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SUFFRAGE VICTORY IN URUGUAY.

It is with the very greatest joy that we announce that on the 14th December a law was adopted in Uruguay which gives women full voting rights. We have received from Dr. Paulina Luisi, member of the Alliance Board and President of the Uruguay Suffrage Society affiliated to the Alliance, the text of the following articles, and an assurance that the law has been finally accepted.

Article 1. The right of women to both active and passive suffrage (the vote and eligibility) is recognised both for municipal and parliamentary elections.

Article 2. All the provisions of the electoral laws are henceforth applicable to women.

Women will therefore take part in the next elections, to be held in November 1933, both as voters and as candidates. The voters' registers are to be open from March 1st to June 30th, and both men and women will be entered on them.

The importance of this victory is very great. It is not indeed the first of the countries of the South American Continent to give women the vote. We understand that the constitution of Ecuador recognised this right many years ago, though it was little used and probably little understood; suffrage was won in a State of the Argentine and in a State of Brazil a good many years ago, and very recently there was a magnificent advance when the whole Republic of Brazil enfranchised its women. But of the greater *Spanish-speaking* Republics,

Uruguay is the first to follow the example of Spain herself, and it must seem a hopeful omen. We know that both in the Argentine and in Chili advance has recently been made, while in Peru women already have the municipal vote. We know woman suffrage to be an invincible cause and we look forward with renewed hope to seeing the whole Continent of South America enfranchised.

It is fitting that we should offer our heartiest congratulations to Dr. Paulina Luisi and to her Society. We know that without her devoted work for so many years, this reform could hardly have entered the domain of practical politics. We rejoice that she has been added to the number of those woman pioneers who have had the happiness of actually seeing the victory for which they have fought. We hope—and knowing her indomitable spirit, we have good reason to hope—that she will not let the women of her country rest on their laurels, but will lead them on to that complete "equality of liberties, status and opportunities" which is our, and her, true feminist goal.

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS.

The International Council of Women will hold a meeting of its Executive and of its Standing Committees in Stockholm on June 26th.

The Open Door International has issued the Call to its Third Conference, which will be held in Prague, in the Senate House, from July 24th to 28th. The Conference will be followed by a Summer School at Mlada Boleslav.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN FOR SUFFRAGE AND EQUAL CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE AT MARSEILLES.

MARCH 18—22, 1933.

The seat of the Secretariat and of the Meetings of the Board, Committees and Officials Sittings will be the Splendide-Hôtel, Bd. Dugommier.

PROGRAMME.

Saturday, March 18th.

- 10 a.m. Board Meeting.
 1 p.m. Lunch in common of Board Members and Presidents of affiliated societies.
 2-30-4-30 Official Reception by the Mayor of the City of Marseilles at the Musée de Longchamps. Speeches of Welcome, Greetings by the President of the Alliance and from representatives of the continents of Africa, Asia, Australasia, North America, South America.
 5-7 p.m. Simultaneous Meetings of (a) Board (b) Presidents.
 8-30 p.m. Reception at the Splendide Hôtel given by the President and Board of the Alliance to Delegates and representatives of the Press. The President's welcome will be followed by brief speeches on the work of the Alliance.

OFFICIAL SITTING OF THE CONFERENCE

Sunday, March 19th.

- 9-30-10. President's Opening Speech.
 10-0-10-30 Report on replies received from Auxiliaries dealing with the Alliance Programme, but excluding the question of International Co-operation among women's organisations.
 10-30-12-30 Fifteen minute speeches, each followed by fifteen minutes for discussion on: Suffrage; Equal Moral Standard; Economic Equality; Civil Rights, including Nationality.
 12-30. Luncheon given by the Local Organisation Committee.
 2-30-3-30 Similar speeches and discussion on: Peace and Disarmament, Work with the League of Nations.
 3-30-4-30 General discussion on the complete programme of the Alliance.
 5 p.m. PUBLIC MEETING ON SUFFRAGE. Place and speakers to be announced later.
 8-30 p.m. Meetings of the International Committees for (a) Equal Moral Standard, Chairman, Dr. Luisi. (b) Like Conditions of Work, Chairman, Miss Walin.

OFFICIAL SITTING OF THE CONFERENCE.

Monday, March 20th.

