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**CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE
VICTORY CONVENTION**

**NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION
OPENING SESSION**

Friday Afternoon, February 13th

Mrs. Catt, presiding.

The Chair called the convention to order at 2:30.

She announced that for twenty-eight years Dr. Shaw had opened the convention of the National Association with prayer. She asked that in memory of her the delegates rise and join in silent prayer to be followed by an invocation by the Rev. Herbert L. Willet.

The Chair introduced Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, president of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association, who welcomed the delegates to Chicago.

The Chair responded to the greeting, following which Mrs. Stanley McCormick took the chair while Mrs. Catt made a brief annual address in which she reviewed the progress of ratification and gave its present status. Thirty-one ratifications were recorded, with the announcement of two more special sessions—one in New Mexico, the other in Oklahoma, bringing the total of ratifications to thirty-three by the first of March.

Mrs. Catt took the chair.

After Mrs. Catt's speech, sounding the keynote of victory, joy unconfined burst forth. For three quarters of an hour, horns tooted; state delegations stood on chairs, sang, gave their yells, formed in groups and marched around the room waving pennants and American flags. The Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey marched amicably arm in arm to the platform to receive the congratulations of Mrs. Catt and members of the Board.

The Chair called the Convention to order and read the following telegram of greeting from President Wilson:

"Permit me to congratulate your Association upon the fact that its great work is so near its triumphant end that you can now merge it into a League of Women Voters to carry on the development of good citizenship and real democracy, and to wish for the new organization the same success and wise leadership."

WOODROW WILSON.

Upon motion of Mrs. McCormick, duly seconded, it was voted that the gratitude of the 51st Convention of the N. A. W. S. A. go to President

Wilson for his constant co-operation and help, with deep regret for his recent illness.

The Chair called upon the Credentials Committee to make a preliminary report.

The Chair announced that instead of asking each officer of the Board to present a separate report, Mrs. Shuler would render a report including the activities of all of the officers. She called upon Mrs. Shuler for her report which covered field work and Headquarters activities. Mrs. Shuler's report was adopted.

Upon motion of Miss Hay, duly seconded, it was voted that this convention authorize a letter of appreciation sent to the governors of states that have ratified the Federal Suffrage Amendment; and telegrams to governors that had not yet called a special session, making a strong plea for those sessions to be called.

Convention adjourned at 5:15.

CONVENTION SESSION Friday Evening, February 13th

Mrs. Catt, presiding.

The Chair called the convention to order at 8:30, and proceeded at once to the recommendations made to the 51st Annual Convention of the Association by the Executive Council.

Following are the resolutions after amendment and adoption:

DISSOLUTION

WHEREAS, The sole object of many years' endeavor to the National American Woman Suffrage Association has been "to secure the vote to the women citizens of the United States by appropriate national and state legislation" and that object is about to be attained, and

WHEREAS, The National American Woman Suffrage Association must naturally dissolve, or take up new lines of work when the last suffrage task has been completed, therefore, be it:

Resolved, That the Association shall assume no new lines of work and shall move toward dissolution by the following process:

(1) A Board of Officers shall be elected at this convention as usual to serve two years (if necessary) in accordance with the provisions of the constitution;

(2) That the eight directors elected at the 50th Annual Convention and whose term of office does not expire until March 1921, shall be asked to serve until the term of office of elected officers shall expire;

(3) That any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the list of directors shall be filled by election at this convention;

(4) That all vacancies in the Board of Directors occurring after this convention shall be filled by majority vote of the Board;

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(5) That the Board of Officers so constituted shall have full charge of the remainder of the ratification campaign, all necessary legal proceedings and shall dispose of files, books, data, property and funds (if any remain) of the Association subject to the further instruction of this convention. The Executive Council shall be subject to call by the Board of Officers if necessary;

(6) That the Board of Officers shall render a quarterly account of the procedure, and an annual report of all funds in its possession duly audited by certified accountant, to the women who in February, 1920, compose its Executive Council. When its work is completed and its final report has been accepted by these presidents, it may by formal resolution dissolve.

2. POSSIBLE REFERENDUM CAMPAIGNS

WHEREAS, The question of the legality of referendum by petition or Federal Amendments is pending in the Federal Supreme Court and will not be heard before March 1, therefore be it

Resolved, That if the Court holds such referenda to be legal and referenda campaigns are in consequence instituted (a) each of the 48 states be urged to pledge itself to furnish a competent experienced man or woman campaigner and defray all expenses of their representatives; (b) that each state be assessed for its due proportion of the necessary campaign fund; (c) that the Board of Directors be authorized to appoint a national campaign committee, if one be found necessary.

3. CITIZENSHIP

WHEREAS, Millions of women will become voters in 1920, and

WHEREAS, The low standards of citizenship found in the present electorate clearly indicate the need of education in the principles and ideals of our government and the methods of political procedure, therefore be it

Resolved, That the National League of Women Voters be urged to make Political Education for the new women voters (but not excluding men) its first duty for 1920;

That the nation wide plan shall include normal schools for citizenship in each state followed by schools in each county;

That we urge the League of Woman Voters to make every effort to have the study of citizenship required in the public schools of every state beginning in the primary grades and continuing through the upper grades, high schools, normal schools, colleges and universities.

4. WE RECOMMEND

(1) That the League of Women Voters now a section of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, be organized as a new and independent society;

(2) That the present auxiliaries of the N. A. W. S. A. while retaining their relationship to the Board of Officers to be elected in this 51st convention in form shall change their names, objects and constitutions to conform to those of the National League of Women Voters and take up the plan of work to be adopted in its first Congress.

The Chair called upon Mrs. Rogers for her annual report. Mrs. Rogers' statement showed a balance, with all resources included, of \$33,646.42. The report was adopted.

Miss Young reported on the Year's Publicity and Press. Report adopted.

Miss Ogden gave the final report of the National Publishing Company. Report adopted.

Proposals for a permanent memorial to Anna Howard Shaw were considered.

Dr. Potter of the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania spoke in behalf of the chair of preventive medicine in that institution as a fitting memorial to Dr. Shaw.

Mrs. Louis F. Slade urged the founding of a chair of politics in Bryn Mawr College.

Mrs. Laidlaw made a plea for a chair of citizenship in Barnard College, New York City.

A motion made by Mrs. Slade was carried in favor of the chair of politics at Bryn Mawr College.

Adjourned 10:45.

NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

Saturday Morning, February 14th

Mrs. Catt, presiding.

The Chair called the convention to order at 9:30.

The minutes were read and approved after slight correction.

Invocation by Father Mulaly.

The Chair proceeded to the business of the morning.

Mrs. Trout, Illinois, moved to suspend the rules and elect the present Board of Officers to remain in office until suffrage is gained in this country. Carried unanimously.

Upon motion of Mrs. Slade, New York, it was voted to reconsider her motion of the previous evening in regard to the Anna Howard Shaw Memorial at Bryn Mawr.

Action was taken to table the motion concerning the Anna Howard Shaw Memorial at Bryn Mawr.

