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New Mother For League Of Nations

Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw Says That Note of Internationalism Is Heard In World's Nurseries

Ratification of League Demanded

Non-Partisan Committee Comprises Women of All Parties and Beliefs

A NEW mother has come into action. She has come out of the war and the quasi-peace following it, according to Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, chairman of the New York State League of Women Voters and member of the Committee of One Hundred of the Women's Non-Partisan Committee for the League of Nations, which has launched a campaign to urge the Senate to ratify the League of Nations covenant.

To Mother The World

"All kinds of women, no matter what their differences may have been, worked together for a common cause. They eliminated all thought of themselves; they were, you see, already beginning to think internationally, for, like the women of the other countries at war, they were working for one purpose. With what result?—a new mother, with a greater and more humanely maternal instinct evolved.

"She could no longer mother only her family and her country; she learned that the whole world needed mothering, that her work could not be confined within domestic or national boundaries."

"It is no longer possible for any one—man or woman—to think in terms of nationalism alone to-day," added Mrs. Laidlaw earnestly. "A mother can no longer think of her children as being the only children in the world that matter. Other persons' children all over the world count just as much. The note of internationalism has struck in the nursery as well as in government affairs."

Of All Political Beliefs

"Women of all creeds, classes and political beliefs are signing the petitions for ratification of the League of Nations' covenant, which are being sent to the Senators at Washington. 'I have heard women of all groups and interests express themselves in favor of the league of nations, in our district and county meetings. Many of these are the very women who worked for the labor program in the New York State Women's Legislative Conference last year.

"The laws of the world concern them directly; they can no longer be snugly content to think of their own homes and their own nation as the whole world. The ocean has become a pond. The nations have been drawn closer and closer together. All humanity concerns them.

"The new mother has a broader vision, a finer purpose and nobler impulses. She is no longer self-centered. Her arms stretch far and wide and her heart is big enough to embrace the children of the world. By thinking internationally and urging the ratification of the League of Nations she is actualizing the world hope for better things and bringing about a reconstruction based on the social and industrial readjustments which mean peace and progress."

College Men Best Mixers With French

Mrs. Corbin, Returned War Nurse, Says Misunderstandings Were Chiefly Among Uneducated

"Children at Best," Say the French

Women's Committee of Harvard Endowment Fund Raises \$150,000

FRANCE in war was a daily proof of the incalculable value of higher education in America, according to Mrs. John Corbin, who said last week that her two years' experience just behind the fighting front was now making her an enthusiastic and active member of the woman's committee of the Harvard Endowment Fund, which is cooperating in the campaign to raise a minimum of \$15,250,000 for the university.

Mrs. Corbin went abroad soon



Mrs. John Corbin. A member of the woman's committee of the Harvard Endowment Fund, who served in France through the war

after our declaration of war against Germany and served until the armistice as a nurse with a French mobile hospital unit staffed by members of the Union de Femmes de France, one of the three main divisions of the French Red Cross.

A Personal Appeal

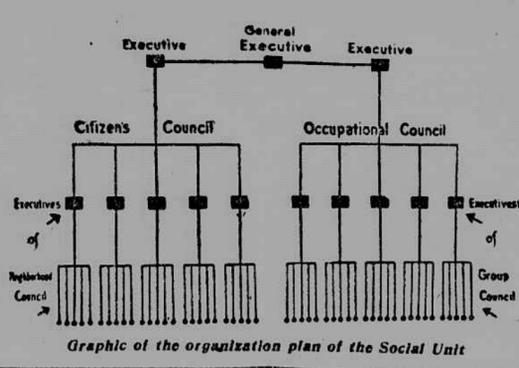
"A lasting impression of my experiences in France is the value of a good education in cementing friendly relations between peoples of such different culture and background as the French and the Americans," said Mrs. Corbin. "Perhaps I was superstitious and too anxious that our American boys should make as direct and warm a personal appeal in contact with the French as did their courage and optimism and other strong soldierly qualities. For one whose love for France is subordinate only to that for America it was distressing at times to see the opportunities for a closer intimacy between the two countries going to waste because of the lack of points of contact between the French and our boys. Little incidents, which were for the most part, but many of our values and sweeping generalizations are based on trivial impressions. The statement attributed to a Frenchman that the Americans are children at best, at worst brutes, is a case in point.

Petty Differences Ignored

"It so happens that the men from our colleges and universities showed almost without exception an adaptability to environment, a capacity for understanding a different viewpoint, and an easy resourcefulness in turning their knowledge into sincere and more cordial relationships with a foreign people that proved the value of education. They were the Americans who were equipped to show without superficial friction and foolish misunderstandings the real regard which America has for France and the true feelings which underlay our support of the Allies' cause. Trained to weigh values, they were not diverted from the essential union between France and the United States by trivial differences in the manner of living. In short, the college man proved himself to be the better mixer.

"The war is now over and all but a comparative handful of Americans are back from abroad, but the world has changed and we must be able to mix in international affairs as cosmopolitans. If we are to remain a vital force we must improve our technique in meeting and living with other peoples by means of better education and more of it."

