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### Y. W. C. A. CALLS BIG CONVENTION

2,000 Women Expected to Gather in Cleveland the Week of April 13-20, 1920, for National Convention.

### MEETING POSTPONED TWO YEARS BY WAR

Delegates Will Discuss New Membership Basis for Students and Question of Future Support for Work. Many Other Things.

The Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America will meet in national convention in Cleveland, O., the week of April 13 to 20, having postponed the convention from the spring of 1918 in order to comply with a government request that expense and travel be reduced to a minimum during the war.

The department on conventions and conferences of the National Y. W. C. A., of which Mrs. Harry Emerson Fosdick is chairman, estimates an attendance of 2,000 women, representing all departments of Y. W. C. A. work—board members, secretaries, students, club girls, Girl Reserves, girls from Industrial Service Centers, women from the International Institutes for foreign born women, members from city, town and country Associations.

Each Association in the United States will be entitled to one voting delegate for every one hundred voting members in the Association.

Two of the most important questions which will come up before the convention will be the membership basis and the question of support. Of old business to be considered the most important question will be the membership basis for student associations, the granting of charter membership privilege to the Chicago Young Women's Christian Association and a recommendation providing an increase in membership of the National Board of the Association will also be presented.

Rev. Charles W. Gilkey, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Chicago, will give a series of morning addresses during the convention week. Dr. Robert E. Speer, secretary to the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church, North, will also give an address. Mrs. Speer is chairman of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A.

The convention will be in session morning and evening, the afternoon being given over to sectional meetings held in various churches. Attendance at these meetings will be determined by group membership and also by activities.

Mrs. W. P. Harford of Omaha, Neb., will preside at the opening session, having been elected as president at the last convention of the Young Women's Christian Association, held in Los Angeles in 1915.

The committee on business to come before the convention has for its chairwoman Mrs. John French and includes among its members Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Miss Eliza Butler, sister of Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University; Miss Martha McCook, Miss Mabel Cratty, general secretary for the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., and Mrs. William Adams Brown, all of New York city.

### TOWN GIRLS TO HAVE Y. W. C. A.

Association Maintains 52 Town Secretaries—Wants to Expand Work at Once.

"During the war girls all over the world had their first lesson in nation wide and world wide thinking," says Miss Mabel Head, director of Town and Country Work for the National Y. W. C. A.

"Girls learned something of the inspiration of working with hundreds and hundreds of other girls, unselfishly and unostentatiously, through Red Cross work. Now the Y. W. C. A., through its world wide program of service for women, is planning to expand its work so that girls all over the world, and particularly in smaller communities, will not lose this experience.

"Citizenship forums are being organized for girls in small communities, where girls may come together to learn more about their country and their responsibility to it and as citizens of the world.

"Reading courses have been planned at National Headquarters in New York so that a girl in any community may carry on a course of study, either by herself or with other girls, on a wide variety of subjects.

"The Y. W. C. A. has at present thirty-nine secretaries doing county work. This means that they travel about from one community to another helping girls to plan out social, recreational, educational and religious activities for themselves and organizing them to carry on these activities. These secretaries work with the county agents of the Department of Agriculture in carrying on their economic work. They help plan projects, arrange benefits, assist the girls in going to Y. W. C. A. summer conferences and help plan all sorts of social good times for the community."

### PEACE TREATY IS NOW IN EFFECT

United States Only Nation Not Now on a Peace Basis With Germany.

Paris.—The treaty of Versailles, making peace between Germany and the ratifying allied powers, was put into effect Saturday afternoon by the exchange of ratifications.

The peace treaty now goes into effect as between Germany and those powers that have finally ratified it—Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Guatemala, Peru, Poland, Siam, Czechoslovakia and Uruguay.

The United States alone of the "big five" has not ratified the treaty. As the list shows, formal ratifications have been given by most of the smaller powers signatory to the treaty.