- 9-30-10-30 Explanation of the financial policy of the Alliance, followed by Report on the financial proposals made by the Auxiliaries.
 10-30-12-30 Discussion on methods of financing the Alliance.
 2-30-4-30 Discussion on International Co-operation between women's organisations introduced by Report on replies received from auxiliaries.
 5 p.m. Semi Public Conference on the Equal Moral Standard. Place and speakers to be announced later.
 Evening PUBLIC MEETING AGAINST THE TRAFFIC IN WOMEN. Place and speakers to be announced later.

OFFICIAL SITTING OF THE CONFERENCE.

Tuesday, March 21st.

- 9-30-12-30 Simultaneous meetings of (a) Board (b) Presidents.
 2-4-30 Final discussion on Programme and Budget of the Alliance and vote for formal adoption.
 5 p.m. Semi Public Conference on Women's Right to Work. Place and Speakers to be announced later.
 8-30 Meeting of International Peace Committee (Chairman: Miss Morgan).

OFFICIAL SITTING OF THE CONFERENCE.

Wednesday, March 22nd.

- 8-30-12 Conclusion of business.
 12 noon Peace Luncheon with speakers (to be announced later).
 3-5-30 Meeting of Statutory International Committee (Board and Presidents sitting together).
 Evening PUBLIC MEETING ON PEACE. Place and speakers to be announced later.

Thursday, March 23rd.

- 9-30-12 Board Meeting if required.

EXCURSIONS AND MEETINGS IN OTHER TOWNS BEFORE AND AFTER THE CONFERENCE.

Wednesday, March 15th.—Visit to and Meeting at Montpellier
 Thursday, March 16th.—Journey to and Meeting at Nîmes.
 Friday, March 17th.—Journey to and Meeting at Avignon.
 Thursday, March 23rd.—Journey to and Meeting at Toulon.
 Friday, March 24th.—Journey to Nice, with calls en route.
 Saturday, March 25th and Sunday, March 26th—Meetings in Nice on Suffrage and Peace, with excursions to environs.

We publish above a later draft of the Programme, which we regret cannot yet contain the names of the speakers, with whom we are still in negotiation. With regard to the excursions to other towns, we know that great preparations are being made and we sincerely hope that many delegates will take advantage of this opportunity of seeing more of this charming part of the world. For those whose tickets take them direct to Marseilles, the tour Montpellier, Nîmes, Avignon and back can be made by railway for 105 frs. 1st class, 75.75 frs. 2nd, and 49 fr. 50 3rd. Those who prefer to go direct to Montpellier will find that the fares back to Marseilles by stages to Nîmes and Avignon will amount to 90 frs. 1st Class, 61 frs. 2nd, and 40 frs. 50, 3rd. For the tour to Nice via Toulon, the journey will be made in P.L.M. motors and will cost 85 frs.

All those who can spare the time to take these tours should write at once to Madame L. Beddoukh, Secretary of the Conference, Splendide-Hôtel, Boul. Dugommier, Marseilles, who will give all particulars. The tourist offices in the various towns have also supplied the Alliance with a variety of printed pamphlets giving information as to the objects of interest etc., and these may be obtained from Alliance Headquarters, 190, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W.1.

HOTELS IN MARSEILLES.

We cannot this month re-publish the particulars of Hotels given in our last issue. We shall, however, be glad to supply this information to any correspondent who will write to Alliance Headquarters, 190, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W.1. In the meantime we are glad to announce that the Splendide Hotel, where the business meetings of the Conference will be held, has made a further concession. Those who desire to stay there en pension, but who think it probable that they may not find it convenient to take all their meals in the Hotel, may obtain half-pension terms, involving a reduction of 20 francs a day on the full pension prices; The pension terms start at 70 frs. so that for half-pension the price would be from 50 frs.

DISARMAMENT.

The International Consultative Group in Geneva, to which the Women's Disarmament Committee belongs, will give a luncheon on February 6th to Mr. Henderson, Chairman of the Disarmament Conference, to commemorate the anniversary of the Presentation of the Petitions to the Conference. The luncheon will be held at the International Club in Geneva, and it is hoped that Mr.

Henderson will give an address and that the luncheon will be largely attended.

