

WOMEN TEACHERS WANT MEN EXEMPT

Fight Expected to Break on Floor of Convention Over Proposed Request.

COMMITTEE IS OPPOSED

Feminine Leaders Suggest Men May Be Excluded From Voting, as Plan Would Apply Only to Them; Issue Up Tomorrow.

A violent storm is expected to break on the floor of the National Education Association convention tomorrow morning over the question of asking the Government to exempt teachers from the military draft.

COMMITTEE SURE TO REJECT PLAN.

It is certain that the committee will turn it down cold. Professor J. W. Crabtree, of River Falls, Wis., chairman of the committee, is openly opposed to it. Other members, or enough others to form a decisive majority, stand with him.

Anticipating that the committee will reject the resolution, Miss Blake and her associates are circulating a petition among the delegates and will try to bring the measure onto the floor of the convention over the heads of the committee.

A number of women and only a comparatively few men have signed the petitions, although Miss Blake and others are pushing their case with vigor and determination.

Because the proposed exemption, obviously, would apply to the men teachers only, Miss Blake proposes that the men shall not be asked to vote on the measure when it comes before the convention.

Exclusion of Men Hoped. Eminent parliamentarians of the association declare that such a procedure is entirely out of the question and would be illegal even were an attempt made to carry it out.

It is probable that Chairman Crabtree, of the resolutions committee, and other leaders at the meeting will take the floor against the measure.

Members of the resolutions committee having the measure before them are President J. W. Crabtree, River Falls, Wis., chairman; F. L. Keeler, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lansing, Mich.; A. C. Barker, Superintendent of City Schools, Oakland, Cal.; W. M. Davidson, Superintendent of Schools, Pittsburg, Pa.; President E. O. Holland, Pullman, Wash.; E. R. Stuart, Indianapolis, Ind.; E. E. Bassin, Greenville, Miss.; Mrs. Susan M. Dorsey, Los Angeles, Cal.; Francis G. Blair, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Springfield, Ill.; President P. L. Campbell, University of Oregon, Eugene; Josephine C. Preston, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Olympia, Wash.; Mrs. Mary Bradford, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Denver, Colo.; and President C. A. Dunaway, University of Wyoming, Laramie.

NEW BOOMLET LAUNCHED

If any serious attempt is to be made to elect Mr. Finnegan it probably will manifest itself at the meeting of the nominating committee. It is improbable that a man could be proposed and elected from the floor of the convention, which is composed of 75 per cent of women.

In addition to the president, vice-presidents, members of the board of trustees, a treasurer, a member of the executive committee and one director for each state are to be elected. The retiring president, Robert J. Aley in this case, invariably is chosen

first vice-president. The other vice-presidencies are distributed geographically.

The secretary is chosen by the trustees for a four-year term. The term of Durand W. Springer, of Ann Arbor, Mich., the present secretary, expires in October of this year. He is understood to be a receptive candidate for re-election.

The place of holding the next convention will not be selected at this meeting but at a session of the directors several months from now. Chicago, Pittsburg, Cleveland and Asbury Park, N. J., are among the principal contenders for the honor.

LANGUAGE STUDY IS URGED

Use Will Be Greater in Future, Says Irvin C. Hatch.

Needs of Americans to learn foreign languages will be greater in future than in the past, was declared in a paper by Irvin C. Hatch, of the Polytechnic High School, of San Francisco, at yesterday afternoon's session of the modern languages conferences of the N. E. A. at the Lincoln High School. Language training in youth is essential, for the study of one foreign language

N. E. A. DELEGATES ARE REQUESTED TO CALL FOR MAIL.

Delegates to the N. E. A. convention are urged to call for mail at the specially arranged postoffice in the southwest corner of the Auditorium. Because the delegates are scattered around in various parts of the city, it has been impossible to make speedy delivery in many cases. Durand W. Springer, secretary of the N. E. A., has made arrangements for the Auditorium postoffice.

