

At this point a short recess was had, after which the Grange was opened for work in the fifth degree. A resolution was adopted asking that a special meeting of the State Grange be held at Olean, or some other convenient place for the purpose of conferring the sixth degree upon candidates wishing to take the seventh degree at a meeting of the National Grange, to be held in New York State during the present year.

The fifth degree was then conferred upon a class of 39 candidates by the degree team of Canaseraga Grange, followed by the Past of Pomona completing the work of the evening.

Friday Morning

The Grange opened in the fourth degree at 9:45 o'clock. Record of Thursday's meeting was read and adopted. The treasurer being absent, Mrs. L. D. Kifer of Almond was appointed treasurer pro tem. A report of the meetings of the State Grange at Syracuse was given by delegate at large, Milton Case of Seneca. A general discussion on the subject of physical training in the Grange was led by Mrs. O. W. Robinson of Seneca. Fay Miller of Canaseraga, spoke on behalf of the pending Liberty Loan. A question box was then opened and several questions considered. George Clark of Cananda gave a recitation and responded to an exercise. It was then moved and carried that the treasurer be instructed to purchase in the name of Allegany County Pomona Grange a \$30 Liberty Loan bond of the next issue.

Recess for dinner, which was held at the Newton House. On Thursday the visitors had dinner and supper at the I. O. O. F. hall.

Friday Afternoon

Grange resumed its work in the fourth degree. The work was taken up by Fay Miller of Canaseraga, and A. C. White of Whitesville, who reported on the committee to confer with the subordinate Granges on the appointment of a general secretary of the county. The membership of the county is reported to be 1,000. A letter of thanks was extended to patrons of Pomona Grange for hospitality shown the visiting members during the sessions here; also thanks extended to Canaseraga degree team for conferring the fifth degree Thursday evening. The record of the day's session was read and adopted.

FARMERS IN COUNCIL AT ITHACA

Agree to Help Win the War By Raising Another Bumper Crop This Year. Allegany Reported by W. U. Rixford.

Seventy-eight delegates, representing 42 counties in New York met Saturday at the State College of Agriculture in Ithaca and pledged support to food production. They insisted, however, that the farmer should be given assurance against uncertainties in the prices of farm products so that he may be protected against financial losses resulting from his adherence to the Government's program for the growing of staples.

This county was represented by W. U. Rixford of Wellsville. He has returned with enthusiastic reports of the spirit and unity of the conference and charged with the duty and responsibility of organizing local county and community meetings. At these meetings the deliberations and decisions of the statewide conference will be passed on for approval and action. It was the expressed hope of the Ithaca gathering that the fine spirit of loyalty and service would be re-echoed in this and other communities.

Perhaps the keynote of the conference was sounded in the statement that since the President has said that the farmer's contribution to the winning of the war should be food production, they accepted this government view point as their primary duty and directed their thought efforts toward the growing of staples.



Photo from Underwood & Underwood. WOMEN'S HOSPITAL UNIT READY FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

In this group are the doctors, nurses, motor drivers and mechanics of the Women's Overseas Hospital, U. S. A., all ready to start for their job in France. The hospital is directed by the National American Woman Suffrage Association and is composed entirely of women.

WOMEN'S OVERSEAS HOSPITAL, U. S. A., NOW IN FRANCE

Supported by the Suffragists of the Nation and Staffed by Women.

The first "all women's hospital" unit to go to the front has arrived in France. This is the Women's Overseas Hospital, U. S. A., backed by the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

It is a matter of inspiring elation among suffragists that this first women's unit should have come out from the New York branch for Women and Children, the association formed by the suffrage societies of this State.

The unit was originally composed of 100 women, but has since been increased to 150. It is a complete hospital, equipped with all the necessary medical and surgical apparatus, including X-ray apparatus, radiologist and dentist, all women. It also includes women nurses, midwives, dietitians, pharmacists, machinists, chauffeurs and a plumber.

In addition to Doctor Finley and the plumber, the staff members already in France are: Dr. Alice Gregory, who has been acting director in Doctor Finley's absence; Dr. Anna van Shuler, Dr. Mary Lee Edward, Dr. Marie R. Forman, Dr. Olga Pivitzky and Dr. Laura Hunt.