The dates of February 6th and February 2nd, the anniversary of the opening of the Disarmament Conference, are being observed in many countries by meetings and other efforts to emphasise the grave importance of making an immediate and serious effort to achieve some measure of success in disarmament. We know that our Society in Germany is organising a big meeting in Berlin, and doubtless we shall learn later what is being done elsewhere. We are asked by the Women's Disarmament Committee to remind our readers that that Committee is depending for its funds very largely on the sale of its Postcards showing Mr. Henderson with the Disarmament Petitions.

We have just received a notice of the German meeting which is to appear under the title of "A Year of Disarmament—and the Result?" The speakers will be Oberst. K. L. V. Oertzen, one of the German delegates to the Disarmament Conference, Frau von Velsen, our Board Member, Prof. Lic. S. Schultze and Dr. M. Schlüter-Hermkes.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF IRELAND.

A Meeting of this Council was held on January 17th in Dublin.

The President, Professor Mary Hayden was in the Chair. Delegates were present from Belfast and Dublin. It was reported that the Disarmament resolution carried at the Annual meeting of the Council in December had been sent to the chairman of the Disarmament Conference, and to the Free State representative in Geneva, and that acknowledgements had been received. Arrangements were considered for representation at the International Council meeting in June, and at the Marseilles Conference of the International Alliance. It was reported that the Annual Meeting in December had been very successful. The attendance was good and an interesting paper was read by one of the Belfast delegates on social conditions in Northern Europe.

SWEDEN.

Fru Ellen Kleman retired at the end of last year from her position as Editor of "Hertha," the organ of Fredrika-Bremer-Förbundet, after 25 years of feminist editorial work. When she took over the editorship of the paper in 1907 it was called "Dagny" and though published as an independent feminist paper it came chiefly under the auspices of the Fredrika-Bremer-Förbundet. The suffragette movement was at that time so vital and played such an important part in the history of Sweden that "Dagny" found ample news for its 32 pages every week. In 1911, however, events occurred which made the paper superfluous for its original aim—the suffrage society adopted the policy that women should only vote for that party which had woman suffrage on its programme, and "Dagny" could not approve of this breach of the political neutrality which the feminists had always professed. So, in the new year of 1914, "Dagny" ceased to be published and Fredrika Bremer-Förbundet announced its new monthly publication "Hertha" which was to be the organ of all the varied aspects of the woman's movement in Sweden. Through the following difficult years Fru Kleman continued her editorship with unerring judgement and tact, years which saw hard struggles fought for the cause under the handicap of the abnormal conditions of wartime. In 1919, when the war had clearly shown the necessity of developments in social conditions, the Riksdag finally gave way to the demand for the vote and equal citizenship. Its aim having been achieved, the National Suffrage Society was dissolved, while

Fredrika-Bremer-Förbundet became free to concentrate its energies on positive social and civic work. A society for citizenship was founded, Svenska Kvinnors Medborgarförbund, and women's political party groups each working for their objects. Finally women were admitted to the Riksdag. "Hertha" has recorded all these events during Fru Kleman's editorship, and it is hoped that the high traditions of the paper will be carried on in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S NEWS.

MARRIED WOMEN TEACHERS.

In your October number you printed a short article with reference to the question of the dismissal of Married Women Teachers.

In spite of the heroic fight put up in this State by the United Associations, a Bill to dismiss Married Women Teachers and in future to force all teachers to resign on marriage, was assented to on the 28th October. This Bill went through as a Party measure, and a huge party majority prevented us from making our protest effective.

Although the Bill states that a married teacher already employed may retain her position if she is able to prove that "having regard to her financial commitments and other circumstances" it is necessary for her to continue in employment, so far no teacher has been able to have her case heard before the Public Service Board, the Board constituted for that purpose. We are, however, continuing our battle to demand that this clause in the Act may be more than a 'scrap of paper.'

LINDA P. LITTLEJOHN,
 Vice-President, United Associations,
 Sydney, Australia.

THE MARRIED WOMAN WORKER.

It seems that the Czechoslovakian women have won their fight to keep out of the new Economy Bill those clauses which directly would have adversely affected women in the State service, but they are still on the watch. In Luxembourg, l'Action féminine, reports that the Right Party at a recent meeting advocated the dismissal of women in State service on marriage. It appears, however, that the women of Luxembourg are so fortunate as to have a Government and a Parliament which is not prepared to adopt this re-actionary idea. But it is well that the woman's movement is on the qui vive.