GENERAL COUNCIL



"A Strike Cure" Say the Leaders Of Social Unit

NATIONAL CONVENTION MAPS OUT THE PLANS TO PROMOTE DEMOCRATIC IDEALS BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD WORKERS

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 25.—The situation of industrial unrest in this country will be helped by application of the social unit plan of community organization on a national basis, say the officials of this organization and the members of its twelve national committees representing business, labor, recreation, Americanization, social service, public health, nursing, education, medical organization, neighborhood organization, housing, statistics and church work.

This was the conclusion at the close of a three-day national conference this afternoon in this city which has been considering the future of the social unit plan from many angles. Among the officials of the National Social Unit Organization are Dr. Franklin K. Martin, of Chicago; R. E. Chaddock, of New York; Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, Mrs. Daniel Guggenheim, Mrs. Alexander Kohut, Charles Edison, William Loeb, Jr., Mrs. J. Borden Harrison and many other nationally known men and women.

A Programme Needed

In presenting the programme for a national application of the work, Wilbur C. Phillips, executive of the general council of the organization, said:

"America is facing a critical situation. Strikes in industries, in departments of municipal government, the unionizing of professional groups, rent strikes and cost-of-living protests and agitation for economic change through political action demonstrate the state of unrest of our country at the present time.

"Such evidence of dissatisfaction demands a programme for action. Some means must be found for creating human solidarity. Repressive measures will not meet the need, yet no method for use in such a crisis is to be found in the social work of the past; old-fashioned ideas do not satisfy the groupings of the people.

"The community movement seems to be one of the most helpful factors in the national situation; it suggests a most effective method for breaking down the prejudice and misunderstanding between racial and economic groups, and its purpose is the creation of a genuine democracy. 'The programme of the Social Unit requires the cooperation of every community group to render it fully effective. It aims at popular control, yet makes use of the highest skill available.'"

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Mrs. Corbin said that the women's committee of the fund was making a record in its part of the work for the endowment fund. Up to date the women have raised more than \$150,000.

Young Propagandists of the Social Unit



Boys in the Mohawk-Brighton district delivering the little newspaper of the Social Unit

Doings of the Week in Women's Organizations

AT THE Home Efficiency School, teaching home making and social civics, at 136 East Fifty-fifth Street, there was a most unusual meeting last Wednesday, when Comtesse d'Ursel, Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen of Belgium, talked on her struggles with home restoration and social civics during the war. A transition overnight from a life in a palace to one in a dugout; from a life spent among museums, art treasures, books and celebrities, to a twenty-hour a day struggle to feed and clothe and house and nurse the needy, with no facilities and scanty supplies; this had not based his candidacy on fitness for office or on a platform of independent, non-partisan and unbiased interpretation of the law; he had merely announced his intention to enter the primaries on a "wet" platform.

Mrs. R. C. Talbot-Perkins is one of the leaders in the fight against Mr. Haskell. She herself is enrolled as a Republican. It is her opinion that the women of all parties will not stand for Mr. Haskell's anti-prohibition tendencies. The campaign of the women of the Allied Citizens of America is to urge the voters to cast their votes for Norman S. Dike and Howard T. Nash, Republican and Democratic candidates, respectively, running for the office of judge in Kings County.

There are thirteen candidates listed as running for the county judgeships in Kings. Two are to be elected. There are two Republicans and two Democrats, two Socialists and two representing each of a number of other tickets. The "women voters' idea is that a split ticket naming the two men who, in their opinion, will make the best judges is the best way to vote.

Y. W. Girls Take Barking Lessons

TEACHING women the daily bark is the latest development in the training course for volunteers for the "Come and See" month-long reception to the public to be given by the New York City Young Women's Christian Association in November. During the last week the training has consisted largely in motor trips of inspection to the twenty-nine centers of activity in the city. On each occasion a barker has been necessary, as there is only time for a moment's pause in passing the various buildings, and in that moment a great deal of description must be megaphoned. A large number of barkers will be required during November, and a special training has been found necessary. Mr. White, of the Manhattan Sight Seeing Company, gave the volunteers their first lesson in barking Wednesday.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., one of the largest contributors to the Y. W. C. A. work, has accepted invitations to "Come and See" the work of the Y. W. C. A. of November. Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., and party will be the guests of Mrs. William Fellows Morgan. Next weeks training will include morning and evening lectures at national headquarters and central branch.

THE Parents' and Teachers' Association of the Ethical Culture School, Central Park West and Sixty-third Street, has announced a course of lectures on "Why We Tell Stories to Children" by Sarah M. Mott. The first of these will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3:15 o'clock in Room 46 of the school. The other talks will be on November 3, 10 and 17.

THE first meeting of the season of Charter Chapter, Daughters of the Union, was held Wednesday, October 22, at the Waldorf-Astoria. The regent, Mrs. William R. Stewart, presided and called business at 2:30 o'clock. A patriotic program was given under the chairmanship of Dr. Frances Monell.

