

W.C.T.U. ASKS GOVT. TO CONSCRIPT ALIENS

Register Protest on Banning of "The Fiddlers."

Drastic resolutions were adopted yesterday afternoon by the delegates to the W.C.T.U. convention. They went on record in favor of "carrying on" to the end their fight against the liquor traffic. Another resolution asked the Government to enact legislation to conscript alien labor and place it on a war basis, the same as are the soldiers.

Reference was made to the great numbers of aliens in Canada, a western delegate stating that in one section of Assinibola there were 40,000 Germans. One farmer there who had an only son who was taken for military service was complaining to his next door neighbor, the latter being a German. The latter had said: That's all right. Your men should go. We stay, and when we get your farms, your stock and your women."

Favor "The Fiddlers."

Another resolution which was carried, protested against the pernicious spending of money on tobacco and urged that "we continue our peaceful war against the tobacco business, especially the cigarette. Another resolution condemned the action of the Government censor in barring out of Canada, Arthur Mees' much discussed book, "The Fiddlers."

The convention also supported a resolution which was passed by the Presbyterian Synod Assembly which condemned the throwing out of the amendments to the Criminal Code.

Would Seize Liquor.

Another resolution memorialized the Dominion Government to commandeer the 12,000,000 gallons of liquor held in storage in the country and extract from it the alcohol necessary for use in making munitions. A resolution expressing the gratitude of the convention to the Government for giving the franchise to women met with a hearty welcome and was carried amid enthusiasm.

A clash of opinion occurred, however, over a resolution brought in supporting Union Government. Mrs. L. C. McKinney, of Claresholm, Alberta, moved in amendment that such a resolution be not substituted as she feared it would open up an undesirable discussion. The Women's Christian Temperance Union was a non-political organization and such a resolution was not to be desired, and the motion was withdrawn.

Another lively discussion took place which grew very warm over a resolution to the effect that the Dominion W.C.T.U. affiliate with the National Council of Women. It was bitterly opposed and finally an amendment carried to the effect that the question be left with the executive and a report brought in at the next meeting. It was feared by some delegates that the W.C.T.U. would lose its identity if affiliated.

Don't Like Word "Beer."

The terms "beer" and "bar," are abhorrent to the delegates judging by the tenor of a resolution which was carried asking that the Government be asked to abolish such terms in association with any place where drinks are served.

Traveller's Aid Department.

Mrs. (Dr.) Detwiler, an Alberta delegate, in giving a report on the traveller's aid work carried on by the W.C.T.U., urged that a department for such work be established in the Dominion organization. Infinitely better than rescue work, was the prevention of the false step, said Mrs. (Dr.) Detwiler in referring to this work. She believed the traveller's aid work should be extended to rural communities and not carried on solely in the large centres. Part of the work of this department was the investigation of the inducements held out in cities to young girls, to leave their homes. In this respect she claimed the W.C.T.U., was better organized than other organizations. There were already 21 rural representatives of traveller's aid work. This work would be far more important after the war and the W.C.T.U., would find it necessary to be keenly alive to the situation.

Mrs. L. C. McKinney, of Claresholm, Alberta, in supporting the report on this work, emphasized the importance of making it a Dominion department of the W.C.T.U. Traveller's aid work should be a link between the town and the country in protecting young girls and women. A motion carried to the effect that traveller's aid work be made a department of the Dominion W.C.T.U.

Mrs. Ella Boole, of the National W.C.T.U., New York, spoke of the importance of unions keeping a record of their work, in order that there would be something to report at conventions. One of the weakest places in W.C.T.U. methods was that the failure to report what had been done, because records were not made. In raising money, getting collections and other W.C.T.U. work, everything must be carefully planned, else it would not be successful. Mrs. Boole also referred to the success of the "mile of dimes" system of raising money used in New York State. The sum of \$13,500 was raised in this way in two years in New York State.