

# SPEAKERS SCORE FORUM PROJECT

Board of Trade Committee Opposes Johnson Bill Backed by Miss Wilson.

## WARD CALLED DREAMER

Prof. W. C. Arnett Says Minimum Expense of Plan Would Be \$26 a Week Per Forum.

A resolution opposing the Johnson bill was adopted by the public schools committee of the Board of Trade at a prolonged session yesterday. The resolution will be submitted to the organization at its meeting April 24. The committee members practically were unanimous in opposing the bill.

Appearing before the committee in behalf of the bill were E. J. Ward, of the Federal Bureau of Education, one of the promoters of the forum movement, and E. J. Driscoll, president of the Grover Cleveland Forum. Prof. W. C. Arnett, a retired school teacher, went before the committee as an opponent of the bill.

"This bill would mean a minimum expense of \$26 a week for each building in which the forums are held," said Prof. Arnett. "This is a dream of a dreamer. I will oppose with all my power any plan to make the taxpayers contribute such an amount for the materialization of Mr. Ward's dream."

"If it could be shown the movement would be a supplement of the public school system, and if the Board of Education and superintendent of schools declared it good, I would support it, but I leave it to the education board and the superintendent to decide," the speaker declared.

**Rochester Plan Failure.**

He said he had investigated the results of a similar movement Prof. Ward had promulgated in Rochester, N. Y., "an utter failure," was his characterization of the movement there.

Prof. Arnett declared after he left the committee session that it was "fendish to use the daughter of the President to forward this movement. I do not believe she realizes what she is doing when she supports the idea," he said.

Frederick A. Fenning, chairman of the committee, presided. Alfred C. Flather acting as secretary. Roy C. Glavin, who had been directed by the chairman to draw up a report on the forum question, submitted the results of his investigation. The report opposed the passage of the Johnson bill. Many members of the committee spoke on the question, the majority declaring against the measure.

The resolutions adopted by the committee "disapproved of the Johnson bill" and declared that the "present law respecting the use of the public schools is adequate."

## MANY WILL ATTEND SUFFRAGE LUNCHEON

Four Drawing Rooms to Be Thrown Together to Accommodate Crowd at Farewell Party.

So great has been the demand for tickets to the farewell luncheon at the national headquarters of the Congressional Union on Sunday afternoon in honor of the envoys who will go into the free States to form a Woman Voters' party, that the four drawing-rooms will be thrown together to accommodate the crowd.

Mrs. Florence Kelley, secretary of the Consumers' League, will be toastmistress, and the speakers will be Mrs. W. D. Ascoug, of Connecticut; Mrs. Robert Baker, of Washington; Mrs. O. H. P. Roling, Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, Mrs. Inez Mitholland Boissvain, Miss Anna Constable, Miss Kathleen Taylor and Miss Helen Todd, of New York; Miss Ella Reisel, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, of Delaware, and Mrs. Cyrus Mead, of Ohio.

Tables have been reserved by a number of prominent Washington suffragists who will entertain additional guests. Mrs. John Jay White has taken a table and will have it her party Mrs. James Taylor, Mrs. William Kent, Mrs. Harold Walker, Mrs. Colt and others.

## OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY CONSUMERS' LEAGUE

Mrs. Laurance Todd Chosen President. Girl Here Needs \$8.65 a Week.

As Minimum, Says Speaker.

After an investigation extending over more than a year, and an examination of more than 200 working women, the cost of living committee of the Consumers' League of the District announced Monday night that \$8.65 is the minimum weekly wage with which a girl or woman can live with the bare necessities of life. The report was submitted at the annual meeting of the league last night at Rauscher's by Chairman Dr. Frank O'Hara. Justice Siddons, of the District Supreme Court, presided.

At the business meeting preceding the report, Mrs. Laurance Todd was elected president of the league. Other officers elected were Mrs. Walter L. Ufford, Miss Dorothy M. Mueller, Mrs. Lloyd B. Wright, and Mrs. Edith J. Goode, vice presidents; Mrs. Merrill E. Gates, treasurer; Miss Elizabeth E. Bryan, recording secretary; Mrs. D. F. Hewett, assistant recording secretary; Miss Zip S. Falk, executive secretary.

