

ILLITERACY TO BE WIPED OUT

Conference to be Held in Several Days to Discuss Ways and Means.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—Educational campaigns intended to wipe out, if possible, illiteracy in the far west, will be considered here February 3 and 4 at a regional illiteracy conference to be held under the auspices of the National Education Commission of the National Education Association.

Approximately 250 delegates, including several governors and state, city and county school officials, are expected from the eleven western states of Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and Nevada.

Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart of Frankfort, Kentucky, the chairman of the national commission, will preside. Arthur H. Chamberlain, San Francisco, secretary of the commission, is handling local arrangements for the conference.

Three past presidents of the National Educational Association are to speak at the conference. They are: Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford, Denver, former state superintendent of education of Colorado; Mrs. Josephine Corbin Preston, Olympia, Washington, state superintendent of education; and Fred M. Hunter, superintendent of schools of Oakland, California. Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Chamberlain are also to speak.

Other speakers will be Governor William R. Stephens of California; Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor emeritus of Stanford University; and the following state superintendents of education: Katherine L. Craig, Colorado; W. J. Huntington, Nevada; Katherine A. Martin, Wyoming; Elsie Toles, Arizona; John V. Conway, New Mexico; C. N. Jensen, Utah; and Will C. Wood, California.

Others on the program are D. A. Grant, city superintendent of Portland, Oregon; schools; May Turner, superintendent of Helena, Montana; schools; Mrs. Minnie D. Bean, Seattle, president of the Washington State Educational Association.

The steps to be discussed to reduce illiteracy will be part-time education, lecture work and evening classes. Efforts will be made to get action through the schools, women's clubs and fraternal organizations.

More than 250,000 illiterates are in the eleven states covered by the conference, according to figures announced by Mr. Chamberlain. The number in each state, together with their percentage of the state's entire population, follows:

Arizona, 29,131 illiterates or 15.5 per cent of the state's population; California, 95,522, or 3.3 per cent; Idaho, 24,208, or 3.2 per cent; Illinois, 4,224, or 1.5 per cent; Montana, 9,544, or 2.3 per cent; Nevada, 3,802, or 1.3 per cent; New Mexico, 41,337, or 15.6 per cent; Oregon, 9,217, or 1.5 per cent; Utah, 6,264, or 1.9 per cent; Washington, 28,526 or 1.7 per cent; and Wyoming, 3,194, or 2.1 per cent.

DOESN'T LIKE SOVIET JAILS

(By Associated Press.)
KHARKOFF, Feb. 2.—Being a foreign prisoner in the Ukraine is akin to being lost in the Sahara.

The Mustafa Kemal government at Ankara, Turkey, recently negotiated a treaty with the Ukraine under the terms of which there was to be a mutual exchange of prisoners.

A delegation of Turks came to Kharkoff and after paying diplomatic courtesies inquired at the Foreign Office for a list of the Turks who were imprisoned in the Ukraine. But neither that office, the War Office nor the warden of the prison had any list.

"Go in and ask the prisoners," the warden told the Turks.

So the Turkish delegation went slithering through prison corridors calling for all Turks to come forward and rounded up 1500 Turkish subjects who were sent back to the land of Mustafa Kemal.

Most of these Turks were officers and crews of small ships which had entered Ukrainian ports with merchandise. After they had sold their goods they were arrested by Ukrainian officials who confiscated their money and sent the Turks to Kharkoff, the new capital of the Ukrainian republic. The Turks say they were bought merchandise. The Ukrainians say they were smugglers.

(By Associated Press.)
STOCKHOLM, Feb. 2.—Lena, the hair of the women of Sweden entitled to vote exercised their newly won franchise rights at the polls in the elections of 1921, the first year of full suffrage women, according to a report of the Swedish central bureau of statistics just made public. However, the official report of the 1921 elections gives

the suffragist leaders at least two causes for rejoicing.

