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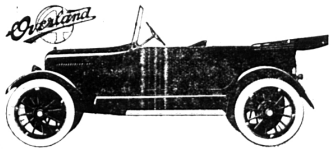


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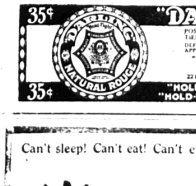

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# Y. W. C. A. PLANS WORLD PROGRAM

## Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Heads Association's 1920 World Service Program.

## $3,000,000 NEEDED FOR WORK.

Leader Calls Association a "Stabilizing Influence" in Outlining Post-War Program for Women—Federal Council of Churches to Announce "Y. W. C. A. Sunday."

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., chairman of the National Educational Campaign Committee of the 1920 World Service Program of the Young Women's Christian Association, has made the following statement:

"Since the war we are more than ever aware of the economic, industrial, educational, social and religious difficulties which beset the lives of girls and women everywhere. In meeting the post war needs of women the Young Women's Christian Association stands as an instrument of service, created and shaped by war, and organized to meet the manifold problems of peace.

"Because of its fifty odd years of experience in meeting fundamental problems affecting girls, the Young Women's Christian Association is an organization particularly fitted to exert a stabilizing influence upon the troubled times through a consistent program of service for girls and women.

"American women are asking how they may share in the world's reconstruction. They can do so by enlisting the support of their communities for this World Service Program, which will insure to the world a healthier and better womanhood.

"This campaign of the Y. W. C. A. to tell the people of the United States about its work and to raise $3,000,000 with which to carry on Y. W. C. A. work during 1920 in the United States, Europe, China, Japan, India, South America, Egypt, Siberia and Mexico will close the week of February 22 to 29, which will be known as Y. W. C. A. Week.

"The Federal Council of Churches will probably set one Sunday as a time for ministers throughout the country to address their congregations on general conditions affecting women and the Young Women's Christian Association as an instrument of service.

"The immediate task is to bring to the people of the United States a knowledge of conditions affecting the lives of women in all parts of the world. We can no longer ignore the character, the manner of life and the ideals of other peoples, whether we want to or not. A special call is now coming to the Association from China, Japan, India and South America, where work was held back during the war because of the necessity for special activity in France and the United States.

"The World Service Program calls for $3,000,000. Of this amount $1,500,000 has already been secured."

The educational campaign committees includes among its members Mrs. Robert E. Speer, president of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A.; Mrs. Henry P. Davison, Mrs. William Van V. Hayes, Mrs. Robert L. Dickinson, Mrs. William Adams Brown, Mrs. Van Sanford Merle-Smith, Mrs. Lewis H. Delphont, Miss Ellen Hale Stevenson, Mrs. Frederic B. Pratt and Mrs. Herbert Lee Pratt.

MRS. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. Chairman of the Educational Campaign Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association.

## SMALL Y. W. C. A. IS COMMUNITY CENTER

### Recreation for Girls Is Important Feature of Work.

Fifty two young women in the United States are known as Y. W. C. A. "town secretaries." All of which means that the fifty two are organizing recreation work for girls and for the community at large in towns of less than 10,000 inhabitants.

The Y. W. C. A. may be in one rented room or more. It may be a whole building, but at any rate there is a recreation room and if possible a kitchen, reading and writing room. If the Y. W. C. A. has a building of its own it becomes a community center, where all women's organizations may meet.

### Sinfulness Reacts.

Never let a man imagine that he can pursue a good end by evil means without sinning against his own soul; Any other policy is doubtful; the evil effect on himself is certain.—Southey.

### Walking Delegate Not on Wire Then

When Ben Franklin coaxed electricity from the clouds it probably did not occur to him that he was paving the way for possible telephone or telegraph strikes.

# 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 of conventions and conferences of the National Y. W. C. A., of which Mrs. Henry Emerson Tiffany is chairman, is in charge of the attendance of about twenty-five hundred delegates, representing the departments of Y. W. C. A. work, board members, secretaries, students, club girls, Girl Reserves, girls from industrial Service Centers, women from the International Institute 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 privileges 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 the 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 Lilian Butler, daughter 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 unstintingly, through Red Cross work. Now that 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 get long 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 home economics work. They help plan pageants, 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."