It is reported in the I.C.W. Bulletin that an Emergency Bill on Elementary School Teaching has been introduced by the Dutch Government which will seriously affect the pension and compensation rights of married women teachers.

One of the anti-suffrage bogeys is that women, so often in a majority in the population, would form a woman's block and so dominate politics in the interests of their sex. For the most part women have disclaimed any such intention, pointing out that they only wish to be regarded as "citizens"—a word which has no sex. What has happened? Governments, trade unions, private bodies proceed to make regulations "for women only," and then tell us that any one who protests is waging a sex-war and that it is all women's fault! Now that we see how slender is the protection afforded by the vote to women as far as their economic position is concerned, just because they have failed to organise on a sex basis, it would not be surprising if we began to dream of "A sex war to end sex war" as it is waged by men!

THE INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN FOR SUFFRAGE AND EQUAL CITIZENSHIP.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1932.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	By Jus:—	
To BALANCES, 1st JANUARY, 1932:—		Printing and Dispatch	201 17 3
£500 Brazil 6½% Loan 1927 Bearer		Editor's Fee	25 0 0
Bonds at Cost	495 13 6	Assistant Editor's Fee	1 3 4
£500 Western Australia 5% 1945-75 at cost	500 1 0	Advertisement Manager's Expenses	2 0 0
Army and Navy Stores Deposit Account	800 0 0	Blocks	1 18 6½
Barclays Bank Deposit Account	332 10 0	Articles	11 7½
Disarmament Committee Fund	4 0 0	Translations	21 10 6
Current Account—Barclays Bank	1093 0 0	Postages	6 1 9
Petty Cash	5 9 8½		263 3 0
	3230 14 2½	.. GENERAL:—	
.. Jus:—		Salaries and National Insurance	707 17 4
Subscriptions	121 15 11	Light, Heat and Cleaning	42 9 0
Cash Sales	5 1 7	Rent	100 0 0
Advertisements	9 14 5	Printing and Stationery	35 0 9
Y.W.C.A. Supplement	18 0 0	Telephone, Telegrams and Messengers	23 9 3
	154 11 11	Postages	26 9 9½
.. DONATIONS	156 16 1	Insurances	1 4 6½
.. REPORT RECEIPTS	6 0 0	Expenses of Mlle. Gourd, 1931	6 3 2
.. MEMBERS' FEES	115 17 9	Geneva Office	5 15 9
.. AFFILIATION FEES	131 15 7		948 9 7
.. BERLIN CONGRESS PLEDGES	141 10 11	.. DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE	31 5 2
.. DIVIDENDS	35 10 3	.. MISCELLANEOUS:—	
.. DEPOSIT INTEREST:—		Subscriptions	5 0 0
Army and Navy Stores	26 11 0	Income Tax	6 0 0
Barclays Bank	5 17 3	Corporation Duty	7 5 1
	32 8 3	Audit Fee	5 5 0
.. INTERNATIONAL STAMP ACCOUNT—		Press Cuttings	7 12 3
PROFIT	20 0 0	Travelling	8 18 9
.. PROCEEDS OF KELLER RECEPTION	18 12 0	Repairs (Typewriter)	1 0 0
.. DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE FUND	30 5 2	Cheque Book and Stamps	1 18 6
.. COMMISSION ON DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE	12 19 4	Loss on Realisation of Investment	1 17 0
.. MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	6 10 2	Sundries	20 6 7½
			65 3 2½
		.. BALANCES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1932:	
		£500 Brazil 6½% Loan Bearer	
		Bonds at cost	495 13 6
		Army and Navy Stores Deposit Account	800 0 0
		Barclays Bank Deposit Account	962 10 0
		Disarmament Committee Fund	3 0 0
		Current Account—Barclays Bank	516 7 9
		Petty Cash	2 5 5
			2779 16 8
	£4087 17 7½		£4087 17 7½

We have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account with the Books and Vouchers of the International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship, and find it to be correct and in accordance therewith. We have verified the Cash at Bank and the Securities.

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SYRIA.