Action was taken that the N. A. W. S. A. establish an official memorial to Anna Howard Shaw. "Official Memorial" was interpreted to carry with it financial responsibility.

while re- Mrs. Morrison, Illinois, suggested that the N. A. W. S. A. should
d in this appoint a chairman who would take up the work, organize it and give
constitu official sanction and backing.

ters and Mrs. Miller, Pennsylvania, moved that the N. A. W. S. A. establish
t. Mrs. t Bryn Mawr a foundation in politics, and at the Woman's College of
ded, of Pennsylvania a foundation in preventive medicine in memory of Dr. Anna
Howard Shaw, as a fitting continuation of her life work. A question
raised resulted in Mrs. Miller's agreeing to reword her motion to include
Report "joint memorial."

ompany It was suggested that if the N. A. W. S. A. should endorse the rais-
ing of a fund the states would respond heartily.

w were Mrs. Rogers rose to say that the N. A. W. S. A. having been in
business for about forty-five years was on the point of going out of it.
She suggested appointing a committee to report to an organization that
was not winding up its affairs.

poke in The Chair suggested that the convention establish a committee en-
fitting tirely outside of the present Board of Officers to come to National Head-
quarters, send out an appeal to people whose names are on file there,
make use of help to be had there and release the National Association from
further responsibility.

arnard Discussion and amendments followed.

air of Finally Mrs. Miller's motion was carried to read: That the N. A.
W. S. A. establish an official joint memorial to Dr. Anna Howard Shaw
—at Bryn Mawr College a foundation in politics, and at the Woman's
Medical College of Pennsylvania a foundation in preventive medicine, as
a fitting continuation of her life work; and that a committee be ap-
pointed to carry out the work by appealing to the women throughout
the country and that this committee be incorporated and assume the finan-
cial responsibility. The motion was carried.

N The Chair presented as the first donation towards the fund a check
of \$1,000 sent to the N. A. W. S. A. by Mrs. Howard Lewis, Buffalo, in
memory of Dr. Shaw on her birthday.

esent Upon motion of Mrs. Gellhorn, duly seconded, it was voted that in
this the future all monies collected under the jurisdiction of this incorporated
committee be divided equally between the two foundations, unless it be
otherwise specifically stated by the donor.

sider Action was taken that the Board appoint in consultation with Mrs.
haw Miller, Mrs. Slade and Dr. Potter, four other members for this com-
mittee and that these seven shall have power to complete the committee.

vard The final report of the Oversea Hospitals Committee and recom-
mendations concerning residue fund was given by Mrs. Brown.

icial Mrs. Brown touched briefly upon the work of the Oversea Hospitals
eted and stated that there remained in the treasury about \$35,000. She gave
the recommendation of the committee as follows:

The W. O. H. Committee recommends to the parent board in

disposal of remaining funds, their immediate investment by the treasury of the National in gilt edged securities to be held as a scholarship endowment fund for the training of one or two French women a year here or in France, in medicine or nursing as students or post-graduates. It further recommends that the administration of the income from the fund, the selection of candidates and type of education be entrusted to a committee of five to be appointed by the president of the National. The report was accepted.

The Chair stated that five organizations wished to be heard in behalf of securing the residue funds. The convention granted each two minutes time for presentation of its proposal.

Motions were lost to accept (1) the recommendation of the Oversea Hospitals; (2) to give the fund to the American Fund for French Wounded for the hospital at Rheims; (3) to turn the sum over to the Anna Howard Shaw Memorial; (4) to devote it to the East relief work.

The motion was carried 106 to 65 to turn over the fund to the oversea work in France of the American Women's Hospitals. A motion was made to reconsider the vote, and lost.

Mrs. Edwards, Indiana, rose to a point of privilege and presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS the leader of the little group of women known as the Anti-Suffragists, who for a decade have helped to defeat woman suffrage by discrediting all who advocated it are now directing their familiar slander against Mr. Will H. Hays, chairman of the National Republican Committee, because they say he has influenced ratification in several states by appealing to the younger element in the Republican party for the support of suffrage, be it

Resolved, That the National American Woman Suffrage Association with two and a half million organized women, congratulates the Republican party upon having a chairman who is astute enough to recognize the certain trend of public affairs and to attempt to lead his party in step with the inevitable march of human progress.

We extend to Mr. Hays our sincere gratitude for any and all help he may have rendered on behalf of ratification and assure him that our members, being progressive women, hope to align themselves with the "younger element" of the parties of their choice, whichever party that may be.

The resolution was carried 199 to 22. Upon motion of Mrs. Edwards, seconded by Miss Hay, it was unanimously voted that thanks go to Homer Cummings for his very signal service for ratification.

Upon motion of Mrs. Gellhorn, duly seconded it was voted that both motions be made unanimous.

Adjourned 12:50.

CONGRESS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OPENING SESSION

Saturday Afternoon, February 14th

Mrs. Charles H. Brooks, presiding.

The Chair, in a brief address, explained that the League of Women Voters means the banding of the women of the country together in an unselfish effort to improve the electorate.

Miss Marie B. Ames was introduced who told of the work of the citizenship schools in Missouri and Kansas. Following, the Chair introduced in turn the chairmen of the standing committees of the League of Women Voters.

The first matter of business was the election of a permanent convention chairman.

Upon motion of Mrs. Brown, New York, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that Mrs. Catt be made the chairman.

The Chair expressed the wish that the convention consent to the appointment of Mrs. Wilson as recording secretary for the sessions. The convention so consented.

The Chair called upon Mrs. Fletcher Dobyns, Illinois, for the final report of the Credentials Committee. She reported 507 delegates present, 102 alternates and 89 fraternal delegates.

The report was adopted.

The Chair read a telegram of greetings from the League of Women Voters, Bennington, Vt.

The Chair proceeded to the first of two questions on the program: Shall the National League of Women Voters be made permanent for the purpose of fostering education in citizenship and of supporting improved legislation?

Mrs. Munson, Kansas, moved that an organization be continued for education in citizenship. The Chair explained the need of the double program of education and legislation. Mrs. Munson reworded her motion to embody the question which amended was adopted as follows: The National League of Women Voters shall be continued for the purpose of fostering education in citizenship and of supporting improved legislation.

The Chair said that the second question, "Will the convention confirm the appointment of an organization committee by the N. A. W. S. A.?" might better follow the presentation of the plan of organization.

Upon motion of Mrs. Miller, Pennsylvania, it was voted to hear Mrs. Brown's plan.

Mrs. Brown read the proposed plan.

Referring to the matter of representation Mrs. Munson, Kansas, asked if a group in a state not having an organization of the League of Women Voters might pay the required sum and get representation at a National convention. Mrs. Bass, Illinois, raised the same question on the basis of legality.

The Chair replied that the League of Women Voters was an honest organization with the object of seeking not power in organization but power to secure legislation. The proposed plan of organization was read.

The plan adopted with the exception of the paragraphs on Representation and Elections, advanced to Monday for consideration, was by action of the convention put into the hands of a committee appointed by the Chair, one of whom should be a legal authority, this committee to embody the plan in a constitution and present it Monday. (See constitution, p. 11-14).