### Analogous.

Spending a dollar before it is earned is like eating today the egg that is to be laid tomorrow.

# WILSON'S WORDS CLEAR UP DOUBT

## CALIFORNIA THROWS OVER ITS LEADER, JOHNSON, AND RALLIES TO LEAGUE.

## WEST GIVES HIM OVATION

All Doubtful Features of Pact Are Explained Away By President, and Former Doubters Hasten to Give Him Their Support.

(By Independent News Bureau, formerly 311 Glenero News Bureau.)

Aboard President Wilson's Special Train—A continuous ovation along the Pacific coast and then on his eastward way back toward the capital was given to President Wilson as he came toward the end of his month daylong speaking tour in behalf of the League of Nations. California, particularly the delightful city of Los Angeles, went wild in its enthusiasm for him and his advocacy of the League, and it was in that state, perhaps, that he did his most successful missionary work. Hiram Johnson, California's former governor, now her United States senator, and considered by her as the most likely Republican candidate for the presidency in 1920, had before the arrival of President Wilson, convinced a great number of citizens that the League as at present formulated was not a good thing. He had told them that the United States, because of it, would be drawn into every petty European quarrel; he argued that we would lose our independence in dealing with the European nations. He had blamed the president for assenting to the possession by Japan of the Peninsula of Shan Tung in China.

### BUREAU CHANGES NAME

The Mount Clemens News Bureau, which has been furnishing reports on President Wilson's tour in behalf of the League of Nations to 5,500 papers, has adopted a new name and will hereafter be known as The Independent News Bureau.

But Mr. Wilson, with clear logic and with compelling eloquence, answered to the entire satisfaction of California's people every objection which Senator Johnson had made to the League. And thousands of the state's citizens deserted the Johnson cause and rallied immediately and rallied to the support of the president. More than that they came forward and said, "We were against you, Mr. President, but you have cleared everything up and now we are with you heart and soul." Still more than that, they let Senator Johnson know that they were no longer with him and that they disapproved of the speaking tour which he himself was making in opposition to the League and so powerful was the volume of public opinion which reached him that the senator almost immediately abandoned his tour. The Shan Tung question, because of the anti-Japanese feeling which undoubtedly exists along the Pacific coast was the most serious which the president had to answer. He explained to the people that he had been powerless to prevent the rich points from being given to Japan. England and France, through a secret treaty, had promised it to Japan for entering the war and remaining in it. That treaty had to be carried out. Anyway it was not to China that was being Shan Tung but Germany, which had seized the territory from China in 1898 and held it ever since. Japan had promised, the president explained, to return Shan Tung as soon as the peace treaty was ratified and it was only through the ratification of the treaty with the League of Nations, he insisted, that China could ever expect to get her former property back. And she surely would get it back, he declared, through the ratification of the League. Therefore, through the same instrumentality no other nation could again prey upon the "great, patient, diligent, but helpless kingdom." As to our being drawn into any European conflict. The president pointed out that no direct action such as the sending of troops to any part of the world to maintain or restore order could be taken by the Council of the League without a unanimous vote of the council members, therefore our vote could at once negative any such proposition as sending our soldiers where we did not want them to. Besides, Mr. Wilson argued, "if you have to quench a fire in California you don't send for the fire department of Utah." But, he argued, there probably never will be another war, if the League is established, for the members promise either to arbitrate their difference and accept the decision of the arbitrator, lay the differences for discussion and publication before the council of the League for a period of six months, and then, if possible, accept the council's advice. That failing, they agree to refrain from war for a further period of three months and nine months of "cooling off," the president contended, would prevent any armed conflict. These clear explanations satisfied every reasonable horror and destroyed the "Bugaboo" which Senator Johnson and others had raised against the League. Through rugged Nevada into Utah, the land of Mormons, the president swept to find that those fine people were heartily with him for the League and a permanency of peace.

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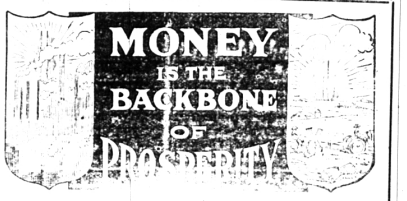


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