The men did not show a much better record than the women, and the number of women voters exceeded the male voters in the capital of Stockholm by more than 5,000 voters.

The official report shows that 47.1 per cent of the Swedish women on voters cast their ballots while 41.3 per cent of the men voted. The total women's vote in the city of Stockholm was 76,566, while votes cast by men was 71,198.

The general impression throughout the country seems to be that the Swedish women have not fully realized the importance and significance of their new privilege. It is believed that in the future they will make a better showing at the polls.

The heavy women's vote in Stockholm, which is to a large extent an industrial city, may indicate that the working women, especially women trade union members, grasped the opportunity to register their votes. However, other women cannot be said to have neglected the ballot as a whole.

WANTS TO BUY LOCOMOTIVES

(By Associated Press.)
SOFIA, Feb. 2.—Christo Manoloff, Bulgarian Minister of Railways, is anxious to have American locomotive manufacturers and railroad supply houses look into the possibilities of business in Bulgaria.

He says that one of the greatest present needs in Bulgaria is a plan for the construction and repair of locomotives and freight cars. He has on hand nearly 100 locomotives and several thousand freight cars awaiting repairs and the country had no facilities for this purpose.

"Although our country is going through a period of great financial and economic stress," said Mr. Manoloff, "we are preparing actively for the construction of more than 500 miles of new railroads in which we need foreign technical skill and capital. Americans will have the preference because I think they lead the world in these two requirements."

DISPARITY IN DEATH RATE

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 2.—A surprising disparity in the death rate of babies throughout the world is shown in the latest figures issued by the registrar-general.

During the third quarter of the year just ended, Christiania, the capital of Norway, was the healthiest city reported, the infantile death rate per 1,000 being only 35, while Amsterdam, Holland, had a rate of 42, Stockholm, Sweden, 47, and Copenhagen, Denmark, 48.

Compared with these, London's rate of 93 appears high, but Wigan, an important industrial town in Lancashire, has a rate of 125, and Berlin 146.

No town in Europe has such a record as Bombay, India, where, according to official figures, 630 babies out of every 1,000 die before they reach the age of 12 months.

BULGARIAN DENIES REPORT

(By Associated Press.)
SOFIA, Feb. 2.—Premier Stambouloff denies the reports that Bulgaria awaits the favorable moment to snatch Thrace from Greece. "First of all," he continued, "let me say that we have nothing to do with Greece on the question of Thrace. Under the treaty we ceded Thrace to the great powers, and they promised to give us an outlet through Thrace on the Aegean Sea."

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The marriage of Miss Elsie Hill, chairman of the executive committee of the National Woman's Party, only recently became known. She was married Dec. 24 to Albert Leatt, professor of law at University of North Dakota. She is the last March when he gave \$100 to the suffrage cause in honor of Woodrow Wilson.

POLAND SEES HOPE AT POLLS LIVES WITH BROKEN SPINE

(By Associated Press.)
WARSAW, Feb. 2.—Poland, politically, is eagerly looking forward to the summer elections when the first president of the new republic will be chosen by a national assembly composed of representatives of both chambers of the diet.

Joseph Pilsudski, who was appointed chief of state just after Poland was declared a republic late in 1918 and has held office ever since under a provisional constitution, is understood among politicians to be one of the presidential candidates.

Several other names have been mentioned, but the newspaper editorial writers appear reasonably confident that the chief contenders will be Pilsudski, Vincent Witos, former premier, and the present leader of the peasant party in the diet, and Wojciech Trampczynski, speaker of the diet.

There has also been much speculation among politicians as to whether Ignace Paderewski, pianist and formerly premier, would enter the presidential race, but no definite announcement has ever been made one way or the other. For nearly a year, Paderewski has been in America, spending most of his time in Paso Robles, California.

