

## Industrial Courses in Buenos Aires



An American Y. W. C. A. secretary teaching South American girls who have been forced into industry during the war to become laundresses.

### DOMESTIC SERVICE COURSES PLANNED

Trained Home-Maker Is to Have an Eight Hour Day and Standard Minimum Wage.

Courses for training home assistants, who will go into the home by the day, hour or week and work on a schedule of hours and fixed wages, have been inaugurated by the Young Women's Christian Association as a means for meeting the problem of domestic service.

The object of this course, now being tried out in New York City, is to place domestic service on the same dignified basis as clerical work, trained nursing or other professions open to women.

The home assistant will work eight hours a day for a salary of \$15 a week. She will not live in the home of her employer or take her meals there. She will have an hour for luncheon, when she can go to a restaurant or eat a lunch which she has brought with her just as she would were she employed in a factory. The employer will not address the home worker by her first name. She will be Miss Smith or Mrs. Brown, as the case may be.

Applicants for the course are carefully selected, and registrants are appearing in large numbers. With the same independence as to recreation hours, places of eating and living as the factory girl, house-work has a greater appeal, as being a less monotonous and more interesting work to the average woman.

The course is a thorough one in plain cooking, waiting on table and door, chamber work, plain sewing, care of children, making of menus and the washing and ironing of light things. Heavy work is to be done by outside workers. On graduation the student receives a certificate which proves her qualification as a dependable home worker capable of attending to all ordinary duties in a home.

The Young Women's Christian Association has been interested in the problem of domestic service both from the standpoint of the employee and from that of the employer for some years. The first commission on Household Employment made its report at the fifth national convention of the Young Women's Christian Association held in Los Angeles, Cal., in May, 1915.

The difficulties of attracting capable women in this field of work were laid to the long hours, lack of independence in arranging recreation hours, lack of opportunities for growth and progress and lack of social standing.

Girls have acquired a distaste for the conditions which govern household work since the freedom they have experienced in working in munition factories. By standardizing domestic service it is believed by the Young Women's Christian Association that a higher type of worker may be attracted to the necessary work in homes.

The American Y. W. C. A. has opened a Hostess House in Germany, which will serve as a residence house and social center for American women war workers who have advanced to do canvas, Red Cross and Signal Corps work with the Army of Occupation.

### WOMEN BEGIN Y. W. C. A. FOREIGN TRADE COURSES

Courses in New York City Prepare Girls for South American Jobs.

Sensing a sudden call to jobs for American women in South America, the New York City Y. W. C. A. has opened Foreign Trade courses, including classes in shipping, filing orders, trade acceptances, tariff, consular invoices, documents, insurance, mail order trade and other lines of international work hitherto left mostly to men. These classes are designed to meet after-war needs.

South America is receiving particular attention as the Y. W. C. A. is informed of new jobs that are opening in the southern countries. Many girls in New York who combine a desire to see the world with a craving for financial independence are registering with the expectation of going there to get positions when their courses in training are completed.

### WOMEN'S COUNCIL MEETS IN PARIS

Eighty Well-Known French Women Guests of Y. W. C. A. for Opening Session.

Paris, Feb. 2.—Eighty of the most prominent women in France who are interested in all women's problems attended the first meeting of the Provisional Council of the American Young Women's Christian Association, held at Paris headquarters, 8 Place Edouard VII, Jan. 30.

Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the Secretary of State, who is first vice-president of the council, presided, conducting all sessions in French, as two-thirds of the members represent French associations with whom the Y. W. C. A. has been co-operating.

All women in France are looking forward to the findings of the council as of tremendous importance not only to women in France, but all over the world. The purpose of the council is to collect and make available information about conditions and needs of women, to become acquainted with women who are identified with different kinds of work and to develop a few typical illustrations which will set standards for future permanent work.

Following are the societies represented: Union Chretienne des Jeunes Filles, Student Movement, Foyer des Allices, Amies de la Jeune Fille, National Council of Women. Among the delegates were Mme. Jules Siegfried, Mme. Avril de St. Croix, Baroness Watteville, Countess Pourtales and Mme. Waldegrave of London.

Mrs. William G. Sharp, wife of the ambassador to France, is honorary chairman of the council and Mrs. Francis McNeil Bacon president pro tem. Miss Charlotte Niven, director of Y. W. C. A. work in Italy, is secretary.

Departmental and provincial groups will hold meetings weekly to discuss local problems, the entire council meeting at the end of each month. In April, at the last meeting, each group will decide how the information and experience may be used most effectively in the future.

Delegates are guests at the Hotel Petrograd, the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House in Paris.

### Y. W. C. A. PROMOTES WORLD FELLOWSHIP

Will Send Industrial Commission to Meet Foreign Labor Leaders.

The War Work Council of the Young Women's Christian Association plans to send an industrial commission of women to England, France and Italy in April to meet prominent labor leaders of those countries with a view to promoting world fellowship among women.

The commission will be made up of Mrs. Raymond Robbins, representing the National Women's Trade Union League of America; Mrs. Irene Osgood Andrews, American Association for Labor Legislation; Miss Grace Drake, National Consumers' League; Mrs. James S. Cushman, chairman of the War Work Council of the Young Women's Christian Association; Miss Florence Simms, Miss Marie Wing and Miss Imogene B. Ireland, secretary to the commission, all of the Y. W. C. A., and Miss Mary Gilson, an authority on employment management.

Miss Florence Simms says in regard to the commission: "The war has forced upon us the bearing of international relationships in all things, and our touch with women in other countries has made us include in our international thinking the industrial life of women. The war has wrought so many changes in this that it seems a timely thing that women interested in the larger life of our women workers should take counsel together and express their interest with the hope that certain minimum standards which seem essential to health and welfare among women may be agreed upon and obtained.

Our War Work Council is sending abroad this women's commission from organizations in America directly concerned with the welfare and largest life of industrial women."

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