The outstanding comment, on the armistice, was that it left the United States the only power which was actively at war with Germany not now on a peace basis.

That was the note sounded by Baron Arturo Lerner, head of the German peace delegation, in a statement after the ceremony.

"I am naturally happy that peace has finally become effective," he said. "My great regret is that the United States is the only country with which Germany is still in a state of war. I hope, however, that this situation will soon be changed."

### PROCLAIM MARTIAL LAW IN GERMANY

Paris.—Martial law has been declared throughout Germany with the exception of Bavaria, Saxony, Wurttemberg and Baden, according to Berlin advices.

Dispatches from Berlin say that during the demonstration before the reichstag building in Berlin Tuesday, two policemen were killed and two are missing. Ten others were wounded. Twenty members of the crowd which attempted to rush into the building were killed and forty wounded.

Berlin.—The government proclaimed martial law in all sections of Germany following the mob demonstration in which at least ten persons were killed and many others were wounded by machine gun fire from guards in front of the reichstag building.

Gustav Noske, the minister of defense, has been appointed commander-in-chief for the greater Berlin district and Brandenburg province. Street parades, meetings and demonstrations of all kinds have been prohibited.

The mob was organized by extremists as a protest against the industrial council's bill now before the reichstag.

### SEDITION BILL IS PASSED

Act Provides Severe Penalties For Advocating Overthrow of Government.

Washington.—An anti-segregation bill, prescribing severe penalties for acts or propaganda advocating overthrow of the government by force or violence, was passed by the senate without a record vote. The measure now goes to the house.

Maximum penalties contained in the bill are a fine of \$5000 and five years' imprisonment, applying to all acts or circulating of literature in furtherance of forcible overthrow of the government.

The bill also bars from the mails any matter advocating force or sabotage.

Hays Given Noisy Welcome. San Francisco.—Greeted by the blowing of the great ferry siren and the welcome of a group of republicans of coast-wide prominence, Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, arrived here with his party Monday for a series of conferences with party leaders.

### America Refuses German Indemnity.

Washington.—The United States government has refused to accept any part of indemnity to be paid by Germany for the destruction of the German fleet in Scapa Flow, because it objects in principle to the settlement made by the supreme court, it was said at the state department.

### "Flu" Hits Naval Camp.

Chicago.—A partial quarantine of Great Lakes Naval Training station was ordered by Commandant Bassett, due to influenza. Between 150 and 175 cases, said to be mild, developed.

### Troops in Siberia Coming Home Soon.

Washington.—Decision to withdraw American troops from Siberia on completion of the repatriation of the Czech-Slovak forces next month, has been reached by the American government.

### Nature's Wonderful Work.

Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own; and from morning to night, as from the cradle to the grave, is but a succession of changes so gentle and easy that we can scarcely mark their progress.

### As Far as It Goes

Some people's idea of efficiency is to pin a notice on the front door that the bell is out of order, instead of having it fixed.—Ohio State Journal.

### BARON AVEZZANO



Baron Romano Avezano, newly appointed ambassador from Italy to the United States.

### ARMISTICE STILL ON WITH GERMANY

Washington.—Formal notice has been served on Germany by the United States in connection with the deposit at Paris of ratifications putting into effect the treaty at Versailles, that conditions of the armistice still govern relations between the United States and Germany.

Announcement of this action was made by the state department. Outlining the situation due to the fact that the United States had not ratified the treaty, it said:

"It is the position of this government that the armistice continues in full force and effect between the United States and Germany, and accordingly the provisions of the armistice agreement of November 11, 1918, as well as the provisions of the extensions of that agreement, remain binding on these two nations.

"Notice of this was given to the German government by the United States."

### BERGER IS AGAIN BARRED

Milwaukee Socialist Is Ousted Second Time By House.

Washington.—Victor Berger, Milwaukee socialist re-elected from the fifth Wisconsin congressional district after the house had refused him membership "because he gave aid and comfort to the enemy," was barred from taking his seat again by a vote of 328 to 6.

