

PATRIOTISM PROBS IN GREAT AUDIENCE

N. E. A. Gathering Is Moved by Vigorous Arraignment of German "Kultur."

EDGAR B. PIPER SPEAKS

Normal School as Agency to Teach Loyalty to Country Is Discussed by President J. H. Ackerman.

The second meeting of general sessions of the National Education Association, held last night at Public Auditorium, lacked not for the patriotic motif that marks all papers before the convention, although it opened with an idyllic musical number, "The Legends of Seaside."

Depicting in purest song the legends and lore of the Oregon coast, composed by Virginia Drake, with music by Emil Emah, the 12-voice musical number won repeated applause from the gathering, the largest thus far assembled during the convention.

Speaking on "The Press and Preparedness," Edgar B. Piper, editor of The Oregonian, portrayed the relation of America's newspapers to the stirring events of the times. Frequently, in his arraignment of German "kultur," he was interrupted by vigorous applause, the testimonial that his hearers found unqualified approval for the sentiments set forth.

Not long ago in the city of Washington there was being before the Senate finance committee of the newspaper publishers of America on the question of a proposed tax to be imposed against the papers by the Government in its new war revenue bill.

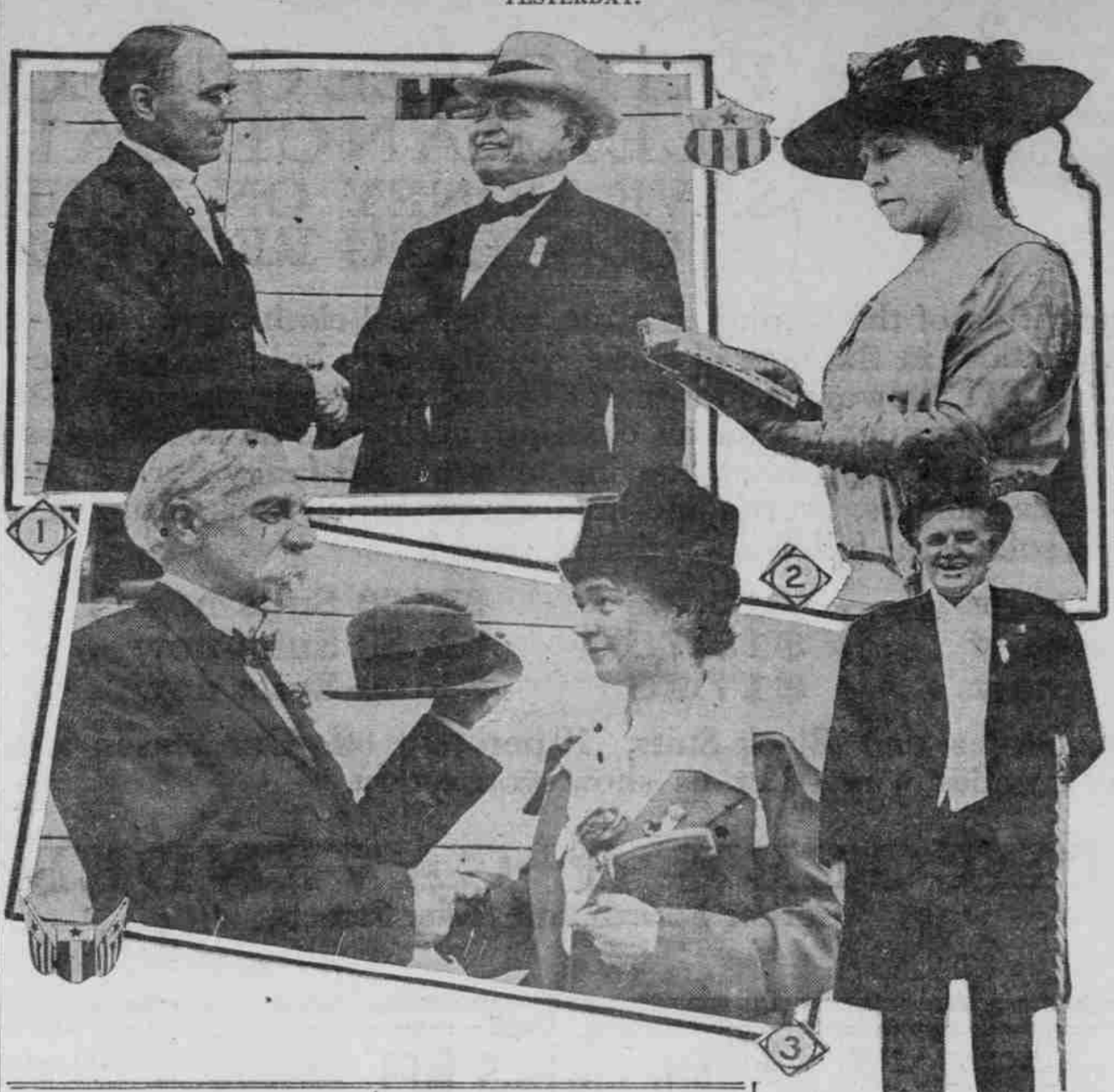
"I cite this incident as illustrative of a certain kind of mind in Congress and out of Congress, in its bearing toward a great and vital patriotic enterprise which the country as a whole is now concerned. They think, some of them, and some of them say, that but for the newspapers the war might have been avoided."