The Chair appointed Mrs. Brown, New York, Mrs. Sherman, Illinois, Mrs. Miller, Pennsylvania, Committee on Constitution.

By action of the convention the Chair was authorized to appoint a committee to work out the division of the states into regions. The Chair appointed as a Regions Committee, Mrs. Costigan, Colorado, chairman, Dr. Atwater, Montana, Mrs. Sherman, Illinois, Mrs. Dietrich, Nebraska, Mrs. Ueland, Minnesota, Miss Potter, New York, Mrs. Holmes, Louisiana, Mrs. Jacobs, Alabama, Miss Ludington, Connecticut.

The Chair was authorized to appoint a nominating committee.

Announcements were made following which Mrs. Catt set straight before the seven hundred women present the plan and purpose of the League of Women Voters and struck the big inspirational note of the convention.

Adjourned 4:45.

CONGRESS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Monday Morning, February 16th

Mrs. Catt, presiding.

The Chair called the convention to order at 9:30.

The minutes were read and approved. The Chair proceeded to the business of the constitution.

At this point, Dr. Felix A. Levy pronounced the invocation.

The Chair called upon Mrs. Brown for a report of the committee on constitution.

Following is the constitution after amendment and adoption and change in phraseology to conform to amendments:

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the National League of Women Voters.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

The object of the National League of Women Voters shall be to foster education in citizenship and to support improved legislation. The National League of Women Voters urges every woman to become an enrolled voter, but as an organization it shall be allied with and support no party.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The National League of Women Voters shall consist of an affiliated League of Women Voters from each state and the District of Columbia.

Sec. 2. National organizations working along similar lines may become associate members by vote of the National Board.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. A Board of ten National Directors shall be elected at the annual convention to conduct the business of the National League of Women Voters. Seven of these Directors shall represent regions of states, three shall be elected at large. The term of office shall be one year. The Board of Directors shall have power to fill vacancies in its own body.

Sec. 2. The National Board of Directors shall immediately after this election hold a meeting and elect from their own body a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary of the board, and a treasurer of the National League of Women Voters.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The National Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the organization, of the Executive Council, of the Board of Directors of

the National Executive Committee. She shall be ex-officio a member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Sec. 2. The National Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the National Chairman in her absence or temporary inability to serve.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the National Board.

Sec. 4. The National Treasurer shall collect and receive all money due the National Treasury. She shall be the custodian of this fund, and shall disburse the same only upon the order of the organization or the National Executive Committee. All orders upon the National Treasurer for the disbursement of dues shall be signed by the National Chairman. The National Treasurer shall give a bond of such amount as shall be determined by the National Board of Directors, and her accounts shall be audited previous to each annual meeting by auditors appointed by the National Chairman. The National Treasurer shall present a quarterly report to the National Board of Directors and an annual report to the organization.

ARTICLE VI.

NATIONAL MANAGER

A National Manager shall be chosen by the National Board and shall have responsibility for the national work under the direction of the National Board with a vote in its decisions.

ARTICLE VII

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors shall appoint from its own body two elected members who together with the chairman shall constitute an executive committee to act in emergencies between meetings of the Board. The Board of Directors shall have authority to define what would constitute an emergency.

ARTICLE VIII

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The educational and legislative work of the organization shall be divided among standing committees, the national chairman of each committee to be appointed by the National Board.

ARTICLE IX

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Board of Directors and chairmen of standing committees shall constitute an executive council to consider programs and methods of work.

ARTICLE X

MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the National League of Women Voters shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Sec. 2. The National Board shall meet once annually in each of the seven regions of states.

Sec. 3. The executive council shall hold at least three meetings annually.

ARTICLE XI

REPRESENTATION

Representation in the conventions of the National League of Women Voters shall be in accordance with population, and shall be on the same basis as a state's representation in Congress, provided that a state shall have paid into the National treasury \$50.00 for each delegate. Affiliated members shall eight weeks prior to the National Convention certify to the treasurer in writing, signed by two officers, the total membership at that date. A state shall be allowed its maximum representation only when the organization in the state shall warrant, and this shall be determined by the National Board by a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE XII

BUDGET

The Board of Directors shall present a budget for the ensuing year to the annual convention for its adoption. Traveling and other necessary expenses of the Board of Directors shall be authorized.

ARTICLE XIII

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A nominating committee consisting of five members shall be appointed by the National Board at least three months before the annual meeting at which the directors are to be elected. No member of the National Board shall be eligible to be a member of this committee and no two members shall be residents of the same state. The name and address of the chairman of the nominating committee shall be sent at once to each state chairman that recommendations for candidates may be made by state leagues. All such recommendations shall be sent to the nominating committee at least a month before the annual meeting. The report of the nominating committee shall include the recommendations of the committee together with the names of all other candidates recom-

mended by the state leagues and this report shall be posted at the opening of the annual meeting. In addition nominations may be made from the floor. An election committee appointed by the chairman of the Board of Directors shall take charge of the election. The election shall be by ballot. A majority vote of those present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE XIV

All questions of national policy and all legislative programs shall be presented to the annual convention but shall not be voted on until at least one day later, in order to give the states a chance to consider and decide their vote.

ARTICLE XV

The Constitution may be amended at any annual convention provided that the proposed amendment is presented one day previous to action thereon.

ARTICLE XVI

All meetings shall be conducted under Roberts' Rules of Order.

The Chair heard the report of Mrs. Willson, chairman of the Committee on Elections who stated that from nine names of women proposed at the regional caucuses for directors at large the three having the highest vote at the convention polls would be elected, no woman being slated unless consenting to act.

The Chair called for a report from the Regions committee. Mrs. Ueland, acting chairman, reported. Action was taken authorizing the committee to call together state presidents who were not satisfied with the divisions, complete the districting and report later.

The Chair appointed the following committee on Nominations:

Mrs. Gellhorn, Missouri, chairman, Miss Ludington, Connecticut, Mrs. Smith, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Dudley, Tennessee, Mrs. Edwards, Indiana, Mrs. Ueland, Minnesota, Mrs. Edson, California.

The Chair called upon Mrs. Robins, Illinois, to make the report for the committee on the Protection of Women in Industry. Following a brief statement of the aims of this committee Mrs. Robins introduced Miss Grace Abbott, Illinois, who presented the recommendations, which amended and adopted by the convention, were as follows:

I. We reaffirm our belief in the right of the workers to bargain collectively through trade unions and regard the organization of working women as especially important because of the peculiar handicaps from which they suffer in the labor market.

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II. We call attention to the fact that it is still necessary for us to urge that wages should be paid on the basis of occupation and not on sex.

III. We recommend to Congress and the Federal Government:

(1) The establishment, in the U. S. Department of Labor, of a permanent Women's Bureau, with a woman as Chief and an appropriation adequate for the investigation of all matters pertaining to wage earning women and the determination of standards and policies which will promote their welfare, improve their working conditions, and increase their efficiency.

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(2) The appointment of women in the Mediation and Conciliation Service of the U. S. Department of Labor and on any industrial commission or tribunal which may hereafter be created.

