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**National Humiliation**

The convention of the International Woman Suffrage association opens in Geneva, Switzerland, June 6.

This will be the first such convention since the outbreak of the European war and much has happened in the enfranchisement of women since that time. Some twenty-nine countries have extended the rights and privileges of citizenship to their women, making the responsibility and the privilege more even. The United States, except a few states, has not yet seen fit to come into this group of progressive nations, but it may be that the wise men who control the affairs of the nation will be able to see things in a little different light after the national conventions have finished their work and the platforms upon which the campaign is to be made are finally constructed. If there is no wet plank included in either platform, as it is improbable there should be, the prejudice against the enfranchisement of women which now exists in the breasts of those gentlemen in Delaware, will be materially lessened, if not entirely eradicated.

It is a little humiliating for the women of the United States that the one country that made the war sacrifice in order that the world might be made safe for democracy should, in this world convention, have to be listed with those other backward nations that still entertain the practice of imposing "taxation without representation" upon one-half their adult populations.

The women will feel the humiliation, albeit they are in no way responsible for this lack of consistency upon the part of the men of the legislative bodies who are holding back the franchise from them. The other nations will wonder how sincere were the protestations of the government of the United States in other matters concerning the war when they see its utter lack in this instance.

**Drives**

The drive for funds for the extension of the work of the Boy Scouts has fallen short of the quota set. The

Y. W. C. A. drive has not been the entire success that it was hoped it would be. Other drives of the past, that part of the past that dates from the signing of the armistice and the cessation of government campaigns for war funds, have shared this unhappy fate. Even a tag day does not burden the collectors of small change with the proceeds of their period of service on the street corner. There ought to be a lesson in these experiences for those who have it in mind to launch still other drives for purposes however worthy.

The plain and simple truth is that the general American public is weary of being asked for money. There has been removed the compelling force of public sentiment. Nobody longer fears to be thought a slacker or an enemy sympathizer if he declines to contribute to every fund that is being raised. Nobody is now afraid of an air raid or other hostile activity launched against the territory of the United States. The conservative person is afraid of what may happen in the financial world and is disposed not to indulge his desire to spend in subscriptions to the charitable or public movements to which he is asked to contribute.

This ought to be a time for conservation. It is no time to expand in any way that involves the outlay of a considerable sum of money. This is the preachment of the government. It is the policy of business men of sound judgment. It should be the practice of the general public, individual as well as organization. A limited period of following this

policy would go far towards putting us back upon a standard something like the pre-war normal. So far as contribution to drives is concerned the public seems to be in a frame of mind to follow it.

**SEEK CHICAGO GUNMAN**

A rifle squad of Chicago police aided by Cook County deputy sheriffs scoured the Forest Preserve section west of the north shore this week in search of the elusive Geary, the gunman. Geary was reported to have been seen in Wheeling and other roadhouse centers in the country west of the north shore.

**SPEEDERS FACE JUSTICE**

Nine speed and traffic violators faced Justice Mickey in the Wilmette police court Tuesday and drew fines for disregarding village traffic regulations. One of the speeders paid \$15 and costs after he was arrested for speeding on Sheridan road on his way back to Chicago from Justice McKenna's Kenilworth speeders' court where he had previously paid out \$15 and costs.

**CORRECTION**

In announcing a death two weeks ago the Winnetka Weekly Talk referred to the child as the daughter of Martin Kloefer. A. M. Kloefer is correct.

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