"The newspapers of the country, with some exceptions, have played a great part in preparedness, and it is which brought the people to a state of mind where they were ready to support the measures of military preparedness that were necessary in this emergency. It was not a contemptible part. It was not a questionable part."

"Some profess to think that we could impress upon the people power mad with the lust of conquest the disinterestedness of our purposes and the loftiness of our aims to a degree that they would let us alone. Others of these were ladies and gentlemen who thought that an Army and Navy are not to be trusted to uphold American ideals and protect the American flag at home and abroad, then Americans cannot trust America itself."

"Discussion of the normal school as an agency for the teaching of patriotism was made by J. H. Ackerman, president of the State Normal School, Monmouth, Or., meeting with the reiterated approval of the session."

HERE ARE SOME OF THE CELEBRITIES WHO TOOK PART IN OPENING OF N. E. A. CONVENTION YESTERDAY.



1-D. W. Springer, Secretary of the Association, Greeting David B. Johnson, of Rock Hill, S. C., First Vice-President. 2-Miss Minnie Richards, of the College of Speech Arts, Denver, Reading From the Bible at Opening Session. 3-Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, Member of the School Board of Denver, and Mrs. C. M. Cole, Wife of the Superintendent of Schools of Denver. 4-Mrs. Corliss Preston, Secretary of the Association, Greeting David B. Johnson, of Rock Hill, S. C., First Vice-President.

N. E. A. DAY IS FULL

Prominent Women Workers to Be Heard This Afternoon.

PROGRAMME IS BIG ONE

Josephine Corliss Preston, Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, Mrs. Alexander Thompson and Anna Laura Force Among Speakers.

So far as the big notes of the National Education Association convention is concerned, it will be exploded at the Auditorium this afternoon. Some of the big items of the big meeting will be heard. Just look at the list: Josephine Corliss Preston, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Washington, and possibly the next president of the association. Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, past president of the association, ex-Superintendent of Schools of Chicago, and the dean of American educators. Mrs. Alexander Thompson, of the Dallas, Or., member of the State Legislature and leader in the women's movement. Anna Laura Force, principal of Lincoln High School of Denver and an advocate of using the schools as a training place for future citizens. Julia Lathrop, chief of the children's bureau of the Department of Labor in Washington, D. C. Looks like the women were going to have their inning this afternoon, doesn't it? And so they are. In fact the women are the real important people at this convention. If the men folks don't look out a woman will be elected president of the whole organization before the end of the week.