We are glad to be able to give a picture of some of the delegates to the Women's Conference in Damascus, of which we published an account in our December issue. This little picture was taken in front of the Syrian University and shows: 1. Mme Nur Hamadie of Beirut, President of our Syrian Society; 2. Mme. el Abed Bey, wife of the President of the Syrian Republic; 3. a young Syrian doctor, and 4. Mme. André Rieder, the Alliance delegate to the Conference.



WOMEN AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

It is inevitable that in the mass of papers and press cuttings which an Editor receives there should be a good many dealing with unemployment. One such— from the "Scotsman"—begins with these words: "It is curious that in these days when woman has made her own place in the world in so many directions that used to be closed to her, the word 'unemployed' inevitably conjures up the vision of men out of work, and rarely, if ever, one of women." That this is largely true of governments and public authorities is probably the case in every country. But perhaps women might search their hearts to find out if they also are not hypnotised by the idea of man as the breadwinner, man as one who has a right to work which present conditions too often pitifully deny him. Do we always remember that women too have a right to work, a right to that independence which is one of the greatest losses for the "out-of-work?" Women's societies everywhere are indeed alive to the necessity for combatting the undoubted drive for the dismissal of women, and other discriminatory measures against the woman worker. But in more personal ways, in the organising of such help as can be given by private organisations and by individuals, it is not so sure that we are making a duty of looking after our own sex, so comparatively neglected by the larger agencies. Another press cutting reports that the Mayoress of a town in Lancashire—the title in this case means that she is the wife of the Mayor—has set up a women's committee to form a social service centre for unemployed women on similar lines to that

set up for unemployed men by the Mayor and his committee. If it is impossible to ensure that all schemes to help the unemployed disregard the question of sex, as they surely should, then it is surely up to women to do the next best thing, and plan special help for the out-of-work woman, who is often a very gallant and lonely figure. If the above examples are taken from British sources, that is mere chance: the problem is too surely an international one.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Belgium. Although women have no vote for Parliament or the Provincial Councils, they are eligible for election. The recent elections did not however result in any more women members being elected: Mlle. Dejardin was re-elected as the only woman in the Chamber and Mme. Spaak will again be the only woman in the Senate. The only known woman member of a Provincial Council is Mme. Blanchaert (East Flanders) but there may be others.

It is reported that the Comtesse de Beaufort is the only woman burgomaster in Belgium, having been elected in the tiny commune of Onoz.

Great Britain. Among those recently called to the Bar, there appears the name of Mrs. Florence Ada Coxon, the first woman Mayor of King's Lynn, who took her final examination in the autumn at the age of 70. To become a barrister at that age gives an example of enterprise and powers of application which may be an encouragement to our older readers.

Isle of Man. We recently referred to the fact that this tiny little island has an ancient Parliament of its own, the House of Keys. Though women have equal suffrage there has never been a woman member, but a woman candidate is now expected to secure election as a Labour candidate.

Obituary. It will be a matter of regret to all interested in women's feats in aviation that Miss Winifred Spooner has died at the early age of 32. Miss Spooner was an outstanding pilot, and one of the few women to qualify as a commercial pilot. She was well known in international contests and her extraordinary courage was shown when she came down off the Italian coast and had to swim in the darkness about a mile to the shore. She never sought publicity, but a remarkable tribute was paid to her in the obituary notice published in *The Times* which said: "Her loss will be felt by aviation as a whole. Her success as a professional pilot is probably one of the soundest pieces of aviation propaganda which any woman has done."

Turkey. It is announced that women are to be admitted to the Diplomatic Service, and will be posted to capitals where "women have political significance." From these Paris and Rome are excluded! This is taken from a Press announcement and not from any official source, but still it has a curiously ironical sound.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The Editor is receiving regularly a paper entitled "The Bantu World" and published in Johannesburg in six languages. What these six are remains a mystery: English is in the majority, then there is Afrikaans, and many columns which we presume divide amongst themselves various African languages. It is interesting to note, however, that there is a Women's Page, and that is in English. This page does not consist of advice about fashions and cookery recipes; it is evidently intended in a simple form to get the women

interested in social work. For instance it is announced there that there is a woman member of the Durban Corporation Native Advisory Board, who is urged to fight for the interests of Bantu women. It is surely an interesting sign of the times that this effort is being made to interest women in this native organ. We know that African native custom in many ways presses hardly on women, it is surely valuable that in so far as these races are adopting European ideas among them should be the realisation of the fact that women are the half, and not the lesser half, of every race, and that there can be no real progress unless the women move forward side by side with men.

