

### THE BISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM ON BIRTH CONTROL

The Small But Healthy Family Ideal to be Aimed for.

### MANY MARRIAGES AND LOWER DEATH RATE

Among Babies Will Solve Problem of Future Population of Country.

The Bishop of Birmingham, England, appears to be a pretty wide awake ecclesiastic and not very keen up with the times, but keeps a head of it. Consequently he is a leader of men, and women; and naturally wields a powerful influence in the community. Discussing the most vital problem of the hour, his reverence says:

"People must clear their minds once and for all of the idea that the restriction of births is a purely selfish action on the part of the parents. That births are deliberately restricted by married people has long been well known to every one who is concerned with the actual realities of life and not with what life is supposed to be and is well known not to be.

"But there are two dangers which must be faced by all those who not only acknowledge that the restriction of births is prevalent, but who also approve of it and definitely advocate it. The small family is the ideal family so long as the doctrine of the small family is not pushed to extremes. Not only with this reservation, it is the ideal family, but it is the type of family which the people of this country now accept. All the more reason why the reservation I make should be clearly understood.

"By pushing the doctrine of the small family to extremes we may have (a) the childless marriage, or (b) the one child marriage. The childless marriage especially is not nearly so uncommon as people suppose. This is especially true of the lower middle classes. It reduces marriages to a farce and then to a tragedy. Without a child or children there had better be no marriage at all. The marriage debt is not limited to one child but to the child like no other child in the childless marriage, but it is open to criticism.

"We have therefore got to face the fact that the small family is the fashionable family. But it must not be a childless or a one child family. It must be a family of two or three children. But even then, the survival rates of a high birth rate, we shall not be getting enough babies! Permit me to point out with emphasis that this entirely depends on the number of marriages. The root of the birth-rate problem lies in two things. First of all the proper thing to consider is not the birth rate at all, but the survival rate—that is to say, it is no good having a high birth rate if you also have a high death rate, because the one offsets the other. And the second thing is that there must be a high marriage rate. With plenty of marriages, small families are altogether good.

"Let us sum up. We want plenty of babies. Very well. It is no good having plenty of babies if they die.

### LABOR CONFERENCE ADOPTS RECOMMENDATIONS ON MINE LAWS

Would Give Greater Power to Inspectors and Regulate the Appointment of Such Inspectors and Mine Bosses — Fixes Minimum Age for Boys in Mines.

Ottawa, Ont., April 30.—The following recommendations on mines and mining laws were adopted by the Labor Conference:

1. That the age of 14 be the minimum age for boys working around mines (above ground), and that no boy be allowed to work beneath the surface unless he has attained the age of 16.

2. That no boy under 18 years of age shall be in charge of or operating any power machinery used for moving material in a mine, and no person other than a man of 21 years of age or over shall operate any power machinery used for raising or lowering persons in a mine.

3. In order to bring uniformity in mining laws, we recommend that all provinces shall enact regulations in mining laws providing for not more than nine hours as a legal day's limit of the work, as interpreted already, wholly or partly, in the existing laws of Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and the Yukon.

4. That payment of wages at least semi-monthly be made compulsory by law in all provinces where such legislation is not already in existence, such payment to be made by cheque or order, and that every person who performs labor for wages shall have a lien thereon.

5. That legislation be enacted in all provinces where legislation is not already in existence, providing that no amount may be retained from wages of an employee except such sums be for powder, coal oil, rent and such doctors' and hospital fees as may be approved by the Workmen's Compensation Board, and supplies necessary to the execution of the work carried on by such employees, nor shall an employer apply the wages of an employee

Therefore what we really want is a reasonable number of healthy babies. We have the best chance of getting these if we accept the small family as something deliberately attained, not as a result of the very best of reasons. Very well, the conclusion is perfectly clear. We must have plenty of these small families, and therefore, in every possible way, at the present time, marriages must be encouraged.

"Such is the doctrine I preach," says the Bishop, "and have preached for the past four years. The encouragement of marriage, the popularizing of marriage, the education of the people to teach them that in marriage alone can a man or woman attain a full knowledge of life, and a full realization of human responsibility—these are the means by which the desired ends can be obtained. And, in my opinion, they are the only means."

New York, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)

to payment of a debt without the written consent of the employee given individually or by collective agreement.

7. That where, in any province, examinations are required for certificates of competency for mine managers, pit bosses and other working officials, such examinations shall be conducted by a board composed of a Government Inspector, working miner and a mine manager.

8. We would recommend that all candidates for certificates as mine managers, pit bosses, etc., shall have at least five years' mining experience, produce evidence of ability, sobriety and good conduct, and be at least 23 years of age.

9. Mine inspectors shall be holders of mine managers' certificates with at least seven years' mining experience in the class of mines of which he is made inspector. He shall not be interested in mines in his district, either directly or indirectly.

10. We recommend that, without limiting the powers of inspectors, an inspector shall have power to enter, inspect and examine any mine or any part thereof at all reasonable times by day or night, to examine into and make inquiries respecting the state and condition of mine, the ventilation and safety of mines, to give notice in writing of any matter, thing or practice which he considers dangerous or defective, and of its immediate remedy. If disagreement follows the defect shall be referred to a board of arbitration consisting of a judge and representatives of interested parties, the decision of this tribunal to be final.

11. Resolved, That all mines shall have an adequate amount of ventilation passing therein, and all mines be examined before the workmen enter the mine, and that a report of such inspection be made in a book to be kept at the mine for the purpose, and such report shall be available to any workmen employed in the mine.

