

N. E. A. COMPROMISES ON SCHOOL DRILLING

Votes Drilling of Pupils May Be Wise, but Not for Military Ends.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE URGED

All the Officers Proposed by the Nominating Committee Are Elected.

A compromise resolution on school military training which was described as a straddle by extreme pacifists and extreme preparedness advocates was adopted by the National Education Association at its business session in Madison Square Garden yesterday.

When William B. Owen of Chicago, chairman of the resolutions committee, read this sentence, J. McKeen Cattell, professor of psychology at Columbia University, hurried to the platform.

"It is the duty of the teachers, not of the convention, to decide what subjects to teach," he went on. "Against the wish of the people New York State has just passed a law that schoolboys shall go to camp in summer and learn to shoot."

Opposing Plea Made.

"If we adopt the resolution as it stands we are saying exactly the opposite of what was said last year, simply because we have this year another chairman of the resolutions committee who has the military spirit."

Prof. Cattell moved that the clause be stricken and Mrs. Owen fervently asked the convention to retain it.

"I favor compulsory education for every man in America," he said. "Good God!" several men shouted.

"But this resolution says that the National Education Association is not the place to decide that school and college does not point that way. Our committee tried to ignore local situations and the newspapers of New York city and to frame a purely educational proposition."

A E. Winship of Massachusetts, editor of the Journal of Education, also insisted that the resolution did not favor military training.

William G. Willcox, president of the New York City Board of Education, said the country was in greater danger of an aggressive military policy than this city was in danger of a "great conflagration."

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Simplified Spelling.

Simplified spelling got a boost in the adoption yesterday of a resolution tabled by the N. E. A. introduced by John E. Kirk, president of the State Normal School at Kirksville, Mo. It read:

"Resolved, That this association use in its publications the spelling I in the past tense of English verbs ending in -ed pronouns, when the change will not suggest the wrong pronunciation."

Which does not mean that the teachers will t their past pronunciations in the classroom.

The convention also urged wider use of school books for public purposes, and officially declared that the hospitality of New York, "the reliable and informing reports of the public meetings in the past year, and the largest enrollment (38,000) in the history of the N. E. A. had made the convention 'worthy of the metropolis of the nation, setting a new standard for future meetings.'"

All the officers proposed by the nominating committee, including President Robert J. Aley of the University of Maine as president of the association, were elected without dissent.

Resolving the death of Dr. Irwin Shepard, who was secretary of the association for twenty years, was adopted. A military training committee appointed by the department of superintendence was made a committee of the association.

Gompers Makes Plea.

Samuel Gompers asked the teachers in Madison Square Garden last night to join the American Federation of Labor, of which he is president. He said this was organized labor's message to teachers.

"If you wish to be free, if you wish to be independent to perform the work entrusted to you nobly and for the best interests of the citizenship of this country, with us for your own and our common protection and betterment."

"Some among you teachers have turned to labor movement for help and protection in the American Federation of Labor, and some who would make you think that by casting your lot with the labor movement and solving your problems through economic agencies you are losing dignity and will lose your standing as a profession. Quite the opposite is true."

Before the department of higher education Dean James E. Russell of Teachers College, Columbia University, said that among America's needs were "a system of educational administration that shall eliminate the politician, and a public spirit that shall put the public good ahead of personal gain."

Speaking before the National Congress of Mothers Miss Beale Locke said it was unfair that only 11 per cent. of American children receive kindergarten training, and that Belgium led the world in this schooling more than one-half of its children between the ages of 3 and 6 years.

Pupils should read the daily newspapers to vitalize both medieval and modern history, said J. O. Engleman, superintendent of schools of Decatur, Ill., at a meeting of the National Council of English Teachers.

BIG LOSS BY HURRICANE.

Millions of Damage—Small Craft in Gulf in Peril.

New Orleans, July 7.—Reports tonight from the storm swept Gulf States, though bringing news of property damage that may total millions of dollars, established definitely only one death. An engineer was killed at Bond, Miss., when his train ran into a washout. More than \$4,000,000 of damage was done in Mississippi and Alabama alone, according to estimates to-night.

The greatest anxiety is felt for the crews of the battleship, which have been in the Gulf when the hurricane broke.

Other Resolutions Adopted.

Other resolutions adopted were, in brief:

That the President of the United States be asked to appoint a commission to investigate the condition of women on the farm and of the rural home.

That Congress be asked to appropriate \$500,000 to be spent by the Bureau of Education in disseminating information as to the education of immigrants and stimulating the Americanization of alien residents.

That men and women should have equal suffrage (the being a reaffirmation of last year's resolution on this subject).

That the Chicago Board of Education, which reduced the number of teachers to one year and dismissed forty-two who joined a labor union, was seen in another resolution which was adopted.

That the members of the teaching profession can have but one client, the public; that the public, therefore, owes the profession to see that the members of the profession to see that only professional considerations enter into employment, retention and dismissal of teachers.

That the powers and duties of superintendents of schools should receive definition by legislative enactment. The term "superintendent" that three years; the power of nomination of teachers and members of the educational staff should be given to the superintendent.

That the tenure of teachers should, after the probationary period, be permanent. Removal should be possible only for inefficiency. Salaries should be fixed so as to insure teachers a standard of living keeping with the professional standards made upon them. Retiring al-

CAPETON GETS PACIFIC FLEET.