EQUAL MORAL STANDARD.

We learn from *La Française* that the Mayor of Castres, a garrison town in France, is about to publish an order for the suppression of the maisons de tolérance as from the 1st March. The branch of the Union Française pour le Suffrage is to be congratulated on the part it has taken in securing this reform.

From the same source we note that the Spanish Parliament is to consider a Bill of which the first Article will read as follows:—

"The regulation of prostitution in the Spanish Republic is abolished, and the Government of the Republic does not recognise prostitution as a means of gaining a livelihood.

There are also to be provisions for fines for keepers of brothels, souteneurs, etc., and for those who refuse to submit to compulsory treatment for venereal disease. We know unfortunately that the last provision is very open to abuse where women are concerned.

WOMEN AND THE CIVIL SERVICE.

As reported in "Equal Rights" women have won an important victory in the United States Civil Service. On December 23rd President Hoover signed an Executive Order doing away with the prerogative granted under Rule VII. of the Civil Service Regulations to Heads of Bureaux to specify to which of the sexes, among those eligible, a vacant appointment was to go. Up to now there has been a "Double Register," the names of men and women eligible for appointments being kept on separate lists. Now one list of the three first names will be submitted to the Departments, and though they may call for another list, they will not have the right to object to any candidate on the ground of sex. Miss Jessie Dell, the only woman member of the Civil Service Commission, has been working for this reform for many years.

ALLIANCE INTERNATIONALE POUR LE SUFFRAGE ET L'ACTION CIVIQUE ET POLITIQUE DES FEMMES.

CONFERENCE A MARSEILLE.

18—22 Mars, 1933.

Le siège du Secrétariat ainsi que des séances du Comité Exécutif, des Commissions et de la Conférence actuelle sera établi, à l'Hôtel Splendide, Bd. Dugommier.

PROGRAMME.

Samedi, le 18 Mars.

- 10 h. Réunion du Comité Exécutif (Board).
1 h. Déjeuner en commun des membres du Board et des Présidentes des Sociétés affiliées.
2-30—4-30 Réception officielle offerte par M. le Maire de la Ville de Marseille au Musée de Longchamps. Discours de bienvenue; Messages de la Présidente

de l'Alliance et des représentantes des Continents de l'Afrique, de l'Amérique du Nord et de l'Amérique de Sud, de l'Asie et de l'Australasie.

- 5—7 h. Réunions simultanées du Board et des Présidentes des Sociétés.
8 h.30 Réception à l'Hôtel Splendide offerte par la Présidente et Board aux déléguées et à la Presse. Le discours de bienvenue de la Présidente sera suivi de bref exposés du travail de l'Alliance.

SEANCE OFFICIELLE DE LA CONFERENCE.

Dimanche, le 19 Mars.

- 9-30—10 Discours d'ouverture de la Présidente.
10-10—10-30 Rapport introductif basé sur les réponses faites par les Sociétés au questionnaire relatif à l'avenir de l'Alliance.
10-30—12-30 Brefs exposés, suivis de discussion, de l'activité de l'Alliance en faveur de Suffrage, de l'Unité de la Morale, de l'Egalité économique, des Droits civils de la Femme, y compris la Nationalité.
12-30 Déjeuner offert par le Comité local d'organisation.
2-30—3-30 Exposés, suivis de discussion, du travail en faveur de la Paix et du Désarmement, et des relations de l'Alliance avec la S.d.N.
3-30—4-30 Discussion générale sur le programme intégral de l'Alliance.
5 h. MEETING PUBLIC SUR LE SUFFRAGE.
8-30 Réunions simultanées des Commissions internationales de l'Unité de la Morale (Présidente, le Dr. Luisi); et de l'Egalité des Conditions du Travail (Présidente, Mlle. Walin).

SEANCE OFFICIELLE DE LA CONFERENCE.

Lundi, le 20 Mars.

