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BRITISH GOVERNMENT PROMISED REMOVAL RUSSIAN BLOCKADE

COPENHAGEN.—According to an unofficial report received by the correspondent of the Jewish Daily Forward here, the British government has promised Krasin a peace mission to remove the blockade entirely within the next two weeks. It is expected that England will immediately dispatch ships to Russia for the resumption of trade.

The Woman's Page

COOKS SCARCER THAN THEY EVER WERE IN EAST

Immigration of "Waacs" Does Not Solve Domestic Service Problem

In the solution of the domestic service problem up to the present time, the immigration of Women's Army Auxiliary Corps members has proven only a drop in the bucket, Miss Appleton, of the Ontario Labor Bureau, at Ottawa, says. As transportation becomes available and more women can come it will be of immense help, especially since the arrivals are a fine type.

Next best to a training school for household help of all kinds is the technical school, Miss Appleton points out. The value of the idea can readily be realized. Every girl can learn to be a cook at night classes—and several other lines are taught which would be useful to helpers in the home. Very few use the technical school for that purpose in Ottawa, but in Toronto many of the "Waacs" to whom the possible education was mentioned are getting regular training in their chosen profession at the Toronto Technical School.

"To my mind a training school is needed to solve the problem of domestic help," said Miss Appleton. "We already have in the technical schools an institution which in a measure would train women for efficient housework."

"It is only when employer and employee treat the whole question in a business-like way that housework is going to bring enough women into the profession to supply the demand. Wages do not seem to be any special attraction. It is just a dearth of workers for work that has not so far been attractive."

Sometimes a department advertisement for a good cook will run for days and days without an answer. Cooks are scarcer than they ever were. They are almost off the market entirely. Both in the city and vicinity it is impossible to fill the vacancies. Salaries ranging from \$30 to \$50 a month, with board and lodging which is worth about another \$45 at prevailing prices, prove no temptation.

OVERALL FASHION SPREADING RAPIDLY AMONG THE WORKERS

Civil servants in the department of municipal affairs have introduced the fashion of wearing overalls on their way to work, at work, and after work, with a view to saving the high cost of more pretentious clothing. It is expected that the other government departments will at once follow suit, as well as employees of various other concerns throughout the city.

It is further proposed that the women members of the government staff join in the movement by adopting for their office wear an equally economical uniform consisting of skirts and dresses made of gingham or something of that kind, which will match the men's overalls.

If the overall fashion spreads as rapidly as other fashions have in the past the price of denim is due for a jump immediately, according to all previous records where goods of popular style and of great demand were boosted to extremes.

A man's idea of heaven is a place where wives don't ask their husbands for money.

POSSIBILITIES AND AIMS OF MOTHERS' CLUBS

All Women Interested In Welfare of Community Can Find a Field In These Clubs

Among the many organizations of these modern days that claim our attention, there is none perhaps that contains the germ of greater possibilities along the line of social progress than "Mothers' Clubs," or as they are known in some places, "Home and School Associations," says a writer in Woman's Century.

1. To uplift the ideal of motherhood through the discussion of problems belonging to the care and training of children.

2. To promote co-operation and deepen the sympathy between parents and teachers.

3. To unite the parents in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the homes and children of the community.

A Field For All

All women interested in the welfare of the community and in solving any of the problems confronting our humanity for the benefit of the race can find in these clubs a field for their activities. In some places the support of the fathers has been enlisted and they have joined as Associate Members, but the Active Membership has been confined to women.

One of the strongest forces influencing every child's life and contributing to the making of law-abiding, right thinking citizens is the relationship that exists between parents and teachers. How proud the little ones are when they first become interested in school, to have their mothers and fathers know their teacher, and, if a better understanding of conditions on both sides can prevail, so that every boy and girl can grow up with the feeling that parents and teachers are working harmoniously and unitedly with the end in view of helping them to become useful citizens, each contributing his own share toward making the world a better place to live in, our civilization shall have taken a long step in advance.

The intelligent interest of an organization of mothers in their children while at school must inevitably result in improved conditions.

Already steps have been taken toward the forming of a Provincial federation of all these Home and School associations and Mothers' clubs, which will be affiliated with the Ontario Educational Association.

Plans For The Future

During Easter week, 1920, in Toronto there was held in connection with the Ontario Educational Association the first annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of these Home and School organizations and at that meeting a constitution was adopted and a regularly elected committee representative of all parts of the province was put in charge of developments.

Hope of the Nation

It is the home and the school that have the care of the child during his impressionable years, and the problems that arise at this time concerning courses of study, character building, physical well-being, etc., need intelligent discussion by parents, teachers and ratepayers, if we would teach our boys and girls to be self-supporting honest citizens, realizing life's meaning and having a measure of manhood and womanhood with which to serve their generation.

Let us hope that in the not far distant future each school will become a community centre where women of all creeds and classes may come to listen to the discussion of subjects helpful and educative and to in turn suggest and plan ways and means of broadening and deepening and nourishing all that will help our humanity to grow into a more perfect stature.

ROSE HENDERSON MAY BE LABOR CANDIDATE IN TORONTO ELECTIONS

During the last few weeks there has been a growing sentiment in favor of running Mrs. Rose Henderson as the Labor candidate in North East Toronto. It is stated that men and women of prominence who have never been connected with the Labor Party, many of them Conservatives and Liberals, have enquired if she will be in the field, with the statement that if so, they will get out and work for her.

It is felt that Mrs. Henderson, with her great reputation in connection with her activities on behalf of pensions for dependent mothers, and her great work on behalf of neglected children, and her prominence in social and welfare work, would make an ideal candidate.

Mrs. Henderson has been busily engaged in campaigning and organizing the women in Temiskaming, and will be at work in Toronto shortly.

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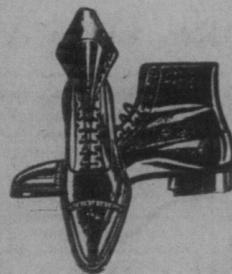
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