It is expected that another contingent will sail some time in March and that other hospitals staffed by women will go to the front in the name of the National Suffrage Association. Suffragists of Great Britain are responsible for a chain of 11 hospitals which have been making history under the title of "The Scottish Women's Hospitals."

"What British suffragists have done U. S. A. suffragists can do," says Mr. Charles L. Tiffany, who is chairman of the Advisory Committee. Other members of the committee are: Cecelia Bailey, Mrs. John Quinn, Alice Gregory, Mr. E. C. Henderson, Dr. Samuel W. Lambert, Mrs. V. E. Miley, Dr. Mary D. Rushmore, Mrs. Edwin Thorne, Mrs. Norman R. Whitehouse, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Dr. Mary Lee Edward, Miss Margaret Hays, Mr. Gustavus Towne, Mrs. Philip Lytle, Mrs. Ogden Mills Reid, Mr. John L. Wilkie, Mrs. Louis Slade and Mrs. Percy R. Turner.

WOMEN'S CLUBS HELP THE WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Women's clubs throughout the country are becoming interested in the plucky little hospital unit, staffed by women, which has recently sailed for France to work behind the lines for the restoration of women and children. The Colony Club of New York City has donated a motor truck, and Sorosis, the oldest incorporated women's club in the United States, has given a present to celebrate its fiftieth birthday. The present is a \$2,000 ambulance to go to France with the hospital unit and run on errands of kindness for the French children and their mothers. Giving a large Brooklyn club has presented another ambulance, both help on their sides the legend, "Women's Overseas Hospital, U. S. A." with the Red Cross and the emblem of the hospital.

A fitted hospital will be stationed behind the lines in one of the most devastated areas in France. While it is at the call of the French War Department for the care of the military wounded, its direct object is to build up the broken down women and children who have suffered from lack of care during the occupation of their towns by war forces.

In a cablegram received from Doctor Finley this dire need of the French people for the help to be secured through the hospital is set forward in a startling sentence of two—"Great need for mid. Civilians taken many miles for hospital treatment. Must be met surgery, need specialists, ambulance service, several dispensaries."

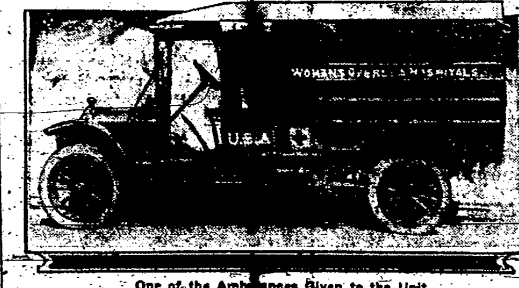
It will be recalled that the French High Commissioner, Monsieur Tardieu, was most hospitable to the idea of the unit from the start.

The fund for the upkeep of the hospital was formally assumed by the National American Woman Suffrage Association at its forty-ninth annual convention in Washington, D. C., last December. The hospital was then adopted as the association's "war baby."

The greater use of women and mature girls under proper supervision on the farms was likewise advocated, as was the release of farm boys and girls from the schools for farm work.

The maximum use of labor-saving machinery was recommended, and the practice of drying larger work teams to save men-labor.

Where will the farmer get the money needed to provide working capital for his farming business?



One of the Ambulances Given to the Unit.

Legislation was that every able-bodied man and woman should be employed in some regular and productive work during the period of the war. Further, all business operations which are carried on solely for personal gratification and which for their continuance draw their supply of labor from the State, should be reduced in volume during the war.

This question was asked and was answered by the statement that arrangements had been made whereby the local banks will give the needed help. It was brought out that all who need money should make their needs known to their local bank at once so that the funds may be supplied in plenty of time for use.

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RUSSIAN COLLAPSE NO GREAT MESSAGE

Those over-fearful Americans who imagine the Russian collapse will work to the detriment of the Allies, would do well to take a second look at the situation more closely. Russia's plight is greatly to be deplored from a standpoint of freedom and democracy. It is, however, only what has been expected for some time. Ever since the Kerensky government the Allies have anticipated just such an outcome and have made ample provision against it.