- 9-30—10-30 Exposé sur la situation financière de l'Alliance, suivi d'un Rapport sur les propositions financières formulées par les Sociétés affiliées.
10-30—12-30 Discussion sur les méthodes d'assurer l'avenir de l'Alliance au point de vue des finances.
2-30—4-30 Rapport introductif basé sur les réponses reçues des Sociétés sur la question de collaboration avec d'autres organisations internationales. Discussion.
5 h. Conférence semi-publique: Unité de la Morale.
Soir MEETING PUBLIC CONTRE LA TRAITE DES FEMMES.
Mardi le 21 Mars.
9-30—10-30 Séances simultanées du Board et des Présidentes.

SEANCE OFFICIELLE DE LA CONFERENCE.

- 2—4-30 Discussion et vote du programme définitif et du budget de l'Alliance.
5 h. Conférence Semi-publique: Le Droit de la Femme au Travail.
8-30 Réunion de la Commission de la Paix (Présidente, Miss Morgan).

SEANCE OFFICIELLE DE LA CONFERENCE.

Mercredi le 22 Mars.

- 9-30—12 Fin de la Conférence.
12 h. Déjeuner organisé par la Commission de la Paix.
3—5-30 Réunion statutaire du Comité International (Comité et Présidentes siégeant en commun).

Soir MEETING PUBLIC: LA PAIX.

Jedi le 23 Mars.

- 9-30—12 Séance du Board en cas de nécessité.

VISITES AUX AUTRES VILLES DE LA REGION AVANT ET APRES LA CONFERENCE.

- Mercredi, le 15 Mars.—Visite de Montpellier: Meeting.
Jedi, le 16 Mars.—Voyage à Nîmes: Meeting.
Vendredi, le 17 Mars.—Voyage à Avignon: Meeting.
Jedi, le 23 Mars.—Voyage à Toulon: Meeting.
Vendredi, le 24 Mars.—Voyage à Nice avec arrêt à St. Raphael.
Samedi, le 25 et Dimanche le 26 Mars.—Meetings à Nice: Suffrage et Paix. Visites aux environs.

VICTOIRE SUFFRAGISTE EN URUGUAY.

C'est avec la plus grande joie que nous apprenons le succès définitif des femmes d'Uruguay. La loi du 14 décembre dernier leur accorde la franchise complète au même titre que les hommes.

C'est là une importante victoire. A part l'Ecuador où l'égalité des sexes est inscrite dans la Constitution (sans que pourtant le suffrage féminin soit entré dans les mœurs) un Etat de l'Argentine, et le Brésil récemment acquis à l'égalité civique, l'Uruguay est la première république de langue Espagnole qui ait suivi l'exemple de l'Espagne. Nous savons quel a été le travail inlassable de Dr. Paulina Luisi et de ses associées et nous nous réjouissons d'ajouter son nom à celui des pionnières qui ont vu le succès de la cause à laquelle depuis des années, elles avaient consacré leurs efforts.

REUNIONS INTERNATIONALES.

Le Conseil international des Femmes doit réunir son bureau et ses commissions permanentes à Stockholm, le 26 juin. "La Porte Ouverte Internationale" convoque sa troisième Conférence à Prague, dans la Maison du Sénat, du 24 au 28 juillet. La réunion sera suivie par une Session de Conférences d'Eté à Mlada Boleslav.

LES FEMMES FONCTIONNAIRES AUX ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE.

"Equal Rights" nous apprend que les femmes fonctionnaires viennent de gagner une importante victoire. Un ordre exécutif signé le 23 Décembre par le Président Hoover, déclare qu'il n'y aura plus qu'une liste pour les deux sexes de candidats aux divers Bureaux. Les trois noms en tête de liste seront proposés aux chefs de Département, et la question du sexe ne doit pas entrer en ligne de compte.

LA TRAVAILLEUSE MARIEE.

On dirait que les femmes tchécoslovaques ont réussi à écarter de la Nouvelle Réforme la clause adverse à la femme fonctionnaire mariée. Au Luxembourg le Parti du Droit a proposé de forcer à la démission les femmes mariées employées dans l'administration mais le Parlement et le Gouvernement se montrent hostiles à cette idée. Les Sociétés féministes de ces deux pays demeurent sur le qui-vive.