The following were elected as additional members of the executive committee: Mrs. Henry S. Graves, A. J. McKeeway, Dr. Charles P. Nell, Dr. Frank O'Hara and Mrs. Wilbur C. Phillips.

## New York Hotel Arrivals.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, April 4.—The following Washingtonians have registered at hotels here:

Chamberlain—J. F. Gran.  
Herald Square—E. T. Harding.  
Park Avenue—S. R. Harris.  
Navarre—W. J. Morce.  
Flanders—Mrs. A. T. Risling and R. T. Risky.  
Grand—D. B. Sterrett.  
Woodward & Lothrop, dry goods, etc.  
G. Louis, traveling bags, toys, sporting goods and music; 234 Fourth Avenue.

## I. C. C. Rehearing Urged.

New York, April 4.—An application recently filed by the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada with the Interstate Commerce Commission for a modification of the order and a rehearing in the case of the Canada-Atlantic Transport Company, is receiving the support of prominent shipping interests in this city.

## Held for Grand Jury.

A coroner's jury yesterday held Frank Thomas, colored, for the action of the grand jury in connection with the shooting of Henry Price, colored, at First and H streets southwest on Saturday night. Thomas was represented by Attorney Ralph Kelly.

## SERVES U. S. 51 YEARS

Miss Emma S. Brown Entered Federal Employ in 1865.

Miss Emma S. Brown, 61 years old, completed her fifty-first year in the employ of the government yesterday at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, which department she entered on April 4, 1865, when not quite eleven years old. She began work by binding up packages of the old fractional paper currency known as "shin plasters," and worked herself up, until today she is chief of the trimming division of the bureau, with more than 100 employes under her direction.

There was not the usual observance at the bureau yesterday of Miss Brown's anniversary, as she is on leave attending the Baltimore Methodist Conference in session at Foundry M. E. Church, but extensive preparations are being made to hold a joint celebration on April 25, when she will be 62 years old.

## LETTER BOX FOR EVERY RESIDENT ADVOCATED

Postmaster Chance Will Launch Crusade Next Week to Expedite Mail Delivery.

Postmaster Merritt O. Chance has completed plans for a "letter box campaign" to be conducted in Washington next week. Mr. Chance has requested the government departments to co-operate in the campaign by posting notices on the department bulletin boards.

The purpose of the campaign is to have every family place a small mail receptacle on the front of the house. The Post-office Department points out that mail service can be made much more efficient if the carriers could drop the mail into a small box and not be compelled to wait

for the housewife to come to the door. A statement issued by Postmaster Chance reads in part as follows:

"This office is promoting a campaign known as the 'letter box campaign,' to be held in this city during the week of April 10 to 15, inclusive. The purpose of the campaign is to have the residents of the city equip their homes with letter boxes or letter drops, which can be procured for a small sum from any of the hardware, department, or 5- and 10-cent stores.

"The installation of these mail receptacles will be a great convenience to the householders, in that they will permit the delivery of mail at times when all members of the family are absent, and also at times when it would be inconvenient to answer the summons of the carrier. They will likewise benefit the carrier by reason of the fact that he will not have to wait, sometimes in stormy weather, for the residents to come to the door."

Half the people of Maryland live in Baltimore.

## EVERYBODY IS BUSY COUNTING DIAMONDS

Herald Contest Proves Popular Because It Is Not Only Profitable But Really Enjoyable.

"Are you counting diamonds?" This is the question nearly every one in Washington is asking nearly everybody else. And not only is it the leading question here, but in the country round about it is one of the chief topics of conversation wherever you see two or three gathered together.

Counting diamonds is not only prospectively profitable, but it is also declared by those who are engaged in the pastime to be really enjoyable and mentally refreshing. So if you have not yet joined the throngs of those who have

rotten busy on the proposition, now is the best time to get into good company. It may be worth \$500 to you.

