

## League of Women Voters

It is a significant fact that there are more women voters in the country than men, by about a million.

It is a significant fact that they are in a majority in most communities.

It is significant that an organization of women voters during the first year of its existence enrolled 2,000,000 members, representing every state in the union.

There are those who believe that what the world is, the world will be; there are those who believe that the enfranchisement of millions of women (27,000,000 now have the ballot) will "make no difference."

But life and governments are continually changing. They are a growth, an evolution, and woman, with her physical and experiential differences, will bring into the political life of the country, a point of view sufficiently varied from man's to make a possible, if not a certain, difference.

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The National League of Women Voters met in annual convention in Cleveland, April 12-16. The society had been in existence a year. A thousand women from all over the country attended the meetings.

**Accomplishment.**

During the year, two federal bills sponsored by the league had become law, the bill establishing on a permanent basis the woman's bureau in the Department of Labor, and the Sterling-Lehigh civil service retirement bill. The Sheppard-Towner bill, called the "baby bill," failed to pass the last congress, but was endorsed by President Harding in his message a week ago, and its passage by the Sixty-seventh congress is regarded as a certainty.

The national party platforms of 1920 included (with some exceptions) the planks asked for by the League of Women Voters.

Thousands and thousands of citizenship schools have been conducted in all parts of the country, educating women for citizenship, the first avowed object of the league. Universities, too numerous to mention, have established extension courses and issued literature on citizenship.

Nebraska has held her citizenship schools. Omaha is now the seat of one, which, though not initiated by the League of Women Voters, numbers the league among its co-operating sponsors. Our own University of Nebraska has added extension courses and issued publications bearing on this branch of education.

No attempt is here made to enumerate the various state laws sponsored by women. In Nebraska, the Children's Code bills are the outstanding measures in which the league is interested. The fate of bills in other states has not been as unhappy for their sponsors as have the Nebraska bills.

### The League a Power.

Judged by the record of its first year, the League of Women Voters is a power.

**Not a Woman's Party.**

The League of Women Voters is not a political party; it is not a woman's party. It is interesting to note, however, that Mrs. Catt did intimate publicly during the sessions, that if the men would not legislate to the satisfaction of women, that if men would not fairly represent the women in legislative bodies, the women might feel called upon to represent themselves in government.

In other words, women could unite into a party and could be forced to seek office if that is the only course left open to them.

### Training Period for Women.

Maude Wood Park, active head of the league, has expressed her views

"The present day of women in politics is the training period. Few women understand legislation. They must take time to learn. And learning will lead to a concentrated action and work along lines that are bound to mean a better America."

"Much is needed in a legislative way."

"Nearly four times as many mothers and infants die each year as there were American soldiers killed in the war."

"Physicians believe this could be prevented by proper care. Statistics of 17 countries show that the United States, with two exceptions, has the highest death rate among mothers. The United States stands eighth in the list in the death rate of infants. There is no reason why America should not have fewer deaths than any other country. That is why we have been fighting for the Sheppard-Towner bill."

"And that is why mothers of America must use the power of the vote to get other legislation that means the betterment of America."

"We are standing back and waiting too long, we'll get another war by waiting. Women, there isn't anything that can't be done in this country by popular opinion. One vote is of no value. Two votes are of no value, but there are a thousand votes here tonight, and I tell you 1,000

votes are a wedge to set the political parties going in the right direction. Let us take a resolution tonight, let us consecrate ourselves, to put war out of this world. It isn't necessary for a republican to turn democrat, or a democrat republican. It is necessary that we rise out of mere shallow partisanship, that we act as

is as clear as the tone itself. These women have been working for definite results during the past year. They have struck rocks and snags. They have made mistakes. They have suffered much; they have learned much. They have come out of it all with purpose and courage.

**Let the Mothers Die.**

Mrs. LaRue Brown, chairman of child welfare, told of a conversation she had with a senator in the interest of the Sheppard-Towner bill.

"You know," do you not, she asked, "that from 18,000 to 25,000 women die annually in child birth?"

"Well, isn't that to be expected?" the man calmly replied.

**An Indictment.**

Mrs. Cunningham of Texas told of a boy from an isolated region in her state, who went overseas during the war. He came back with various medals (about which he said nothing), and returned to his lonely mother and sawmill job.

One day an ambassador from the king of Italy reached Texas hunting for this boy, who was found and escorted to the capital of the state, where a medal for distinguished service was given him by the representative of Italy's king. Then the people learned of the lad's brilliant war record.

"What can we do for you," they asked, "to show our own appreciation of the honor you have brought your native state?"