(3) The establishment of a joint Federal and State Employment Service with women's departments under the direction of technically qualified women.

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(4) The adoption of a constitutional amendment giving to Congress the power to establish minimum labor standards, and the enactment by Congress of a child labor law extending the application of the present federal child labor tax laws, raising the age minimum for general employment from 14 to 16 years and the age for employment at night to 18 years.

(5) Recognizing the importance of a world-wide standardization of industry we favor the participation of the U. S. in the International Labor Conference and the appointment of a woman delegate to the next Conference.

IV. We recommend to the States legislative provision for

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(1) The limitation of the hours of work for wage earning women in industrial undertakings to not more than 8 hours in any one day, or 44 hours in any one week, and the granting of one day rest in seven.

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(2) The prohibition of night work for women in industrial undertakings.

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(3) The compulsory payment of a minimum wage to be fixed by a Minimum Wage Commission at an amount which will insure to the working woman a proper standard of health, comfort and efficiency.

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(4) Adequate appropriations for the enforcement of labor laws, the appointment of technically qualified women as factory inspectors and as heads of Women in Industry Divisions in the State Factory Inspection Departments.

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V. We urge upon the Federal Board of Vocational Education and upon State and local Boards of Commissioners of Education, the necessity of giving to girls and women full opportunity for education along industrial lines and further recommend the appointment of women familiar with the problems of women in industry as members and agents of the

Federal Board of Vocational Education and of similar state and Local Boards.

VI. Recognizing that the Federal, State and Local Governments are the largest employers of labor in the United States, we urge

(a) An actual merit system of appointment and promotion based on qualifications for the work to be performed; these qualifications to be determined in open competition, free from special privilege or preference of any kind and especially from discrimination on the grounds of sex;

(b) A reclassification of the present Federal civil service upon this basis with a wage or salary scale determined by the skill and training required for the work to be performed and not on the basis of sex;

(c) A minimum wage in Federal, State and Local service which shall not be less than the cost of living as determined by official investigations;

(d) Provisions for an equitable retirement system for superannuated public employees.

(e) Enlarging of Federal and State civil service Commissions so as to include 3 groups in which men and women shall be equally represented; namely, representatives of the administrative officials, of the employees, and of the general public, and

(f) the delegating to such commissions of full power and responsibility for the maintenance of an impartial, non-political and efficient administration.

VII. Finally the Department recommends that the League of Women Voters shall keep in touch with the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor securing information as to the success or failure of protective legislation in this and other countries, as to standards that are being discussed and adopted, and as to the results of investigations that are made.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS,

Miss Grace Abbott, Chairman,
Miss Ethel M. Smith,
Mrs. Emma J. Wolfe,
Mrs. W. E. Barkeley,
Miss Helene A. Goldsmith.

Unanimously adopted Feb. 14, 1920 by Committee on Protection of Women in Industry of the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Raymond Robins, Chairman.

The Chair introduced Mrs. Costigan, chairman of the Committee on Food Supply and Demand. Following her brief report, the committee's

Local recommendations in the form of a resolution were read which, amended and adopted, are as follows:

WHEREAS, In addition to the results of inflated currency due to the war, the high cost of living in the United States is increased and the production of necessary food supplies diminished by unduly restrictive private control of the channels of commerce, or markets and other distributing facilities, by large food organizations and combinations, and

WHEREAS, If our civilization is to fulfil its promise, it is vital that nourishing food be brought and kept within the reach of every home, and especially of all the growing children of the Nation, be it

Resolved, First, That the principles and purposes of the Kenyon-Kendrick-Anderson Bills now pending in Congress for the regulation of the meat packing industry be indorsed for prompt and effective enactment into law; and that this declaration be brought to the attention of the leading political parties, both in advance of an urgent request for corresponding and unqualified platform pledges;

Second, That the Food Supply and Demand Committee be authorized to keep in touch with the progress of the proposed legislation and to co-operate with the National Consumers' League, the American Live Stock Association, the Farmers' National Council and other organizations of like policy, in an effort to promote through legislation the realization of such principles and purposes. Furthermore, that the Committee on Food Supply and Demand be authorized to confer with the Department of Agriculture in regard to the extension of its service, with a view to establishing long distance information to enable shippers and producers to know daily the supplies and demands of the food market;

Third, That the early enactment of improved state and federal laws to prevent food profiteering, waste and improper hoarding is urged, and the strict enforcement of all such present laws is demanded;

Fourth, That the various State Leagues of Women Voters are requested to consider the advisability of establishing public markets, abattoirs, milk depots, and other terminal facilities;

Fifth, That aid be extended to all branches of the League of Women Voters in spreading knowledge of the methods and benefits of legitimate co-operative associations, and that indorsement be given to suitable National and State legislation favoring their organization and use.

The question arose of giving representatives of the packers an opportunity to present their side of the case.

Action was taken to allow ten minutes for their side of the question. Adjourned 12:45.

CONGRESS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Monday Afternoon, February 16th

Mrs. Catt, presiding.

The Chair called the convention to order at 2:30.

Mrs. Ellicott rose to a point of privilege. She moved that the following resolution be sent to the Legislature of Maryland, urging ratification:

WHEREAS, The women of the United States will undoubtedly be enfranchised within the next few months, and take part in the approaching national campaign, therefore be it

Resolved, That the National League of Women Voters, representing some twenty million women, urge that the legislature of Maryland join with the other forward looking men of the nation in giving the ballot to the women of our Country by ratifying the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

Carried.

Mrs. Pyle rose to a point of privilege. Upon motion of Mrs. Pyle, duly seconded by Mrs. Upton, Ohio, it was voted that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, All women citizens of the United States of America would today be fully enfranchised had not James W. Wadsworth, Jr., misrepresented his state and his party when continuously and repeatedly voting, working and manoeuvring against the proposed 19th amendment to the U. S. Constitution, be it

Resolved, That we, representing the enfranchised women of the country, extend to the women of New York our appreciation and our help in their patriotic work of determining to send to the United States Senate to succeed the said James W. Wadsworth, Jr., a modern-minded senator who will be capable of comprehending the great American principles of Freedom and Democracy.

Mrs. Ueland reported that the Regions committee had agreed upon the following districting of states:

1. Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island.
2. New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware.
3. Virginia, District of Columbia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee.
4. Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, West Virginia, Wisconsin.
5. Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana.

6. Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri.

7. Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, California.

The report was adopted.

Upon motion of Miss Abbott, duly seconded, it was voted that the following resolutions be adopted.

"That the report of the Women in Industry Department of the National League of Women Voters in its entirety be officially transmitted by the Secretary to the congressional legislative bodies or committees thereof before which legislation on the subject is now pending and to the administrative officials who may have authority to act upon any of its recommendations.