This contest is open to both old and new subscribers everywhere in the United States east of the Mississippi River. The only requirement for entry is a payment on subscription to the Washington Herald of from 50 cents to \$1.20. The value of the leading prizes is graded according to the amount you pay, but every cent of the amount paid is applied on your subscription, so you are nothing out if you do not win, and you get greater value for your money than you could by subscribing for any other paper in Washington.

While the contest does not close until May 2, it is best not to delay sending in your solution and subscription, because by ordering now you will have the paper before you, and can go over the puzzle chart again to ascertain whether your first try was as good as you could obtain. Those desiring to verify their solutions by having extra charts to figure on may obtain books of the extra charts for 15 cents each.

**Veterans Plan Smoker.**

A get-together meeting of the members of Gen. Leonard Wood Garrison, No. 88, Army and Navy Union, U. S. A., is planned by Commander R. Finucane, of the Secretary of the garrison's quarters on Friday evening at the garrison's quarters in G. A. R. Hall, Pennsylvania avenue, opposite the New Willard Hotel. The meeting will take the form of a buffet supper and smoker.

**Russians Reported Defeated.**

Constantinople (via German wireless), April 4.—Russian troops operating in the Tchorkh valley in northeastern Armenia, have been forced to retire, the Turkish War Office announced today.

**British Deny Warship Loss.**

London, April 4.—The admiralty today issued a denial of the German announcement that the British warship Donagel was sunk by a mine about the middle of February. The Donagel is a cruiser of 2,800 tons and carries 656 men.



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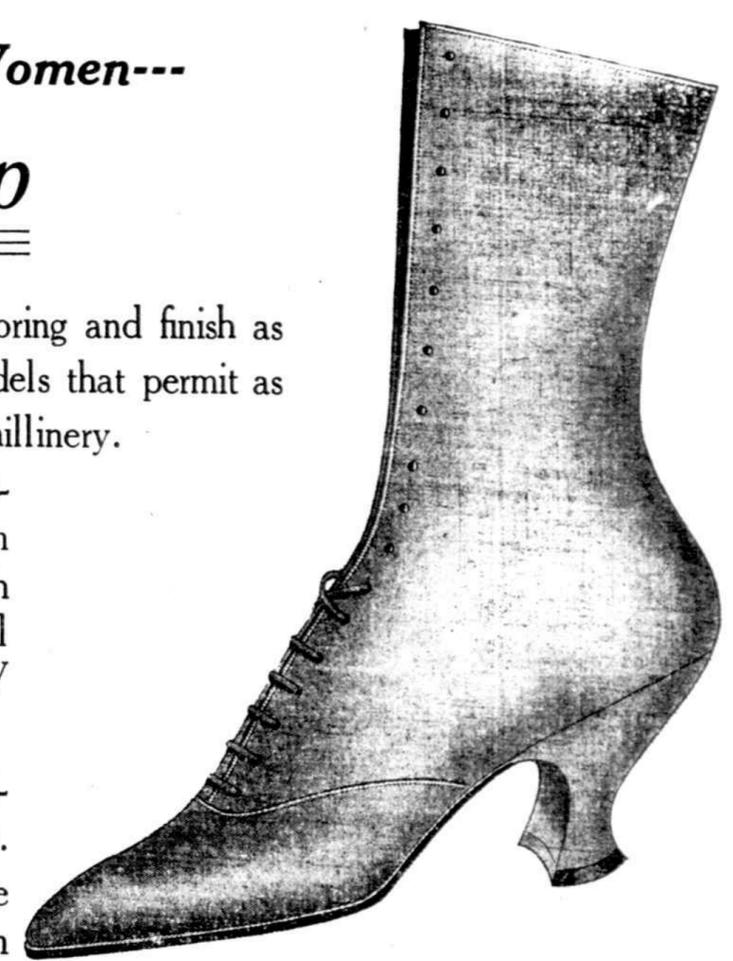
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