### California Milk Agencies Accused.

San Francisco.—Five suits will be filed in San Francisco courts within 10 days demanding forfeiture of charter of five milk producing and distributing agencies in California on the ground that they have violated the law specifying that they shall be and remain non-profit organizations, the state attorney's office announced.

### THE MARKETS.

Oats—No. 3 white feed, \$63.50 a ton. Barley—No. 2, \$70 a ton. Corn—Whole, \$70; cracked, \$72. Hay—Willamette valley timothy, \$26.28 per ton; alfalfa, \$31.50. Butter Fat—64c. Eggs—Ranch, 60c per dozen. Poultry—Hens, 30@35c. Cattle—Best steers, \$11@11.75; good to choice, \$10.50@11; medium to good, \$9@9.75. Hogs—Prime mixed, \$15.25@15.75; medium mixed, \$14.75@15.25; pigs, \$12.25@14.25. Sheep—Eastern lambs, \$13@14; valley lambs, \$11.50@14; ewes, \$6@7.

### Seattle.

Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$38@39 per ton; alfalfa, \$35. Butterfat—71@73c. Eggs—Ranch, 48@57c. Poultry—Hens, heavy, dressed, 45c; light, 35c. Hogs—Prime, \$15.75@16.25; medium to choice, \$14.25@15.25; pigs, \$13.50@14.50. Cattle—Best steers, \$11.25@11.75; heifers, \$8.25@9; calves, \$7@14.

### One Thing in His Favor.

"Do man da laughs at his own jokes," said Uncle Eben, "makes you feel like kind of friendly toward 'im, 'cause he seems so good-natured and easy to please."

### Old Friendship Sweet.

The years have taught some sweet, some bitter lessons—none wiser than this: To spend in all things else, but of old friends to be most miserly.—Loweil.

### DEADLOCK IN SENATE MAY YET BE BROKEN

Suggestions Made and Accepted Believed to Promise Eventual Agreement.

Washington.—Efforts to break the senate peace treaty deadlock and keep the treaty out of the political campaign were advanced a step when republican senators advocating ratification drew up a counter proposal to the set of compromise reservations submitted to them by a group of democrats.

The republican proposal, to which its sponsors said Senator Lodge had given tentative assent, was understood to deal only with some of the collateral issues in the reservation controversy, leaving to future negotiations the troublesome questions of article 10, and equality of voting power in the league of nations.

Some of the democratic suggestions were said to have been accepted, including a change in the republican reservation program of last session, so that the senate qualifications would not have to be accepted affirmatively, by the other powers. Agreement on these changes, however, was understood to be conditional on certain concessions by democrats in regard to other reservations.

The speech of Mr. Bryan at the Jackson day banquet, which, in addition to opposing any effort to carry the treaty into the campaign, advocated the speedy compromise, was put into the senate record by Senator McCormick, republican, of Illinois, after the president's letter accepting his stand had been presented by Senator Hitchcock. Senator McCormick requested that the two "be printed in juxtaposition in view of reports that they are agreed on the treaty."

### NEW LIBERTY LOAN MAY BE NECESSARY

Washington.—Another liberty loan will be necessary if congress embarks on "new fields of large expenditures or reduces the aggregate volume of taxes," Secretary Glass declared in a statement setting forth the government's financial condition. If the present tax level is retained and new expenditures are kept down, the turn has come in the tide of government financing, the secretary asserted.

Although further issues of treasury certificates of indebtedness may be expected, they will be redeemed through the sale of new issues of certificates for the first time since late in 1917.

As indicative of progress made by the treasury Mr. Glass pointed to reductions between September 1 and January 1 in the nation's gross debt and in the two classes of certificates of indebtedness outstanding. The gross debt which on September 1 was \$26,596,701,648, was \$25,837,078,807 on January 1.