That Article III, Section 1, concerning the establishment on a permanent basis of the Woman's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor be telegraphed tonight by night letter to Representative James W. Good, and Senator Francis E. Warren, chairman of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees in Congress, and to Senator William S. Kenyon and Representative J. M. C. Smith, chairman of the Senate and House Committees on Labor, before which this legislation is now pending:

That the whole of Article VI, concerning the Federal civil service, be telegraphed tonight to Senator A. A. Jones, chairman of the Joint Congressional Commission on Reclassification of the Federal Service; to Senator William S. Kenyon, of the State Labor Committee. Senator Thomas Sterling, and Representative Frederick R. Lehbach, chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on the Civil Service.

The Chair introduced Dr. Valeria H. Parker who made the report for the committee on Social Hygiene. Following are the recommendations of the committee after amendment and adoption:

THE ABOLITION OF COMMERCIALIZED PROSTITUTION.

(a) The abolition of all segregated or protected vice districts and the elimination of houses used for vicious purposes.

(b) Punishment of frequenters of disorderly houses, (ordinance or law should be passed if necessary defining "frequenters") and penalization of the payment of money for prostitution as well as its receipt, thus equalizing the law against men and women engaged in prostitution.

(c) Heavy penalties for pimps, panderers, procurers and go-betweens.

(d) Prevention of solicitation in streets and public places by men and women.

(e) Elimination of system of petty fines and establishment of indeterminate sentences.

(f) Strict enforcement of laws against alcohol and drug trades.

II. VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL.

- (a) Classification of venereal disease as communicable.
- (b) A law providing for administrative machinery in local and state boards of health to hold hearings and make determinations concerning exposure to venereal disease infection, as a basis for orders for examination, treatment or quarantine of diseased persons. The authorities, however, should not be given power to institute periodical examinations of prostitutes.
- (c) Distribution of free therapeutic agents for venereal disease, through state boards of health.
- (d) Public laboratories for diagnosis.
- (e) Public clinics and hospitals for treatment of venereal disease, with free treatment whenever necessary.
- (f) Physical and mental examination and treatment of all persons committed as dependent or delinquent. No person to be released from jail or other penal institution in an actively infectious condition.
- (g) Detention hospitals for men and women who refuse to conform with regulations concerning treatment, or whose manner of life in the opinion of the health officer, makes them a public danger.
- (h) Suppression of circulation of licentious literature, pictures, motion pictures, theatrical performances and songs.
- (i) Penalization of advertising of a vicious character or advertising offering "sure cures" for venereal disease. Protection against quacks and sale of venereal disease remedies by druggists without prescription of regular physician.

III. DELINQUENTS, MINORS AND DEFECTIVES.

- (a) Legal age of consent to be not less than 18 and laws to include protection of boys under 18 as well as of girls.
- (b) A method of trying cases involving sex offenses in chancery courts instead of in criminal courts is advocated.
- (c) Mental examination and diagnosis of all children, registration of abnormal cases, education suited to their possibilities; supervision during and after school age; custodial care for those unable to adjust to a normal environment.
- (d) Reformatory farms for delinquent men and women.
- (e) Industrial farm schools for delinquent boys and girls. (These institutions to provide for the investigation of case histories; mental and physical examination; classification of cases; moral agencies for character development; vocational training; indeterminate sentences, with provision for parole.) The institutions should have trained officers.
- (f) Women on governing boards of all charitable and penal institutions; women as probation and parole officers; as state and local police

as protective officers; as court officials, as jurors; as physicians in institutions for women and on all state and local Boards of Health.

The Committee recommends the establishment of local protective homes for girls in all larger cities, proper detention quarters for women awaiting trial, and separate detention quarters for juvenile offenders, as well as Travelers Aid agents at all large railroad stations and steamship embarkation points.

Next followed the program on Child Welfare, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, chairman. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. The endorsement of the Sheppard-Towner Bill for the Public Protection of Maternity and Infancy.

2. The endorsement of the principle of a bill for physical education about to be introduced into Congress, to be administered by the Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior.

3. An appropriation of \$472,220 for the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor.

4. The endorsement of the Gard-Curtis Bill for the regulation of Child Labor in the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Brown rose to a point of privilege. Owing to the closeness of the vote on the disposition of the Oversea Hospitals funds she stated that Dr. Lovejoy had conceded the plan of dividing the money equally between the oversea work in France of the American Women's Hospitals and the Hospital at Rheims. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve this plan.

Adjourned at 5:10.

CONGRESS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Tuesday Morning, February 17th

Mrs. Catt, presiding.

The Chair called the convention to order at 9:30.

The Chairman introduced Mrs. Bagley, Chairman of the Committee on American Citizenship.

Mrs. Bagley's program included reports on the Smith-Towner bill, the Kenyon Americanization bill and the Johnson Naturalization bill presented by Mrs. Tillinghast, Massachusetts, Mrs. Sykes, Illinois, and Miss (Thes)ickey, Oklahoma, respectively.

Following are the committee's recommendations as amended and adopted during the convention:

1. Compulsory education which shall include adequate training in citizenship in every state for all children between six and sixteen, nine months of each year.

2. Education of adults by extension classes of the public schools.
3. English made the basic language of instruction in the common school branches in all schools public and private.
4. Specific qualifications for citizenship and impressive ceremonials for naturalization.
5. Direct citizenship for women, not citizenship through marriage, as a qualification for the vote.
6. Naturalization for married women made possible, American women to retain American citizenship after marriage to alien.
7. Printed citizenship instruction in the foreign languages, for the use of the foreign born, as a function of the Federal Government.
8. Schools of citizenship in conjunction with the public schools, a certificate from such schools to be a qualification for the educational test for naturalization.
9. An educational qualification for the vote in all states, after a sufficient period of time and ample opportunity for education have been allowed.

Endorsement of H. R. 10404, relating to naturalization, and providing for the patrol of the coast and border of the United States.

Endorsement of Smith-Towner bill.

The Chair called upon Mrs. McCulloch to give the report for the committee on Unification of Laws concerning the Legal Status of Women.

Mrs. McCulloch stated that the Committee's work is two fold: (a) to give legal advice to the other standing committees; (b) to work for uniformity of laws for women.

Mrs. McCulloch's proposed program was presented in twelve recommendations, which amended and adopted are:

Independent citizenship for married women.

Equal interest of spouses in each others real estate.

The married woman's wages and business under her sole control.

Just civil service laws to be established in all cities and states now under the spoils system. Amendments to existing civil service laws to enable men and women to have equal rights in examinations and appointments.

Mothers pensions with a minimum amount adequate and definite; the maximum amount left to the discretion of the administering court, and the benefits of all such laws extended to necessitous cases above the age specified in the law, at the discretion of the administering body, and that residence qualifications be required.

The minimum age of consent shall be eighteen years.

Equal guardianship by both parents of the persons and the property of children, the Utah law being a model.

Legal workers should read a book published by the United States Department of Labor entitled, "Illegitimacy Laws of the United States."

Understand that the naturalization tests are to remain as they are now.

A Court should be established having original exclusive jurisdiction over all affairs pertaining to the child and his interests.

The marriage age for women should be eighteen years; for men twenty-one years. The State should require health certificates before issuing marriage licenses. There should be Federal legislation on marriage and divorce, and statutes prohibiting the evasion of marriage laws.