"I have always wanted an education," said the boy, haltingly. "I have always wanted to read and write."

He was one of the 25 per cent of our American soldiers who could not read and write.

Such experiences as these have caused league women to set their faces firmly toward a goal and if the spirit demonstrated in Cleveland means anything, they will not "bout face" on the job.

One indication of their earnestness is found in the fact that they raised \$80,000 in one hour to carry on the work of the year ahead.

**Height of Convention.**

The highest moment of the convention was reached Wednesday night, April 13. The occasion was a meeting thrown open to the public, held at Masonic hall, a beautiful auditorium with a lighting system which might serve as a model for all public buildings.

Thousands of people attended. Miss Florence Allen, a municipal judge in Cleveland, and Will Irwin, war correspondent, had given addresses of exceptional merit and effect. Mrs. Catt was on the program for a talk on the psychology of political parties.

It was late when her place on the program was reached. Nathaniel Hower in the Cleveland Plain Dealer tells what happened.

"A high, clear voice rang out, and 2,000 women sat in motionless attention. A tall, majestic figure on the stage before them was leading them in a spiritual crusade. A spotlight over her cast a halo about her silvery hair, as Carrie Chapman Catt last night threw her set speech on politics into the discard and begged the National League of Women Voters' convention to end all war."

"Not a woman stirred all the minutes that she spoke. The only sounds in Masonic hall for those fifteen minutes were those of quick, nervous pencil scribbling in the press box, a sharp intaking of breath here and there over the auditorium, and that inspired, inspiring voice."

"The people in this room—to-night—could put an end to war."

"There isn't an audience in the world that won't applaud him who talks of world peace. Everybody wants it, and everyone does nothing. I am for a league of nations, a republican league or any kind. The republicans are in. I believe it is the duty of everyone who wants the world to disarm to compel action at Washington."

"Our country is not judged by its parties—it is judged as a nation. But why don't we do something? I ask you: Is there anybody anywhere with an earnest crusading spirit who is trying to arouse America? Oh, no. We are as stolid and as inactive as if we did not face the greatest opportunity of history."

Old women and young women, their features and forms dim under the dark lights of the auditorium, were leaning forward everywhere, straining to see the white-haired woman who had led the winning fight for their national rights. Now she was leading them in an international quest.

"We are the appointed leaders. It isn't possible for us to see the horrors on the other side. We go on day by day living—in living in paradise, I tell you!—while tragic Europe tries to gather its ruins together."

"Not by standing back and waiting will we succeed. Oh, we've waited too long, we'll get another war by waiting. Women, there isn't anything that can't be done in this country by popular opinion. One vote is of no value. Two votes are of no value, but there are a thousand votes here tonight, and I tell you 1,000

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## Problems That Perplex

### Not Tall Enough.

Dear Miss Fairfax: As you have helped so many others solve foolish problems, I thought that I would also come to you for some advice. What I would like to know is this: I have been going about with a young man six years my senior. He is a very nice man and is well liked everywhere he is known but what bothers me most of all is that he is not as tall as I am, and my girl friends tell me to give him up on this one account. And, of course, they make all kinds of fun when we are together. Do you think the height makes any difference? I am, as ever, your friend,

**DIMITRES.**

You are going to have a sad life, my dear, if you allow trifles to disturb your peace of mind. I grant that a man is usually taller than a woman, and perhaps that is to be preferred. But to give up a man you care for because of his height is nonsense.

You can do a great deal to make the comparison more kindly to the man if you will. Wear hats without "height," broad-brimmed ones with flat trimming, or small tight-fitting ones. Do not wear French heels. The low ones are better for you anyway. Even the style of your dresses way.

### Ironing Boards

When traveling, if the ever handy electric iron is to be "pressed," try ironing on the dresser drawer. Turn it upside down and place a bath towel over that. If there is an ironing board handy the drawer is still useful in quite another way. Pull it open and insert one end of the board into the opening. This will be rather firm when the article to be ironed upon it is pressed upon and skirts may be ironed very easily to remove wrinkles without adding new ones in the process.

### Fortune in Desk

The hidden fortune in a piece of old furniture has turned up in Vienna with unusually dramatic setting, says a dispatch from the old Austrian city.

One of the many families who live by the gradual sale of antique family possessions decided to sell a very old desk. The daughter and a friend were removing it to a waiting wagon when the well known secret apartment opened at the proper cue and disclosed a pile of gold coins.

In the coinage of nearly all Europe and some of ancient date they represent 5,000,000 present Austrian crowns.

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