Mr. Hatch dealt with the topic, "The Downward Extension of the Modern Languages," and urged that the learning of a language should be begun early, while the organs of speech are flexible and the powers of imitation and memory are strongest. At the high school age, it was said, self-consciousness is a hindrance and memorization becomes irksome. The earlier school years, about the age of 10, are best suited to elementary study of languages. It was also said the pupils' command of English may be so greatly improved by the proper teaching of foreign languages as to justify devoting to them the time usually allotted to English grammar.

ABNORMAL CHILD DISCUSSED

Institutional Handling of Cases Recommended by Speakers.

Socializing, or "institutionalizing," of education was distinctly the idea to be fore in the discussions of the department of special education of the N. E. A., which held its session in the Ladd School yesterday morning.

KINDERGARTEN HELD VITAL

Effective Aid Is Rendered in Americanization Plan.

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SAVE CHILDREN, IS APPEAL BY N. E. A.

"Education as Usual" in Spite of War Urged by Woman Educator.

RUIN IN EUROPE SHOWN

So-Called Patriotic Measures in U. S. to Put Defectives to Work in Factories and to Confiscate Playgrounds Rapped.

The general session of the National Education Association at the Auditorium last night resolved itself into a plea for "education as usual" and the preservation, in spite of the war, of the playtime of life for children and their chance to get an education.

Protect Children, Is Plea.

"There are no children in Poland under 5 years old," said Miss Blake. "The younger ones have starved to death. A considerable percentage of our own school children are undernourished and within six months the teachers may be seeking food for their children."

"It is in passionate entreaty for the children that I appeal to you to prevent the laying of the foundations of war upon their heads. I hope a strong resolution will be put through that will declare against the taking away of the education of the children and for the right to be educated must not be taken from them, was seconded by others on the program and in the audience.

Educational Systems Raped.

"The educational system of England is a ruin. If the war were to end today it would take 20 years to rebuild the German educational system. Juvenile crime has increased in both England and Germany."

Portland Hospitality Wins.

"There is talk of using schools and playgrounds in the East for barracks and war hospitals, and this, too, in the crowded districts of New York, where, as one has said, the children would do as much room to play as they will have in their graves. You are fortunate, indeed, in this section of the country in that I understand there are no such patriotic measures as yet contemplated here."

F. E. Bolton Is Speaker.

F. E. Bolton, dean of the College of Education, University of Washington, spoke also for the maintenance of education during a world war. His subject was "Maintenance of Standards in All Schools as a Necessary Element in Preparedness."

400 Sit at N. E. A. Luncheon.

A nickel-plated steel triangle hereafter will summon Robert J. Aley, president of the N. E. A., to his meals. This attractive and serviceable instrument was presented to Mrs. Aley at the Multnomah Hotel at noon yesterday by O. M. Plummer, of Portland, head of the association's department of school administration, following a feast in which precisely 400 of the leading educators attending the convention participated.

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made poorer by the destruction of art treasures of the fighting nations. A travelogue of much interest with slides and motion pictures was presented in the theater tonight by W. C. McBride, of Portland, who described Mesa Verde National Park.

As a diversion last night, A. J. Gantvoort, of the Cincinnati College of Music, brought a chorus upon the stage and sang "Canning the Kaiser," in which the lyrics were changed and seemed to like the latest contribution to war music.

Education of Soldiers and People Urged by Dr. C. W. Eliot.

An inevitable increase of the destructiveness of the evils against which the social hygienic associations of the country are arrayed will follow the entrance of the United States into the great war, in the opinion of Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, whose paper was one of the featured at the conference of the American Social Hygienic Association at the Auditorium yesterday morning. Dr. Eliot was not present, but his paper was read before the association.

Dr. Eliot declared that the principal means of defense against these evils is through education of the soldiers and of the people.

CHILD HYGIENICS DISCUSSED

Noted Speakers Show Importance of Better Care of Pupils.

How to care for the hygienic phase of life as related to the school system was the subject of a paper presented before the department of child hygiene of the N. E. A. yesterday afternoon. That the physical care of pupils is of paramount importance was emphasized by all of the participants.