MORE TEACHERS ARRIVE

ATTENDANCE AT N. E. A. CONVENTION IS BIG, DESPITE WAR.

State Societies Hold Open House for Delegates—Various Sectional Meetings to Be Held Today.

Today is to be the big day for incoming delegates to the N. E. A. convention, according to Secretary Springer and other officials who have studied the habits of the convention through many years.

The various sectional meetings will open today and the big convention really will "get into its stride" after the preliminaries that occupied the greater part of the day yesterday. Arrivals were comparatively heavy yesterday, and the headquarters of the various state societies on the seventh floor of the Multnomah Hotel registered about 100 delegates. About a hundred newly arrived delegates each. Many of the state societies held open house and served refreshments in the afternoon, and gave brief programmes.

Attendance thus far is considerably below the expectations, or rather below the estimates that were made a few months ago, before the declaration of war upset all reckonings. "As a matter of fact, the attendance thus far is most encouraging, considering the conditions that have prevailed for the past few months," says J. W. Seaton, in charge of the press bureau of the convention. "We may regard ourselves as successful, even to hold a convention, and the attendance has been very good."

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ELECTION IS FRIDAY

Mrs. M. C. C. Bradford Mentioned to Head N. E. A.

ONE OTHER RUNS STRONG

Josephine Corliss Preston Also Is in Race, but Ella Flagg Young and Her Adherents Are Said to Favor Denver Woman.

Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford, of Denver, is one of the two most formidable candidates for the presidency of the National Education Association and many political prophets of the organization last night predicted her election.

The annual election will be held at the Auditorium on Friday. Previously, however, the nominating committee of the association, composed of one member from each state, will meet and indicate its choice.

The several state delegations met last night and named their committee members. The completion of the nominating committee is said to favor Mrs. Bradford.

Mrs. Bradford Favored. Almost invariably the choice of the nominating committee is followed by the main convention. Only once—five years ago, when Mrs. Ella Flagg Young was elected, after a notable contest—was the state of the nominating committee broken.

Mrs. Young and her supporters are said to favor Mrs. Bradford this year, but the picture of Mrs. Young taking lunch yesterday with Josephine Corliss Preston, State Superintendent of Washington, and the leading opponent of Mrs. Bradford, started the tongue of rumor to wagging.

Despite this interesting incident Mrs. Bradford gained strong and significant support yesterday.

Men Are Sitting Back. The contest virtually has narrowed down to these two women, and it is almost certain that one of them will be elected. The men are sitting back this year and allowing the women to fight it out.

Mrs. Bradford, who is one of the most active delegates at the convention, is State Superintendent of Colorado and a prominent in that connection. She is a member of the educational council of the National Education Association and for 17 years has been an ardent advocate of women's suffrage.

She has been a leader in the women's club movement and has Nation-wide prominence in that connection. She also served several terms in the Colorado Legislature and has been elected three successive times State Superintendent of Schools—the last two times without opposition.

Minimum School Year Increased. Within three months after she went into office the first time, the minimum salary of grade teachers was fixed at \$50. She has succeeded in increasing the minimum school year from three to six months in Colorado and, due to her tireless energy, the average school year is eight months for the state.

The Colorado plan of standardizing the rural schools has been widely adopted by other states. To be credited a "Superior Rural School" in Colorado, the school must pay its teacher at least \$15 a month, must have sanitary surroundings, and the latest and best school equipment.

Mrs. Bradford is known throughout the councils of the National Education Association as an eloquent speaker, a clear thinker, and an educational leader of well-balanced judgment. She is respected by all in her home state.

N. E. A. Sidelights.

"I HAVING a most interesting experience looking over Oregon as a state in which suffrage has been granted to women," says Katherine D. Blake, of New York, principal of the New York State Normal School, who is one of the prominent figures at the headquarters of the National Education Association convention.