Laws should provide that women be subject to jury service and the unit vote of jurors in civil cases should be abolished.

Our committee women should not use their connection with the League of Women Voters to assist any political party.

Mrs. Willson, Illinois, made a report for the committee on Elections as follows:

Election for regional directors—number states voting, 39; total number delegates possible, 641; total number delegates voting 256. Elected from Region 1, Miss Katharine Ludington, Connecticut; 2, Mrs. F. Louis Slade, New York; 3, Miss Della Dortsch, Tennessee; 4, Miss Elizabeth Hauser, Ohio; 5, Mrs. James Paige, Minnesota; 6, Mrs. George Gellhorn, Missouri; 7, Mrs. C. B. Simmons, Oregon.

Mrs. Gardener took the chair.

Upon motion of Mrs. Catt, duly seconded, it was voted:

That the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters at its first meeting subsequent to the first Congress meeting, shall with the aid and advice of the chairmen of departments, select from the six adopted programs for legislative action, certain national needs and provisions which might be incorporated in the party platforms;

That a copy of this program as selected by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to all state presidents and presidents of national women's organizations for approval;

That a deputation from the League of Women Voters be sent to the conventions of the two dominant parties, at least, to present this program to the delegates, chairmen of the resolutions committees if announced in advance and prominent leaders of these parties having been previously interviewed or circularized.

Carried.

Following a presentation by Miss Hay and Mrs. Bass of the question, "Should women enroll in the political parties?", Miss Young, New York, moved to adopt a resolution to take for a slogan "Get into the parties." Seconded and carried 264 to 100.

Mrs. Brown reported for the nominating committee on names selected at the regional caucuses for directors at large. Seven names were brought instead of nine—Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Cunningham could not serve: Mrs. T. T. Cotnam, Arkansas, Mrs. R. Edwards, Indiana, Mrs. Solon Jacobs, Alabama, Mrs. Charles E. Merriam, Illinois, Mrs. Maud Wood

Park, Boston, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Texas, Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Edwards, Indiana, raised the question as to whether the states are bound by these programs submitted before the association was organized, the constitution having not been adopted until now. (See constitution, p. 11-14.)

The Chair ruled that the body being a delegate body officially called to convention had taken no action which was not official. The convention might, however, decide.

Upon motion of Mrs. Gellhorn, duly seconded it was voted that the recommendations of the standing committees as accepted by the convention be referred to the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters; after consultation with the chairmen of the standing committees, the aforementioned Board in turn to pass on its recommendations to the state chairmen with the request that they use as much of them as possible.

Upon motion of Mrs. McCulloch, duly seconded, it was voted that the recommendations made to this congress previous to the adoption of the constitution be adopted by the League of Women Voters.

Upon motion of Mrs. Dietrich, Nebraska, duly seconded and amended, it was voted that resolutions relating to Federal legislation be considered binding; that resolutions effecting State legislation be considered recommendations to be submitted to states; Federal legislation to be submitted to the National Board.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Tuesday Afternoon, February 17th

Mrs. Catt, presiding.

The Chair stated that it was with great regret that those in charge of the convention program had discovered that a choice must be made between the announced program of the Anthony Centenary program and a business session of the League of Women Voters, and that the imperative importance of completing the business had decided the matter. The Anthony program would therefore be postponed until the business had been completed. Were Miss Anthony herself to decide, her practical mind would point to the same determination.

The promised presentation of certificates would preclude the business however. Even that pleasurable incident would have to be greatly abridged. The States had been asked to list their most honored dead, no name to be reported except those who had rendered signal service to the cause. It had been intended to read the list to the convention but owing to scarcity of time, that part of the ceremony would be omitted and the list printed in the minutes.

(1) The States had been requested to send in lists of suffragists who had rendered signal service before 1880 and these would be classified as Pioneers; (2) lists of presidents who had served in that capacity five years; (3) lists of persons rendering signal service between 1880 and 1900 to be known as Veterans; and (4) lists of those rendering signal service after 1900 who would be known as members of the Honor Roll.

Again owing not only to the necessity of economizing the time of the convention but the inability to have all lists and certificates in order, the names read to the convention would be limited to those present. The complete lists would be printed and the certificates sent by mail. The Chair counselled patience with this evidence of failure to live up to the plan as originally scheduled and pledged that every effort would be invoked to complete the idea to the satisfaction of all.

The Pioneers present then marched in from an adjoining room with flags flying and received distinguished service certificates. They were followed by Veterans, Presidents and the Honor Roll of later workers.

A gift in the name of the suffragists of the country was presented to Mrs. Catt by Mrs. Upton of Ohio.

Miss Hay took the chair and with the help of Mrs. Brown secured pledges for \$44,550.

\$15,000 of this sum was guaranteed by the Leslie Commission which was offered by Mrs. Catt as follows:

The Leslie Commission offers:

(1) The Woman Citizen as an organ of the League of Women Voters until January 1, 1921 at which time we believe that the League should issue a Bulletin of its own.

(2) The full use of the publicity department of the N. A. W. S. A. for the League for Women Voters until May 1, 1920.

(3) The personnel of a Data Department. This will mean the use of the present Data Department at the National Suffrage Headquarters until May 1, 1920, after which the Commission agrees to pay the salary of Mrs. Boyd until January 1, 1921, at the Headquarters of the League of Women Voters and will pay the salaries of one file clerk and one stenographer.

(4) The salary of the proposed manager; the salary of an assistant, and the salary of a chairman of Congressional work.

(5) In the event the sum total of these offers should be less than \$15,000, the Commission agrees to pay the difference into the treasury of the League in cash.

Upon motion of Mrs. Gates, Utah, duly seconded it was voted that all further suggestions of planks to be made to the League of Women Voters be sent to the Board who shall determine upon them and forward them to the political parties.

Adjourned 5:10.

CONGRESS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Wednesday Morning, February 18th

Mrs. Catt, presiding.

The Chair called the convention to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Invocation by Rev. Philip Yarrow.

The report of the elections committee on Directors at Large was as follows:

The total number of possible votes, 664; total number of votes cast, 364; total number of votes in error, 5; total number of legal votes, 359. Mrs. Maud Wood Park, 316; Mrs. Richard Edwards, 239; Mrs. Solon Jacobs, 162; Mrs. T. T. Cotnam, 136; Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, 118; Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, 70; Mrs. Charles E. Merriam, 36.

The Chair requested regional directors and directors at large to get together to elect officers and report.

Miss Hay rose to a point of order to correct the statement made that she is opposed to the League of Women Voters.

It was voted to call upon Miss Blackwell to report for the committee on Resolutions.

The resolutions as amended and adopted were as follows:

Resolved:

I. That we urge the adhesion of the United States to the League of Nations with the least possible delay.

II. That in view of the famine, pestilence and unemployment extending throughout the great tracts of Central and Eastern Europe, and into Asia, we urge Congress to make an immediate and generous loan, to alleviate the dire necessities of these vast regions; and we further petition our government to use its influence to retain and reconstitute the Inter-Allied organizations formed during the war, so that the world's resources of food, raw materials, finance and transport shall be made available for the relief of the peoples of all countries from famine and pestilence.