Un des arguments des anti-suffragistes est que, les femmes, parce qu'elles sont en nombre supérieur aux hommes peuvent s'organiser pour former un bloc et forcer des mesures politiques dans l'intérêt de leur sexe. Mais, sitôt que la femme a obtenu le vote elle n'a jamais demandé autre chose que d'être traitée en citoyenne et ce sont les hommes au contraire par la voix des Gouvernements, Syndicats, ou Associations privées qui insistent pour la traiter sur un pied différent et s'acharnent à restreindre sa légitime activité dans la vie économique et sociale. La lutte n'est pas égale. La bataille des sexes si elle existe, est livrée par les hommes, contre les femmes.

AFRIQUE DU SUD.

Notre Rédactrice reçoit régulièrement un journal appelé "le monde Bantou" et qui est publié à Johannesburg en 6 langues mais où l'Anglais, il faut l'avouer, tient la plus large place.

Il y a une "Page Féminine" où l'on ne lit point d'articles sur la Mode et la Cuisine, mais des faits sur la situation de la Femme et des indications sur le Travail Social qu'elle peut accomplir.

Le fait que ce journal est publié en plusieurs langues indigènes est de bon augure pour l'avenir de la culture et de l'organisation féminine dans les sociétés africaines.

NOUVELLES BRÈVES.

Belgique. Les femmes n'ont pas encore le droit de vote pour le Parlement ou les Conseils provinciaux mais elles n'en sont pas moins éligibles à ces mêmes assemblées. Les récentes élections n'ont pas accru le nombre des membres femmes. Melle. Dejardin a été réélue à la Chambre et Mme. Spaak au Sénat. Nous croyons que la seule femme membre d'un Conseil Provincial est Mme. Blanchaert. Nous apprenons que la Comtesse de Beaufort est la seule femme bourgmestre en Belgique. Elle a été élue par la petite commune d'Onoz.

Grande Bretagne. Parmi les récentes promotions au Barreau, nous relevons le nom de Mme. Florence Ada Coxon, la première femme maire de King's Lynn. Mrs. Coxon prend ainsi son titre d'avocate à l'âge de 70 ans, merveilleux exemple d'application et d'énergie.

Ile de Man. Nous avons fait récemment allusion au Parlement de Man, "la Maison des Clefs." Les Manxaises ont la franchise complète. Il n'y a pas encore eu de femme député mais une femme du parti travailliste est candidate.

Décès. Toutes les femmes qui s'intéressent à l'aviation regretteront la mort subite de Miss Winifred Spooner à l'âge de 32 ans. Miss Spooner n'était pas seulement remarquable comme pilote; c'était une pilote commercialement qualifiée. Elle était bien connue dans les courses aériennes internationales où on l'admirait pour son endurance et sa hardiesse.

Turquie. On annonce que des femmes pourront désormais être enrôlées dans le service diplomatique turc et seront envoyées dans certaines capitales où les femmes ont "une signification politique." De ces capitales, Paris et Rome sont exclues. Notre information n'est pas officielle, venant seulement d'une coupure de presse. Comme telle, elle paraît curieusement ironique.

L'EGALITE DE LA MORALE.

"La Française" nous apprend qu'à Castres, ville de garnison de la France Centrale, le Maire va prendre un arrêté pour la suppression des Maisons de Tolérance à partir du 1er mars.

Félicitons la Section départementale de l'Union française pour le Suffrage pour la part qu'elle a prise dans l'accomplissement de cette réforme.

Nous apprenons de même source que le Parlement espagnol prépare une loi dont le premier article abolit la Prostitution réglementée sur le territoire de la République. Suivent des provisions fixant les amendes pour les tenanciers de maisons closes, les souteneurs etc., et tous ceux qui se refusent au traitement obligatoire des maladies vénériennes.

AUSTRALIE.

Une lettre de Miss Littlejohn, Vice-Présidente des United Associations, Sydney, Australia, nous annonce qu'en dépit de la vaillante attitude prise par les féministes, une Loi, passé le 28 octobre — comme étant la Résolution d'un Parti — révoque les institutrices mariées et oblige à l'avenir toutes les institutrices à démissionner pour cause de mariage. Une clause qui réserve le droit de se faire entendre à celles des intéressées qui se trouvent dans une situation économique précaire, est restée jusqu'à présent lettre morte.

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