The point of her interest is in the fact that she is the exemplification of the suffrage movement among the teachers of the United States—one of the important and very active wheels within wheels that make up the huge organization of the N. E. A.

Aside from her suffrage interests she is an important factor in the programme in other respects, and was one of the speakers in the meeting of the National Council of Education, which was a sort of "opener" for the convention yesterday afternoon.

The Northwest Tourist Association's propaganda seems to have begun to "take" strong with the delegation from Vancouver, for almost the first thing they began to ask when they reached Portland was:

"Which is the best way to make the American Commission in Moscow. MOSCOW, July 8.—The American railroad commission, headed by John F. Stevens, arrived here Saturday to examine the condition of the Moscow railway system. The commission started today for the Donets coal district. Read The Oregonian classified ads.

BIG EDUCATORS HERE

Distinguished Workers Take Part in Convention.

CELEBRITIES CAUSE STIR

Carlos M. Cole, of Denver; J. G. Crabbe, of Greeley, Colo., and W. D. Ross, of Kansas, Are Numbered Among Delegates.

To drop into Mark Twain's vocabulary, the "mountain howlers" of the National Education Association Convention began to trundle into position yesterday, the heaviest artillery having arrived and been installed Saturday and Sunday.

It was a great day for celebrities of various degrees of magnitude and had anyone been inclined to run amuck and throw bricks in the lobby of the Multnomah Hotel, the mischief would have been reasonably certain of "beating" one or two distinguished educators at every shot.

One celebrity whose appearance attracted a great deal of interest on the part of the grade teachers was Carlos M. Cole, of Denver, another member of the dynamic Colorado delegation and a man who has been the champion of the grade teachers for years in their various struggles. He is superintendent of the Denver schools.

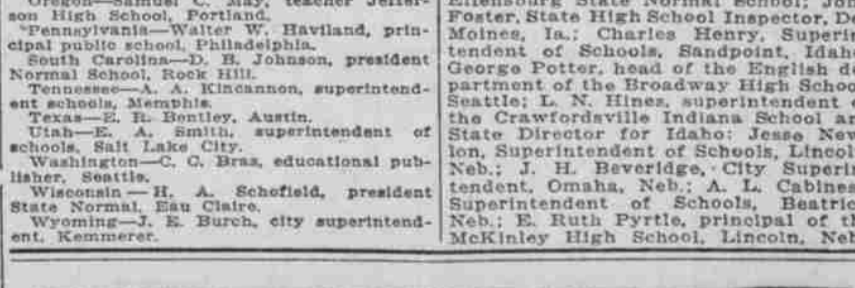
J. G. Crabbe Is at Seaton. Another distinguished Colorado representative was J. G. Crabbe, president of the State Teachers' College of Greeley, Colo., who will be one of the important speakers in the programme this week.

The Kansas delegation came under the leadership of W. D. Ross, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and began to make itself known at headquarters at once as a vigorous and active delegation.

A. J. Gantvoort, of Cincinnati, is president of the department of music education, and he came in yesterday to make final arrangements on his programme. Another prominent leader in musical education who is here is Jessie Clarke, supervisor of music in the schools of Cincinnati.

Prominent Educators Arrive. Others attending the convention are James Ferguson, principal of the Conchella Valley Union High School, Conchella, Cal.; E. A. Bryan, the new State Commissioner of Education for Idaho; Daisy Buschke, critic teacher of Ellensburg State Normal School; John Foster, State High School Inspector, Des Moines, Ia.; Charles Henry, Superintendent of Schools, Sandpoint, Idaho; George Potter, head of the English department of the Broadway High School, Seattle; I. N. Hines, superintendent of the Crawfordville Industrial School, Crawfordville, Mo.; A. L. Cabines, Superintendent of Schools, Beatrice, Neb.; E. Ruth Pyrtle, principal of the McKinley High School, Lincoln, Neb.

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