SUFFRAGE SYMPOSIUM NEXT

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Withycombe, Salem; David B. Johnson, president Winthrop Normal and Industrial Institute, Rock Hill, S. C.; Mrs. Susan M. Dorsey, assistant superintendent of Los Angeles schools; Thomas E. Finegan, assistant commissioner of education, New York; Mary C. C. Bradford, State Superintendent, Denver; Josephine Corlies Preston, State Superintendent, Olympia; Nathan Easten, Board of Education, Seattle; Aurelia H. Reinhardt, president of Mills College; L. R. Alderman, Superintendent of Schools, Portland; George L. Baker, Mayor, Alan Welch Smith, president Board of Education, Portland; Jessie McGregor, president Portland Grade Teachers' Association, Frank Irving Cooper, school architect, Boston; Edith K. O. Clark, State Superintendent, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Ethel Redfield, State Superintendent, Boise, Idaho; E. O. Holland, president State Agricultural College, Pullman, Wash.; Caroline Hedger, Chicago; F. L. Campbell, president State University, Eugene, Ore.; J. W. Kerr, president Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis; J. H. Ackerman,

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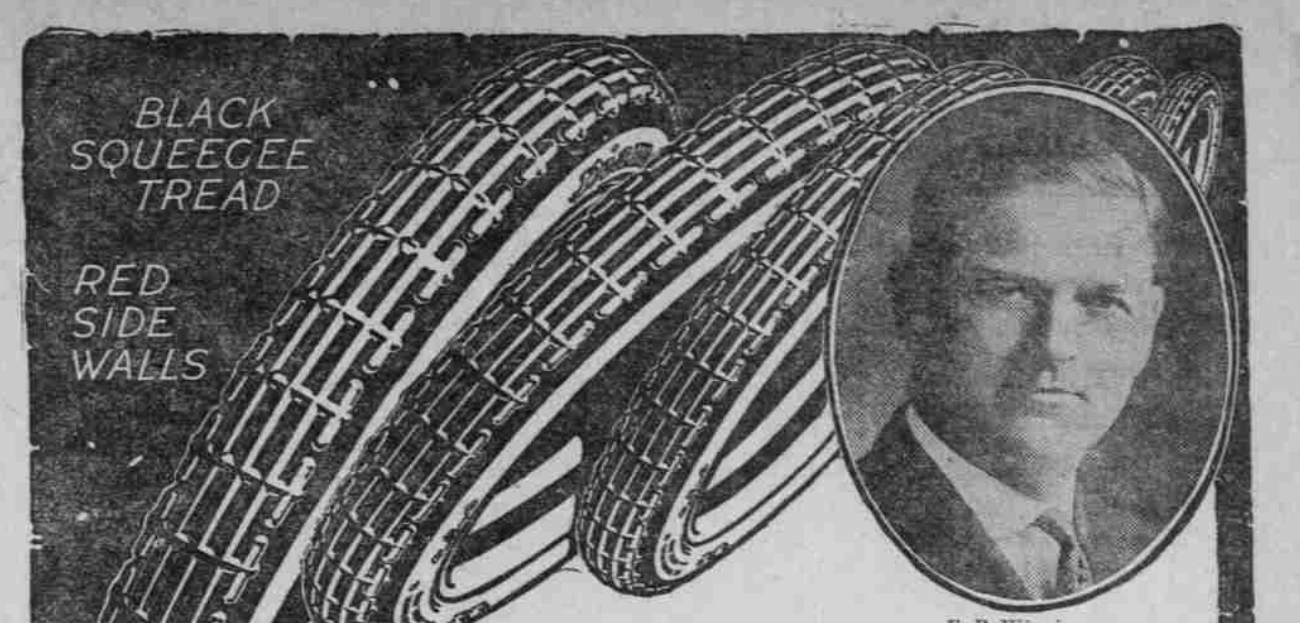
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the National and the college pan-Hellenic, the fraternities today are preaching the doctrine of "college first," she said.

The tendency of sorority and fraternity organizations to place their own interests above those of the colleges, which was one of the grave faults of the past, is gradually giving place to a spirit of service, and the speaker cited many cases in which sorority chapters and nationals have come forward with important financial help to colleges in which they had established localities.

Anna L. Tannahill is dean of women at the State Normal School at Lewiston, Idaho.

The afternoon session was devoted to round-table discussion, in which the influence of fraternal organizations was an important topic. The resolutions committee will report Friday morning.

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