Rear Admiral Pond Will Succeed Him in Hawaiian Waters.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Rear Admiral W. B. Caperton, now commanding the "Squadron in Hawaii and Santo Domingo waters, was selected today to succeed Admiral Winslow as commander of the Pacific fleet when the latter retires July 29 on account of age. Rear Admiral Caperton will be succeeded by Rear Admiral Pond, now commanding the auxiliary division of the Atlantic fleet. In announcing the selection Secretary Daniels said he had not considered the question of seniority and had decided to name Admiral Caperton on account of his "valuable and satisfactory record in Hawaii and Santo Domingo waters, his efficient record as a high executive officer."

JAPAN SOCIETY BIDS CHINDA FAREWELL

Retiring Ambassador Told He Is "an American Masquerading as a Japanese."

Viscount Chinda, retiring Japanese Ambassador to the United States, will sail for London aboard the New York today to take up his duties there, was guest of honor yesterday at a luncheon at the Bankers' Club, given by the Japan Society.

Sixty men, many of whom attended the dinner of greeting to Ambassador Chinda four years ago, were present, and brief addresses were made by Melville E. Stone, George H. Schiff and the Ambassador, George W. Wickersham presided.

Mr. Stone said Viscount Chinda had told him it was this country that had introduced Japan to the family of nations, and that Japan had always felt deeply and earnestly grateful. Mr. Stone said that the Japanese ambassador, who was the brother-in-law of the guest of honor, had done so much to promote the friendly relations between the United States and Japan.

"Both these men are Americans masquerading as Japanese," said Mr. Stone. Among those present were August Belmont, A. Barton Hepburn, Darwin P. Kingsley, John Franklin Fort, John J. Carty, Howard E. Cole, Robert C. Morris, John A. Slescher, Willard D. Straight, Nicholas P. Brady, Herbert S. Houston, George T. Wilson, E. E. O'Leary, W. H. Marshall, Jerome D. Greene, H. P. Thayer, F. B. Wiborg, Seton Lindsey, Anton G. Hodelny, Martin Egan and Isaac M. Seligman.

STEP TO MERGE AUTO CLUBS.

State Motor Federation Appoints a Committee to Act.

UTICA, July 7.—The first step toward a merger of the two big automobile organizations of New York State, representing 115 motor clubs, was taken at a meeting of the directors of the New York State Motor Federation, at Rome today.

A committee of five was appointed to confer with similar committees of the New York Automobile Association concerning consolidation.

Great Atlantic's Speed Trials.

The new 31,000-ton 21 knot battleship Arizona, the largest completed battleship in the United States Navy, just finished at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, now has steam up for her speed trials. The big battleship also has steam up for several days to test the engines and boilers.

CROPS THIS YEAR BELOW 1915 MARK

Government's Forecast Shows Improvement Over Conditions in June.

RECORD TOBACCO YIELD

Wheat and Oats Show Better Prospects—Potatoes in Good Shape.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Crops this year better than the average for the five years ending in 1914, but in most cases smaller than last year's harvests, were predicted today by the Department of Agriculture, basing its estimates on conditions July 1.

Compared with conditions as reported on June 1 the crops showed moderate improvement. The features of the Department's report were a forecast of a record breaking tobacco crop, and announcement of a heavy quantity of wheat held on farms July 1, the latter being more than double the amount usually so held.

Growing conditions during June improved the prospects of the wheat and oats crops. The Department's report forecast the combined crop of winter and spring wheat at 73,000,000 bushels, which is 44,000,000 bushels more than predicted last month, and increased the estimate of the final yield of oats to 1,217,000,000 bushels, or 42,000,000 bushels more than forecast in June.

A slight increase in the area planted to corn this year was reported and a crop of 2,848,000,000 bushels, which, with favorable conditions might exceed last year's 3,055,000,000 bushel record crop, was forecast. The condition of corn was reported as slightly better than last year on July 1, but was about 2 per cent. below the ten year average condition for July 1.

Potatoes this year are growing on a slightly smaller acreage than last year, but their condition indicates a crop of 368,000,000 bushels, or 10,000,000 bushels more than last year.

Indications are that the tobacco crop will be a record one.

Forecasts for All Crops.

Table with columns for Crop, July, June, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893, 1892, 1891, 1890, 1889, 1888, 1887, 1886, 1885, 1884, 1883, 1882, 1881, 1880, 1879, 1878, 1877, 1876, 1875, 1874, 1873, 1872, 1871, 1870, 1869, 1868, 1867, 1866, 1865, 1864, 1863, 1862, 1861, 1860, 1859, 1858, 1857, 1856, 1855, 1854, 1853, 1852, 1851, 1850, 1849, 1848, 1847, 1846, 1845, 1844, 1843, 1842, 1841, 1840, 1839, 1838, 1837, 1836, 1835, 1834, 1833, 1832, 1831, 1830, 1829, 1828, 1827, 1826, 1825, 1824, 1823, 1822, 1821, 1820, 1819, 1818, 1817, 1816, 1815, 1814, 1813, 1812, 1811, 1810, 1809, 1808, 1807, 1806, 1805, 1804, 1803, 1802, 1801, 1800, 1799, 1798, 1797, 1796, 1795, 1794, 1793, 1792, 1791, 1790, 1789, 1788, 1787, 1786, 1785, 1784, 1783, 1782, 1781, 1780, 1779, 1778, 1777, 1776, 1775, 1774, 1773, 1772, 1771, 1770, 1769, 1768, 1767, 1766, 1765, 1764, 1763, 1762, 1761, 1760, 1759, 1758, 1757, 1756, 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