III. That we declare ourselves emphatically in favor of the principles of free speech, free press and free representation, not only as the best means to promote the orderly progress of enlightenment, but as the best safeguard of our American institutions. We recognize that efforts to bring about the overthrow of our government by violence must not be permitted, but in ill-considered attempts to meet this difficulty, there is danger of overthrowing that real liberty which has always been one of the cornerstones of our republic.

IV. WHEREAS, The revenues for education throughout the United States are very little above the pre-war level, and

WHEREAS, For many years teachers' salaries have notably been far below any rational standard, and

WHEREAS, Under the present economic pressure teachers of training

and experience are being forced out of teaching and others who could fitly replace them cannot be secured for the pay offered, and

WHEREAS, The shortage of teachers and their inadequate preparation constitute a grave menace to future citizenship and to national security, be it

Resolved, That we urge upon State and local bodies, whose function it is to determine the amount of educational revenues, that they double the fund for the payment of teachers' salaries, and at the earliest possible time increase these salaries to a point which shall attract and hold well trained and capable men and women teachers. We are convinced that this point should not be fixed at a living wage, but that it should enable school boards to compete with commerce, industry and the professions in securing the services of the able, the ambitious, and the prepared, for this most vital public service.

V. WHEREAS, The draft showed nearly one-third of our young men to be in poor physical condition, be it

Resolved, That we favor universal compulsory physical training for both sexes, from the age of six to eighteen.

VI. WHEREAS, (a) in the last five years twelve times as many Americans have perished annually from preventable disease and preventable accident as died in war, and

(b) the military impotence of our former enemies and the mutual protection to result from the League of Nations reduces our military danger to a minimum, and

(c) gross illiteracy, dangerous shortage of teachers, an approaching timber famine, currency inflation and industrial unrest call for supremely wise expenditure of taxes, be it

Resolved, That we are opposed to universal compulsory military training.

VII. That we favor a policy of constructive and friendly co-operation between our government and people and the Mexican government and people; and we deplore the constant circulation in the press of sensational and inflammatory rumors which often prove unfounded. The rights and dignity of the United States must be maintained, but we are opposed to armed invasion of Mexico except in the last and most extreme necessity.

VIII. WHEREAS, 100,000 Christian Armenian women are still held in Turkish harems and 250,000 orphans must perish unless fed, be it

Resolved, That we urge a generous co-operation of American women with the relief work, and we protest against the proposal to leave Armenia under the rule of the Sultan, as one of the greatest crimes of history.

IX. That we favor the creation of a federal bureau of housing and living conditions, with sufficient funds to enable it to investigate housing and living conditions throughout the country, and to conduct research and experimentation with a view to the inauguration of a constructive housing program.

X. That we endorse the bill introduced by Congressman Fess to amend the Vocational Education Act so as to make more adequate provision for Home Economics. This bill appropriates half a million yearly for ten years for co-operation with the States in the preparation of teachers of Home Economics, and thereafter three millions annually; parts of the allotments being also available for purposes directly related to the promotion of better home-making, of Americanization through Home Economics teaching, and for administrative purposes incidental thereto.

XI. That we recommend American women to set apart Susan B. Anthony's birthday, February fifteenth, as a day of thanksgiving, and loving remembrance of her and of all the pioneers.

XII. WHEREAS, This is the year for adding new names to the Hall of Fame, be it

Resolved, That we recommend the following names: Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Julia Ward Howe.

XIII. That, in view of the imperative need of thrift, we urge upon both men and women the practice of thrift, and a careful study of the Thrift Program sent out by the Treasury Department.

XIV. WHEREAS, The usefulness of a central clearing house for government printed matter has been demonstrated by the National Library Service, which operated, under an emergency fund, for six months in the Bureau of Education, and

WHEREAS, The librarians of the United States are ready to serve the government and the people by giving proper publicity to government printed matter, and

WHEREAS, The Library Information Service Bill has been favorably reported by the Education Committee of both Senate and House, be it

Resolved, That we endorse the bill (S2457 and H. R. 6860) "To provide for a Library Information Service in the Bureau of Education."

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each Senator and Representative.

XV. That we extend cordial thanks to all the citizens of Chicago who have contributed so generously to make this convention a brilliant success, and especially to Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, president of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association and chairman of local arrangements for the State, with her large and efficient committee, and to Mrs. Gellhorn, chairman of local arrangements for the National; to Mrs. Richard E. Edwards, who arranged the Living Ratification Valentine; to Mrs. A. H. Schweizer, chairman of local arrangements for the Victory Dinner; to Miss Rose Young, director of "Then and Now" told in pictures; to Mrs. James W. Morrison, who arranged the Procession of Victories; to Mrs. Jacob Baur, who arranged for the Pioneers' Luncheon; to all the State hostesses, to all the chairmen of committees, to the women's clubs, to the minister, choir and officials of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, who arranged the Memor-

ial Service for Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, to the Congress Hotel, to the Government for establishing a special postoffice for the convention, to the Chicago newspapers and other members of the press, and to the many other persons, official and unofficial, who have contributed to our comfort and happiness.

Resolutions were adopted to send (1) a telegram of congratulations to Mrs. Ida Husted Harper; letters of affection and congratulation to Dr. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, Emily Howland and Charlotte Pierce.

The Chair asked the officers of the League of Women Voters, just elected, to come to the platform. Chairman, Mrs. Maud Wood Park; vice chairman, Mrs. George Gellhorn; treasurer, Mrs. Richard Edwards; secretary, Mrs. Solon Jacobs; regional directors: Miss Katherine Ludington, Mrs. F. Louis Slade, Miss Della Dortsch, Miss Elizabeth Hauser, Mrs. James Paige, Mrs. George Gellhorn, Mrs. Simmons.

Each upon being introduced to the delegates made a speech or a bow.

Mrs. Trout called the members of the local convention committees to the platform and presented them. They were received with enthusiastic applause.

Mrs. Shuler made the following motion:

In order to create a better understanding of the purposes of the League of Women Voters and its relation to other national organizations of women,

I move that the directors of the League of Women Voters make the purposes of the league exceedingly clear to local groups: namely, that the function of the league is for the purpose of fostering education in citizenship and of supporting improved legislation;

I move that as far as possible organizations that are already existing and doing similar work be used and asked to co-operate in the work of educating women to an understanding of these purposes, and in order to give effectiveness to a common legislative program;

I move that a committee on congressional legislation be created with headquarters in Washington; that in addition to a chairman, the committee be made up of a representative from each of the great national organizations of women.

The motions were seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned 12:45.

**NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION
and
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Wednesday Afternoon, February 18th**

Mrs. Catt, presiding.

The convention was called to order at 2:30.

Mrs. Gardener, D. C., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the National American Woman Suffrage Association in convention assembled express to the directors of the Smithsonian Institution profound appreciation of the establishment of the section devoted to the great women leaders of liberty and civilization on the same broad basis accorded to men.