### Relief Held Necessary to Prevent "General Disintegration."

Washington.—Loans aggregating \$150,000,000 for food relief in Austria, Poland and other European countries and Armenia, to prevent "a general disintegration of political cohesion in western Europe," were proposed to congress by Secretary Glass, who said it might be necessary to increase this amount to \$200,000,000 when the full situation in Europe had been assessed.

The secretary reviewed at length the condition in the suffering countries, particularly Austria and Poland, and said Great Britain, France and Italy were assisting in relieving distress in Austria, through a \$48,000,000 loan, and that England would continue to lend aid by furnishing ships for transporting American food and such supplies as possible from the United Kingdom.

Under the treasury department plans the loans would be advanced by the grain corporation out of the billion-dollar wheat guaranty fund and would be used to establish credit in this country on the basis of \$70,000,000 for Austria, \$50,000,000 for Poland, \$25,000,000 for other European countries and \$1,000,000 for Armenia.

### Wilson Issues Call For League Council

Washington.—President Wilson Monday issued the call for the first meeting of the council of the league of nations to be held at Paris Friday. The call was issued in accordance with the terms of the Versailles treaty by President Wilson, whom the treaty makers designated for that duty.

### Will Serve Term of Withycombe.

Salem, Or.—Ben W. Olcott, by an opinion of the supreme court in the case of the state, ex rel. G. M. Roberts against Olcott, will retain the office of governor through the entire unexpired term of the late Governor Withycombe. Dissenting Justices were Harris, Benson and Barnett.

### Pity He Didn't Miss Them.

Entomology does not record the first appearance of the cootie, but we suppose that they were not alighted in the trip Noah made to save two of every living-thing.

### Iron Rust Proof.

To make ironwork proof against rust, heat it until it is almost red hot and then brush it over with linseed oil. This makes a varnish which, unlike ordinary paint or enamel, does not chip off.

### MRS. J. O. SOUTH



Mrs. John Oliver South, chairman of the woman's division of the republican national committee.

### OREGON ASSEMBLY IN SPECIAL SESSION

Salem, Ore.—The Oregon legislature convened in special session Monday morning. Governor Olcott in his message to the legislature made the following recommendations:

Increase in the compensation provided for injured workmen and their dependents under the workmen's compensation law.

Additional funds to carry out the soldiers', sailors' and marines' educational act.

Supplementary legislation to make reclamation and drainage district bonding act workable.

Submission to electorate of constitutional amendment restoring capital punishment.

Amendment of parole law so as to permit flat sentences on persons convicted of the graver crimes.

Ratification of women's suffrage amendment.

Separate commissions for the commercial fishing and game interests of the state.

That only paramount legislation be considered.

Resolutions ratifying the national woman's suffrage amendment was the first legislation in both branches of the legislature. The vote on the suffrage resolution was unanimous in both houses.

### BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Representative Webster of Washington was chosen to deliver the Lincoln day address in the house on February 12.

The death list in eastern Mexico from recent earthquakes, floods and volcanic eruptions is estimated at 7000.

Resolutions approving the anti-strike clause of the Cummins railroad bill were adopted by the Iowa Farm Bureau federation.

Governor Charles J. McCarthy and a group of Hawaiian legislators are en route to Washington to present a plea to have Hawaii granted statehood.

San Francisco was selected by the democratic national committee as the place for the party's 1920 national convention, and Monday, June 28, was fixed as the convention date.

Charges before a house war investigating committee that lives of American soldiers were wasted in needless attacks on armistice day were denied in a letter from General Pershing, made public by Representative Fuller, republican, Massachusetts.

The estimated requirements of the United States government, not including anything for the railroad administration for the next fiscal year, were placed at \$5,250,000,000 by James W. Good of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on appropriations.

