters. She wrote a number of articles for the Globe on women's rights, trade unionism and fair labor practices.

Mrs. O'Sullivan leaves a daughter, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Stevens of New York city, and two sons, Capt. Roger J. O'Sullivan of New Orleans and Mortimer K. O'Sullivan of Round Bay, Md.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Raphael's Parish, West Medford, with a solemn high requiem mass.