We express the belief that this shrine that is established will be an object of reverence and education to all American womanhood. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to W. C. Randell, administrative assistant to the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Barsalou, Rhode Island, moved to reconsider the resolution passed at the morning session against compulsory military training. Vote 98 for, 141 against reconsideration.

The Chair read the following proposed telegram to the women of Washington:

One State and one only is needed to complete the required 36 to ratify. That State is Washington, the only State which has given its own women the right to vote and does not wish to extend that same right to the women of the nation.

In spite of this, the National American Women Suffrage Association at the closing session of its fifty-first and final annual convention in Chicago, February 18, expresses its confidence that the women of Washington will not permit this repudiation of the principles of Woman Suffrage and calls upon them to continue their efforts for ratification.

Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Park stated that the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters had unanimously agreed to urge Mrs. Catt to serve as Honorary Chairman. Miss Hay took the Chair and put the motion to confirm the action of the Board of Directors. It was unanimously voted to do so.

Mrs. Shuler, chairman of the committee appointed by the Board of the N. A. W. S. A. to draft plans for citizenship schools recommended

1. That a normal school be held in the most available large city in each State to which every county shall be asked to send one or more representatives. The school shall be open to all local people.

2. That no State shall feel that it has approached the task of training for citizenship that has not had at least one school in every county followed by schools in as many townships and wards as possible with the ultimate aim of reaching the women of every election district.

3. That minimum requirement of a citizenship school should include
(a) The study of local, state and national government.

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- (b) The technique of voting and election laws.
- (c) Organization and platform of political parties.
- (d) The League of Women Voters: Its aims; its platform; its plans of work.

4. That each State employ a director for citizenship schools to be under the direction of the national director of citizenship schools.

5. That the States urge the assistance of State universities through summer schools, extension departments and active participation by professors from these departments to make the teaching of citizenship of real benefit to the State.

6. That the States invite the co-operation of local men who are experienced in public affairs, and that every agency, including that of publicity, be employed to what will tend to increased interest in the teaching of citizenship.

7. That the States try to make the study of citizenship compulsory in the public schools from the primary grades up.

The report was referred to the League of Women Voters.

Action was taken that the National American Woman Suffrage Association should print the minutes of the Convention and send to all delegates to the Convention.

It was moved and seconded to refer the minutes of Saturday's morning session to the Board of the N. A. W. S. A., no time having been allowed before the convention for the reading of these minutes.

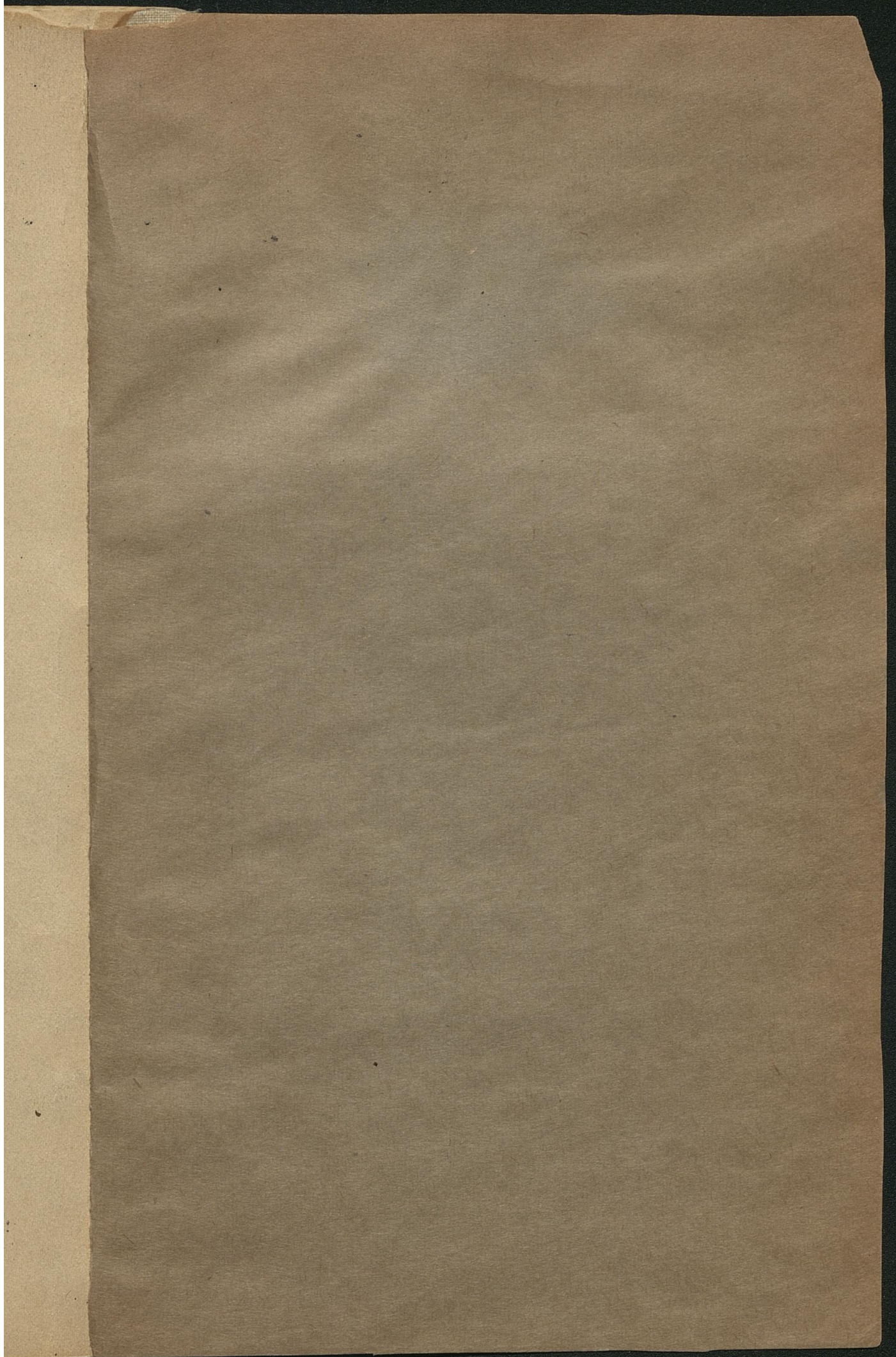
How to extend membership in the League of Women Voters, raise funds and disseminate public information concerning proposed legislation effectively and extensively was discussed. Suggestions were made to organize in States from Congressional districts down to election districts; to make a drive for paid memberships to take the place of teas and sales; to conduct publicity campaigns within organizations, not depending upon newspapers.

The Chair turned the gavel over to Mrs. Park. Then followed a part of the postponed Anthony Centenary program.

The Board of Officers of the National American Woman Suffrage Association having been called for 4:30, the Congress of the League of Women Voters was formerly adjourned at 5 o'clock.

When the delegates assembled Wednesday evening for the first session of the School for Political Education, Mrs. Catt called into session the N. A. W. S. A. and with appropriate ceremony formally adjourned the Victory Convention.

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