

# WOMEN LOOK TO BUDAPEST

## HUNGARIAN FEMINISTS PREPARE FOR COMING MEETING.

Leaders in All Estates and Professions Join in Work for Congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance—List of Those Prominent on Most Important Committees.

Women who are leaving America on their way to the various European congresses, which hold their keen interest this summer, have promises that the hostesses of the Budapest suffrage meeting will prove a revelation as exponents of the world-wide "woman's movement." The executive committee of the Congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance includes the most prominent feminists in Hungary, and is astonishingly democratic in its association of women of all social castes, professions, and political and religious faiths.

At the head of it stands the Countess Iska Teleki. She is a novelist, and in her the suffragists honor one of the most devoted pioneers of the movement. She concentrates her social activity on equal rights for women, and her two homes, one in Budapest, the other in Tatarfüred, are propagandist centres for the aristocracy, both of birth and of culture. Then there is Vilma Glücklich, vice-president of the committee, and one of the founders of the Woman Suffrage Association of Hungary. She is a teacher of mathematics and physics, and was the first woman student of philosophy after the University was opened to women. Social reform, through education, is her aim, and she is, especially, an advocate of the idea of preparing parents for their duties.

For another vice-president of the committee, the Hungarian suffragists went again to the ranks of the nobility, choosing Countess Ilona Haller. Besides being vice-president of the committee, she is president of its sub-committee on finance. Her family is an ancient one; but she is a leader of the suffrage movement and devotes herself exclusively to the work for gaining economic and political equality for women. Still a third vice-president of the executive committee is Rosika Schwimmer, the acting vice-president, author, and journalist, one of the first in the Hungarian women's movement, and really the leader of its political side. As a lecturer, she has carried the feminist message all over Europe.

### LEADER OF YOUNGER FEMINISTS.

Another woman journalist, Paula Pogany, is the head of the younger feminists. She serves as general secretary of the executive committee, and is secretary of the Political Commission of the National Suffrage Association. Then there is Jane Dirnfeld, the committee's honorary treasurer, and Mrs. Victor Molnar de Kapos, a woman, who, as the head of a great business, plays a part in the commercial life of the Hungarian city. She was the first woman candidate for election to the Chamber of Commerce, and missed election by only a few votes. A member of the committee who has made a special record by her ability for organization is Adele Spady, recording secretary of the committee, while one who gives special service because of her unusual knowledge of the legal status of women is Mrs. Sidonie Szegvari.

Hilda Behr is secretary of the committee of interpreters, and Aranka Balint, teacher at the High School of Commerce for Girls, gives her services as president of the committee on excursions. She is one of the leaders in the women-teachers' movement, which obtained women's representation on the School Board of Budapest. At the head of the propaganda committee is Mrs. Gisella de Bekassy, who is president of the Literary and Educational Union of the County Feher.

The executive committee has put into effect one of the particular ambitions of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president-general of America's great body of Club women, in linking up with the older women "the younger set," through the aptly named "Commission of Youth." The literary and musical young daughter of Mrs. Gisella de Bekassy is "chief commissioner of youth." Her father is the Chamberlain Elemer de Bekassy.

Mrs. Berta Engel, president of the local group of the North-Hungarian branch of the National Suffrage Association, is another business woman who is a devoted worker for the suffrage cause and serves the executive committee. She is the manager of her own factory, and her business transactions are conducted on a large scale. Crossing back into the ranks of the women of leisure, the suffragists chose Mrs. Jane de Lanczy as president of the committee on festivities.

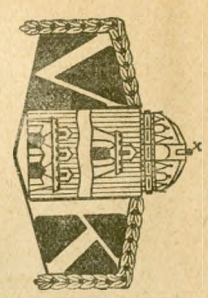
### OTHER WORKERS FOR CONGRESS.

Mrs. Eugenie Meller Miskolczy, a worker at the States Social Museum, a woman of much oratorical ability, is another one of the executive committee's reliances. She is general secretary of the political commission of the feminist union and a zealous worker for the pedagogical-social conferences of the National Suffrage Association.

Art does not go unrepresented on the committee. Comtesse Katinka Pejacsevich, who, from the beginning, has been an enthusiastic partisan of the woman suffrage question, is at the head of the artists' committee, and has engaged for it the interest of her own large circle of friends and followers. She was one of the founders of the "Association of the Friends of Art." Franciska Scwimmer, secretary of the musical committee, is a piano teacher, who has combined with her musical work the organization of the young people with whom that work associates her.

Another woman whose services are enlisted in behalf of the success of the congress is Ida Seenger, secretary of the commission of finance. The medical profession has a representative on the committee in Dr. Charlotte Steinberger, first woman physician in Hungary, and first woman specialist employed at the Royal Hungarian Workmen's Institution. Mrs. Irma Szirmay de Nagysaros is president of the women union's committee for protection of mother and child. She has been long and intimately identified with the effort to obtain adequate legal protection for motherhood and childhood, and her work and usefulness have been officially recognized by making her deputy of the board of wards in the maternity hospitals. Mrs. Olga Ungar, president of the hospital committee, is widely known for the part she has played in the Hungarian fight against the white slave traffic.

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Magyar feministák készítik elő a kongresszust.

A legkiválóbb magyar feministák egészen demokratikus alapon állva készítik elő a női szavazat jog kongresszusát, elnökük gr. Teleki Sándorné. Társadalmi szerepe. Glücklich Vilma. Haller Ilona, stb Pogány Paula a fiatalosági csoport elnöke és a többi asszony szerepe és positiója van felsorolva.

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