### Ruef, ex-Political Boss, Is Pardoned.

Sacramento, Cal.—Abraham Ruef, former political boss, convicted in San Francisco of bribery, was pardoned by Governor Stephens. Ruef was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment in San Quentin penitentiary in 1911 following his conviction of bribery.

### 36 Sows Bring \$55,975.

Chicago.—A record sale of thoroughbred hogs was made when 36 Poland China sows were auctioned for \$55,975, an average of \$1554.84 each at the farm near Lake Geneva, Wis., of William Wrigley, Jr.

### Russian War Loss 35,000,000.

Warsaw.—Russia's war losses in killed and wounded aggregated 35,000,000, according to statistics of the Kolchak government.

### His Language.

Mother told sister that baby came from heaven, so when baby was eight months old sister said to a playmate: "Our baby is talking now, but we can't understand him, 'cause he talks sky talk."

### Close Quarters.

Disappointed House Hunter—I've brought back the keys of your malsonette—why, these isn't room in it for the children to have the mumps—London Opinion.

### OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Marshfield has an epidemic of the mumps.

The tax levy for Salem for 1920 amounts to 38 mills.

Smallpox has broken out at Mapleton, on the lower Siuslaw.

The Umatilla county clerk in 1919 paid out \$3353.50 in bounties on predatory animals.

Umatilla county started the year 1920 out of debt and with a balance in the treasury of \$628,294.40.

E. J. Newton has resigned his position as county clerk of Benton county to engage in private business.

Arrangements have been completed entirely for the transfer of the Lin county fair from Selto to Albany.

A special school election is to be held at Monmouth January 14 to decide on a high school gymnasium.

A chapter of the American Association of Engineers was organized at Astoria with 25 charter members.

A Young Men's Christian Association was organized at Pendleton. John Lambirth heads the board of directors.

Huge cakes of ice, many of them the size of a boxcar, are floating past The Dalles, a serious menace to navigation.

The Deschutes county court has established a county library and will levy a one-half mill tax for its support.

The opening of the Columbia river highway from Portland to the Deschutes river is now a prospect for next fall.

With the opening last week of the Athens State bank, Umatilla county now has 14 banking institutions in operation.

A shipment of 32 instruments from the government for the use of the cadet band was received at the University of Oregon.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Samuels were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the family home in Astoria.

The state board of fair directors will ask the legislature for \$10,000 to repair damages done to buildings by the recent heavy fall of snow.

H. H. Pomeroy of the Oregon state fire marshal's office left for San Francisco, to attend the national conference of arson investigators.

Plans have been initiated by the Hood River county court for replacing five wooden bridges with permanent concrete structures this year.

A \$100,000 corporation has been formed by leading citizens of Albany to do business under the name of the Merrill Lumber & Shingle company.

Woodburn, with 58.9 mills, and Mount Angel, with 22.7 mills, are the Marion county towns having the highest and lowest tax levies for the year 1920.

The total enrollment at Oregon Agricultural college for the year was brought up to 3230 Wednesday night with the registration of 311 new students.

A total of \$162,000 is included for the Indian training school at Chemawa in the Indian appropriation bill, which passed the house of representatives Friday.

Thirty-four counties of Oregon and 20 states are represented in the student body of the University of Oregon, according to the records of the registrar's office.

Albany Creamery association directors made a price of 74 cents for December butterfat, the highest return the producers have ever received from their product.

The high schools of Albany, Salem and Silverton will meet in triangular debate on January 30 for the opening series in the Oregon High School Debating League.

The annual report of the city recorder of North Bend shows that 68 arrests were made in that city in 1919. Of this number 38 were for violation of the prohibition law.

D. E. Richards, assistant professor of animal husbandry at the Oregon Agricultural college, has accepted an appointment as county agricultural agent for Lake county.

The city council of Gold Hill has passed an ordinance repealing and amending several license ordinances, which will tax nearly every business and occupation in the city.