It is a mistake to think Germany will be able to greatly reinforce her armies on the western front with troops taken from Russia. Germany has overrun a large scope of territory belonging to Russia, and this territory she now demands as included in the peace terms so abjectly accepted by the Bolshevik government. But demanding territory and holding territory are two very different propositions. This territory is peopled by many races and by peoples of many shades of political belief. At no time has the Bolshevik government been anything like content. There have always been disturbing elements, and the mere occupation of the territory by Germany will not tend to harmonize those opposing elements. Germany will be forced, if she holds the conquered territory, to keep large standing armies there. In fact, it is extremely doubtful if she can reduce her armies on the eastern front to any extent, and only future events will disclose whether or not she will actually be compelled to augment them.

It is, unfortunately, true, that Germany's occupation of the Russian province has opened to her a new source of supplies. This, however, is not in itself a matter of great alarm. Germany has all along had about all the supplies she could handle. The pathetic tales of German hunger and misery are a part of the shrewd German game to enlist the sympathy of Americans and cause a letting up of the strenuous program that we have set ourselves. The additional supplies will not go far toward a victory for the Teuton arms.

Taken all in all, whatever advantages Germany may derive from the conquered Russian provinces is being largely offset by the men and supplies this country is steadily putting on the western front. Nothing would please Germany more than for American to go into a funk over the Russian collapse, and imagine that it has given her great advantage.

Germany has carefully cultivated the delusion of her invulnerability. It is her greatest card and she plays it at every opportunity. But the Allies have pretty well taken her measure and are making thorough preparations to meet her fairly and conquer her.

The significance of the great Russian collapse is the party of a great nation goes wrong when such bright possibilities were before it.



MRS. HELEN ISABEL O. GRIFFITHS PLUMBER FOR HOSPITAL UNIT

Before the war Mrs. Griffiths was an artist, but when the war broke out she found that women were needed in real technical positions, and she took a course in plumbing in order to be able to offer herself to the Women's Overseas Hospital, U. S. A., for work at the French front. She passed her examinations and is now a pluperfect plumber.

DOING A GOOD WORK

County Organization to Prevent Cruelty to Children

The Allegany County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which has been doing a most excellent work in a quiet way for the past few months, is making preparations to extend its membership and its field of operations and hopes to enlist in the cause a large number of the good people of the county who realize the importance of seeing that unfortunate boys and girls are saved from abuse and injurious surroundings so far as possible, and given at least an even chance to grow into good and useful men and women.

The society was organized in October last, and if there was any doubt of the necessity for such an organization before, it has been dissipated by the work accomplished in that short time. A number of children have been

taken from undesirable surroundings in various sections of the county, and put in good homes. Persons have been ordered to support and care properly for children whom otherwise they would have been compelled to support, and have been put under probation to go on. It was owing to the activities of the society that the state police in their recent raid in Cuba, invaded homes where children were being abused and neglected, and provided better conditions for them. Wellsville, as the largest community in the county, has felt the benefits especially and has decided that she wants an agent of the society to devote practically all his time to the work there.

The county agent of the society, who, on the instructions and with the co-operation of the officers and directors, investigate and acts on the various cases, is C. A. Trenkle, of Cuba, and the other officers are as follows: President, Dr. J. C. Young, Cuba; first vice president, Mrs. Francis Pollard, Belmont; second vice president, Mrs. Frank R. Carter, Friendship; third vice president, D. S. Burdick, Alfred; treasurer, H. C. Morgan, Cuba; secretary, Mrs. E. A. Overton, Cuba; directors, Rev. James Wilson, Jr., Dr. J. C. Young, Miss Mary Seibel, Ethel E. Conrath, Mrs. E. A. Overton, Peter Keenan, all of Cuba; Dr. William K. Paul, Mrs. Francis Pollard, Miss Annie M. Hatch, all of Belmont; E. Willard Barnes, Dr. E. V. Sherrer, Rev. L. H. Busch, Mrs. Myrtle Bradley, Howard G. Burdick, Rev. T. H. Woodring and E. A. Rathburn, all of Wellsville.

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