THE women's organizations of the Society for Ethical Culture, New York Section, Council of Jewish Women United Neighborhood Houses, has announced a series of lectures on "Americanization," to be held at 2 West Sixty-fourth Street on Friday mornings at 11 o'clock, beginning November 7. The purpose of the course, as announced by those arranging it, is to establish closer relations between the foreign born and the native American. It is in fact to teach the persons interested in Americanization something of the pupils they are training. A Rus-

slan, a Pole, a Hungarian, an Armenian, a Greek, an Italian and others will interpret, each one his own people.

THE Mothers of the West Committee, as the auxiliary of the Rocky Mountain Club, with Mrs. John Hays Hammond as chairman, is still extending hospitality to the men from the sixteen Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain states which are affiliated with the club.

BEGINNING October 21 Mrs. William Gerry Slade, as president of the New York State Society, U. S. D. of 1812, started a series of entertainments for all members of the state society who are not members of any chapter. Those "at homes" will continue monthly on the 21st, from 3 to 5, until May, 1920.

Business Women Confer With Foreign Doctors

Purse Presented To Belgian Queen

"NEW YORK CITY yesterday paid tribute to the King and Queen of the Belgians," said Mrs. Charles Cary Rumsey, member of the committee on arrangements for the performance and entertainment which took place at the Metropolitan Opera House last evening. At the meeting a purse was presented to the Queen to be used in the establishment of an institution for medical research in Brussels. This institution will be somewhat similar to the Rockefeller Foundation of New York City.

"When we decided to show our affection for Belgium through its heroic queen in a tangible way," continued Mrs. Rumsey, "we were gratifying our desire to recognize the greatness and the breadth of character of these two rulers. America has loved them since they first came into world prominence in 1914. Democracy recognizes in them those basic characteristics of nobility which are dependent on neither rank nor station. It was this nobility

Federation of Professional and Business Women Lay the Foundation of International Alliance

Dr. Kahn Scores For the Chinese

Emphasis Put on Equal Work as the Forerunner of Equal Salaries

SOMETHING new in organization, the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs would prove itself. A small, "picked" meeting was held at the McAlpin Wednesday night which the leaders termed an "international conference" in honor of the foreign women doctors who have been here for the last six weeks attending the International Conference of Women Physicians. The American speakers, themselves members of the federation, emphasized that the organization was for the dignity and equality of women's work, first; and for their rights, second.

"This is not going to be just like all the other organizations," said Nina B. Price, chairman of the meeting, "we have federated because we want to dignify our work, to secure equal opportunity and get equal pay for equal work."

"Equal pay for equal work," said Miss Lena Phillips, the "mother" of the federation, "but with the emphasis on the equal work."

Grace Parker, organizer of the National League for Women's Service, addressed the meeting on "getting together." She was in England and France before the United States entered the European war. When this country did go in Miss Parker brought the scheme for the League for Women's Service here and organized. In her address Wednesday night Miss Parker showed the comprehension and spiritual breadth which those who saw service at the front always bring back with them.

Without doubt Dr. Kahn, of China, was the hit of the evening. Whether Dr. Kahn is a typical professional woman of her country or not, she is a joy to her international sisters in professional and business life. She is large and smiling. She knows the world very well and her own country holds no illusions for her, although she is distinctly alive to its worth and its possibilities. She wants to please. She has no unkind feelings. So it is with her country, she says.

"But if a country like China, comprising one-fourth the population of the earth, is ever exploited by a militaristic nation, if the Chinese are taught the use of weapons and lose their kindness they may turn on you of the West and become a menace to you."

Republican Women to Observe Roosevelt Day

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, STATE AND MUNICIPAL LEADERS ON THE PROGRAM

ROOSEVELT DAY will be celebrated by the Women's Executive Committee of the Republican State Committee Monday afternoon, October 27, at 3 o'clock, at the Republican National Club, 64 West Fortieth Street.

Mrs. Arthur L. Livermore, state women's chairman, will open the meeting. Mrs. John Henry Hammond, chairman of the Women's Committee of the Roosevelt Memorial Committee, will be the first speaker. Other speakers will be Senator Frederick M. Davenport, of Onondaga; Colonel Grayson M. P. Murphy, of the American Red Cross, and Henry H. Curran, candidate for president of the Borough of Manhattan.

The Roosevelt programme will be the second of a course of six lectures arranged for by the following committee: Mrs. Walter Damrosch, chairman; Mrs. Winthrop W. Aldrich, Mrs. James F. Curtis, Miss Charlotte DeLafield, Mrs. Charles E. Hughes, Miss Martha McCook, Mrs. Grayson M. P. Murphy, Mrs. Courtlandt Nicoll, Mrs. James R. Parsons, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.; Mrs. Charles H. Sabin, Mrs. James R. Sheffield, Mrs. Reeve Schley, Mrs. Henry Seligman, Miss Mary J. Schieffelin, Mrs. Henry W. Taft, Miss Mary Wadley and Mrs. Lucius Wilmerding.

Photo by Campbell Studio. Mrs. C. C. Rumsey. One of the committee on the entertainment for the Belgian Queen