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 organ-ization of women voters during the first year of its existence enrolled 2,000,000 members, representing evcry 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 po-litical life of the country, a point of view sufficiently varied from man's to make a possible, if not a certain, difference. League of Women Voters. 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-Lehlbach 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 con-gress is regarded as a certainty. The national party platforms of 1920 included (with some excep-tions) 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. Uni-versities, 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-operat-ing 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



votes are a wedge to set the political parties going in the right direction. "Let us take a resolution tonight, They have made mistakes. They have suffered much; they have let us consecrate ourselves, to put war out of this world. It isn't neceslearned much. They have come out of it all with purpose and courage. sary for a republican to turn democrat, or a democrat republican. It is necessary that we rise out of mere

Mrs. LaRue Brown, chairman of shallow partisanship, that we act as 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.

Let the Mothers Die.

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

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 repre-sentative 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 educa-tion," 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 Carrie Chapman Catt. women. Let us let Mr. Harding and

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in the future, as in the past, to edu- country to the International Woman in the future, as in the past, to edu-cate women in the intelligent use of the ballot through non-political schools or courses in citizenship; second, to educate and interest wom-en in legislation, local, state and fed-eral, that they may understand and work for measures of value to the community and matters with the future of the international Woman Suffrage Alliance; Miss May Gund of Lincoln, and Mrs. Calvin Clark to Washington, D. C., for the na-tional D. A. R. convention. Mrs. Dietrich Honored. Mrs. Dietrich came away with the

community and nation.

Convention Fun.

There was plenty of fun at the convention along with the serious business. There was the birthday party the first day when women formed a procession and marched through the Statler hotel waving a new state president when the next flags and balloons to band accom-annual meeting occurs in Lincoln paniment. There were group break-fasts, regional luncheons and department dinners and a great big joyful banquet the night of the 14th. Luxurious private motors rolled the delegates out to the art museum of the Western Reserve university Friday afternoon, when tea was served by Cleveland women.

Nebraska at the Convention.

convention by Mrs. Charles Dietrich, president of the league in the state; Mrs. Draper Smith, state chairman of echild welfare; Mrs. E. F. Pet-firm when the article to be ironed tis, head of the Lincoln league; Mrs. upon it is pressed upon and skirts as one of eight delegates from this in the process.

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: office of director of the sixth region, including the states of Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahofna, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri and numbering 150,000 members. This new office for Mrs. Dietrich will probably mean the election of

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-M. M. **Ironing Boards**

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 every place he is known but what bothers me most of all is that he is not as tall as I am, and my girl friends tall ime to give him up on this one ac-count. 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, DIMPLES. · When traveling, if the ever handy electric iron is to be "pressed," into

You are going to have a sad life. the service of pressing," try ironing my dear, if you allow trifles to dis-turb your peace of mind. I grant on the dresser drawer. Turn it upside down and place a bath towel

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 over that. If there is an ironing on it with a smooth piece of muslin Nebraska was represented at the convention by Mrs. Charles Dietrich, resident of the league in the state; open and insert one end of the board 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 into the opening. This will be rather flat trimming, or small tight-fitting ones. Do not wear French heels.

Problems That Perplex

Answered by

BEATRICE FAIRFAX

Not Tall Enough.

Dear Miss Fairfax: As you have

W. E. Barkley of Lincoln, who may be ironed very easily to remove went to Switzerland last summer wrinkles without adding new ones. The low ones are better for you any-as one of eight delegates from this in the process. The low ones are better for you any-way. Even the style of your dresses -BOWEN'S-

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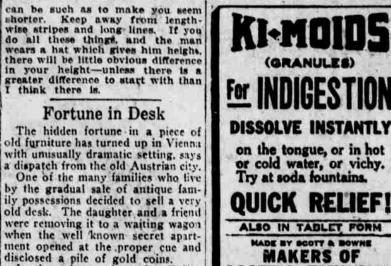
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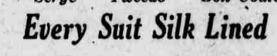
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not a political body; it is not a woman's party. It is interesting however, that Mrs. Catt did inti-mate publicly during the sessions, face on the job.

mate 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



Mrs. Maud Wood Park. Mrs. Park is the chairman of the National League of Women Voters. on the present day woman in politics as follows: "The present day of women in politics is the training period. Few women understand legislation. They on the present day woman in pointed as follows: "The present day of women in politics is the training period. Few yomen understand legislation. They must take time to learn. And learn ing will lead to a concentrated ac-tion and work along lines that are bound to mean a better America. "Much is needed in a legislative way! "Nearly four times as many moth-ers and infants die each year as there were American soldiers killed in the war. "Physicians believe this could be

of we did not face the greatest op-portunity 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 the was leading them in an interna-

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. Towner bill. "And that is why mothers of

tional quest. "We are the appointed leaders. It

"And that is why mothers of America must use the power of the vote to get other legislation that means the betterment of America. Militant Tone. The signs clearly indicate a more militant note among this hitherto peaceable wing of the suffrage women. There was more fire, more anger, more grim determination ap-parent at the Cleveland meeting than there was a year previous in Chi-rago, when the fate of equal suffrage was still in the balance. The reason for this militant tone

the senate know that we as a constituency of 1,000 expect their action. Let us be silent no more! Let us join One indication of their earnestness is found in the fact that they raised \$80,000 in one hour to carry on the hands with everyone who wants to put this terrible business out of the world."

work of the year ahead. . This is only part of the dramatic appeal from Mrs. Catt. Those who heard it will remember it as one of Height of Convention. The highest moment of the con-vention was reached Wednesday night, April 13. The occasion was a meeting thrown open to the public, held at Masonic hall, a beautiful

to seek office if that is the only including thrown hall, a beautiful and events following that evening in the League of Women Voters convention proved that the women in the league, has expressed her views 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 adprevious wars and to current mili-

dresses of exceptional ment and er-fect. Mrs. Catt was on the program for a talk on the psychologies of political parties. It was late when her place on the program was reached. Nathaniel Howard in the Cleveland Plain Dealer tells what happened. "A high clear voice rang out and

"A high, clear voice rang out, and 2,000 women sat in motionless atten-They know that federal taxes per 2,000 women sat in motionless atten-tion. 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 silver-increase. gray hair, as Carrie Chapman Catt

What They Want.

last night threw her set speech on politics into the discard and begged the National League of Women Voters' convention to end all war.

They want to hold the direct pri-"Not a woman stirred all the minutes that she spoke. The only sounds mary and mean to fight for it. They in Masonic hall for those fifteen know it is the best means they have minutes were those of quick, nervous for making themselves quickly felt pencil scribbling in the press box, a in politics.

sharp intaking of breath here and there over the auditorium, and that inspired, inspiring voice. "The people—in this room—to-

it made a straight party vote so easy. They are awake to all the prob-lems and have definite plans of ac-tion on food supply, child welfare, social hygiene, efficient government, American citizenship and uniform

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