Ignace Paderewski was recently quoted as saying at Paso Robles that he probably would return to Poland within four or five months, that he considered himself at the service of his country and always ready for a call, but he did not think he would accept the presi-

deny if it were offered him. He added that he had no intention to take part in governmental affairs.

TRAPPING GOOD NEAR DURKEE

(Special to The Observer.)
NORTH POWDER, Feb. 2.—E. A. Boyce was a Union visitor Saturday.

G. M. Wark, who has been in failing health for some time was taken to Baker Wednesday by his daughter, Mrs. Sude Barnes, so that she could care for him at her home.

Miss Dredie Barnes and Miss Doris Wilson are visiting Mrs. Clarence Burns on Baker, this week.

Mrs. F. J. Flores and family are spending the weekend in Huntington visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner are rejoicing over the arrival of a grand-daughter, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Keeler of Salem. Miss Ruth Sanders has been quite ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner returned to their home in this city Friday evening after an absence of two months in Durkee, where Mr. Gardner has been trapping. Mr. Gardner reports a good catch of foxes this season, having secured 127 muskrat hides and a lesser number of mink, skunk and weasel.

Rev. and Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Joe Sanders were among La Grande visitors Tuesday.

An account of Miss Mrs. Roy Miller has been confined to her home for the last two weeks.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Pearson is ill of influenza and had to be brought into town so that she could better receive medical attention.

After Idaho Saturday evening the members of the I. O. O. F. were surprised by their wives coming to the lodge room. They had secretly planned for a good time, card games were made and others engaged in dancing. Mrs. Stella White as floor manager saw that everyone had partners plenty. Luncheon was served at midnight and the Oddfellows said to the ladies—come again.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Russell went to Baker Monday to attend one of a series of club dances.

Mrs. Maggie Gibbons and Miss Martha Graham motored to Baker Thursday. It was one of the stormiest days of the season and they encountered some very deep snow drifts.

Mr. and Mrs. John Luney went to Haines Sunday, where they will visit for a few days before returning to their home on Burnt river.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the M. E. church for the late Mr. Crown, father of Mrs. Harold Parker. Mr. Crown had made his home with his daughter for just a short while, so was not very well known in these parts. He died of old age, having attained the age of 86 years, 9 months and several days. He is survived by his aged wife, also living with Mrs. Parker, and eight children all living in different parts of the U. S.

John Davis, Jr., was a passenger for Baker on Tuesday's train. The Stoddard planer commenced work Friday morning on a three-weeks run with a force of nine men.

C. J. Forstrom left for Portland Saturday evening. Before leaving he put Gus Pearson in charge of a hay baler on Sunny Slope to bale 400 tons of alfalfa hay for shipment to Portland. Arthur Moore

has the contract for delivering the hay to the cars.

Mrs. Adeline Clark and children, who have been visiting at the home of her brother, M. L. Irvine, for the past month, returned to their home in Pendleton the first of the week.

Three carloads of stock were shipped from North Powder to Portland Saturday. Clyde McPherson shipping two carloads of sheep and James Wilson, Jr., a car of grain fed steers.

C. E. Pearson and Bob Haines left for Union Tuesday with their sheep shearing equipment, where they have a contract with Eddie Miller for shearing 5,000 ewes.

GIRL IS NAMED "FORTY DAYS"

(By Associated Press.)
NONULULU, T. H., Feb. 2.—The unique circumstances leading to the choice of many Hawaiian given

names were exemplified here recently when Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Bright reported that a "Kahala" girl, literally "forty days," had been chosen for their seventh and youngest child, a girl.

The name was selected in honor of the girl's uncle, Rev. John E. K. Maki, who died December 20, 1918, six days after he had completed a fast of forty days in an effort to restore harmony among his congregation in the Hoonani Naamoa church, which had been founded by his father.

The dispute among the congregation had been made the basis of court proceedings when the Rev. Maki decided to fast in an effort to effect peace. After forty days without food he gathered his congregation and announced that he would die within a week. His death came six days later.

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