A permanent organization to handle matters affecting the ex-service men of Umatilla county is planned by the American Legion posts at Milton, Weston, Pendleton and Hermiston.

cent were almost totally self-supporting.

The Dalles has an epidemic of mumps and smallpox, with more than 250 cases of mumps and at least twenty-five cases of smallpox, according to City Health Officer Dr. Fred Thompson.

The Wasco county court has given its official sanction to the Seufert-Deschutes link of the Columbia river highway, which will follow the river grade survey as prepared by the state highway engineers.

Benjamin Jay, 32, a farmer of Blachly, in the Lake creek valley, 35 miles west of Eugene, was accidentally shot and killed by his nephew, Roy Reed, aged 23, while they were out hunting ducks on Lake creek.

Receipts of the state treasurer's office for the year 1919 totalled \$30,876,401.80, while the disbursements for the same period aggregated \$17,601,603.74, according to the annual report of O. P. Hoff, state treasurer.

The Roosevelt highway lobby will receive \$500 from Cook county to defray expenses of delegates who are to be sent to Washington to appear before congressional committees and ask for adequate funds with which to construct the road.

To make the pay for the work of census taking sufficient to insure a thorough enumeration of residents of the city, the Bend Commercial club directors decided to pay 4 cents a name in addition to the 4 cents already offered by the government.

Each county school superintendent in Oregon was named county thrift director by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Churchill is state thrift director and the naming of county directors will relieve him of considerable work.

Notwithstanding alarming reports to the effect that the recent cold weather has killed the loganberry vines that had been trellised and that appeared above the snow, the vines in many Eugene gardens and in fields throughout Lane county are beginning to sprout.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to accidents during the week ended January 8, 1920, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were John E. Knutson, boom man, of Astoria, and Kenneth J. Lehman, mechanic, of Salem.

Sportsmen of the upper Hood river valley have petitioned the Hood River Game Protective association to sponsor a movement to have the upper reaches of Hood river closed to fishing until June 1. The two extra months of closed season are sought in order that the fish may not be disturbed while spawning.

Professor C. A. Reed, chief of the bureau of nut investigation of the department of agriculture, has promised Senator McNary that one of the department experts will go to Oregon early in February to conduct a survey and investigation of walnut and filbert culture, and that \$1000 will be set aside for experimental work in that state.

To prevent the invasion of cougars which have been seen lately in the Eight Mile and Fifteen Mile districts, the Wasco County Livestock association at a meeting at The Dalles, took measures to rid the section of the animals. Hunters and trappers will be hired to kill the cougars. Formerly cougars have killed much stock in certain parts of Wasco county.

The water supply of the city of Corvallis is menaced by logging operations in the coast mountains in the vicinity of the source of supply. To prevent the drying up of the streams that furnish the water strong efforts are being made to transfer quite a large area of the timber lands in the Oregon & California railroad grant to the Siuslaw national forest so that the land will never be logged off.

There were 33 fires in Oregon, exclusive of Portland during the month of December, according to a report prepared by A. S. Barber, state insurance commissioner. Klamath Falls suffered heaviest of any town in the state, the aggregate fire losses there for December amounting to \$40,000. Total losses from fires in December showed a marked decrease when compared with those of the previous month.

The operation of boat lines on the Columbia and Willamette rivers, with truck lines as feeders, is proposed by the Inland Empire Boat & Truck line, which has filed articles of incorporation with the corporation department. The company, which is capitalized at \$400,000, will maintain headquarters in Portland and operate boats on the Columbia river from Portland to Pasco and Kennewick, Wash., and on the Willamette river from Portland to Eugene.

### Sepoy Preparedness.

In the Madras presidency in the first half of the last century recruit boys—sons of old soldiers—were kept with each Sepoy regiment, clothed, drilled and fed and enlisted as soldiers when they attained the age of sixteen. The system had something to recommend it, as the state got a trained youth as a soldier instead of a country bumpkin who had all his training to learn.

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