12. The question of health of employees in mining camps is now being examined into by the different provinces concerned with a view to fully protect the workers and as far as possible to unify the laws, and we submit that this matter be referred to this tribunal for action.

13. Resolved, That the present law with reference to special investigations which are in existence in several provinces be continued and that the same provisions be made to extend to provinces where such laws are not in operation.

14. Resolved, That the Workmen's Compensation Board in each province, where such board exists, shall make common law provisions for the first aid work, and that where no boards are in existence special provisions be made.

Messrs. Gilles, McLean, Lowe, Halford, E. Robinson, Molter, Striling and Coughlan formed the committee on mines and mining laws.

### FRANCE TO FIGHT OIL TRUST GRIP

Government Announces Intention to Free Nations from Foreign Companies.

### SEEKS COLONIAL WELLS

Deputies Charge That Republic is at Mercy of Private Pool.

Paris, April 29.—Developments at the San Remo conference and elsewhere showing that oil is steadily becoming an increasingly important factor in world politics provoked a debate in the French Chamber of Deputies regarding France's position in the face of this new weapon.

The charge was made by several Deputies that France, without her own supply of oil, is at the mercy of a private oil pool of ten French firms affiliated with two "oil monopolies" which control the world's oil supply—the Standard Oil Company and the Royal Dutch Company, the latter being controlled by the English trust, in which it has been reported the British Government is buying an interest.

The oil question is brought up in an article of the new budget which would give the Government control of the sale and distribution of oil in France, but not its importation, which, it was charged, would be again in the hands of the oil pool.

A demand by Socialist Deputies for Government control of importation was well met by the declaration by the Government that if this were adopted the trusts would refuse to deliver their products. The Government announced, however, that its experts would start immediately studying ways to "free the nation from the grip of foreign oil companies," and added that oil is now being bought in the French colonial possessions of Algeria, Madagascar and Indo-China, and a little has been found already at some places.

The debate brought out that oil was becoming more important than coal and that the French supply was only a tenth of the nation's needs. The gravity of France's situation was emphasized in heated debate when it was disclosed that Clemenceau in December, 1917, called a virtual ultimatum to President Wilson demanding that America send France oil immediately. The appeal had to be renewed two weeks later, it was charged, after André Fardieu, then French High Commissioner in the United States, who had been negotiating with the Standard and Royal Dutch Companies complaining of secret maneuvers to prevent him from buying oil.

M. Barthe charged that the French oil pool had inspired those maneuvers and that their profit a year ago was fifty per cent of their capitalization. M. Fardieu confirmed the fact that he had met with resistance from the refineries.

M. Barthe charged that the budget proposed by M. Marguier, Minister of Finance, inspired France to the direct question whether it was impossible for the Government to buy oil from the Standard and Royal Dutch companies and fix the price. The Finance Minister said it was not utterly impossible but that one of these two companies would probably refuse the Government oil. It was intimated that the Government had information which it could not make public concerning the situation and its request this article in the budget was postponed.

During the war the Government did the importing and the allied economic pool arrangement and realized a profit despite the attempt to sell at cost, which is now admitted as showing how the oil trusts are able to profit through the control of oil importation.

Commenting on the debate, Humphreys, the Socialist organ, credits the Socialists with having exposed the Standard Oil trick and prevented the adoption of the Government's proposals, which now goes over for further debate.

### Dempsey Will Get Plenty of Offers

Jack Dempsey will get plenty of offers for bouts if he is acquitted of the charge of assault today in San Francisco. Promoters in various parts of the country have put in bids for Dempsey's services, believing that if he is acquitted he will be allowed to start again with a clean slate.

Dempsey, unlike Carpenter, is not going to wait until the big international match before donning gloves. The champion declares that the best any of the contenders can do is to afford him a little slight exercise and that he sees no reason why he should not pick up some easy money by going through the list once more.

If Dempsey is wise he will stick to that programme and lose no time in getting into action as soon as he is at liberty to do so. If Jack had kept on fighting after beating Willard it is probable that nothing would have been heard of the present charges. Nothing was heard of them while he was meeting all comers and challenging Willard. It was not until he began posing for pictures and talking of million dollar purses that the fans stopped thinking of what a wonder he was with the gloves and began to pay attention to his war record.

Dempsey can go a long way toward regaining popular favor by picking out the best of the contenders, and taking him on without laying too much stress on the financial end of the match. That Fred Fulton is the best of the American contenders, there is no question. At the present time lanky Fred is entirely without opponents. He has beaten all his contenders who are not afraid of him, and in most cases he did the trick as easily as Dempsey had accomplished it.

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### CONFESSES TO HAVING TWO WIVES, AN

James R. Huirt Held at Los Angeles Reports of His Marriage

Los Angeles, April 30.—James R. Huirt, held here while officers investigated reports of his marriage to several women, confessed late last night that he had slain two of the women, according to county officials by the confession.

Two of the numerous women Huirt is alleged to have married in various parts of the continent, and who are at present listed as missing, are: Elizabeth M. Andrews of Canada and England, and Agnes Wilson, of Alberta, Canada. More than twenty-five marriages have been attributed by the officers to Huirt.

According to the alleged confession made public today by J. M. Marmontide, his attorney, and county official, Huirt murdered at least two of his wives, two others met "accidental" deaths while with him, and he "might have murdered more." Seven are listed as missing, including the two Canadian women, the other five being: Nina Lee Delaney, killed with a hammer of Long Beach, Calif.; Elizabeth Pryor, whose head was crushed with a sledge hammer, near Plum, Wash.; Bertha Goodrich, who was tipped out of a boat in Lake Washington, near Seattle; Miss Alice Ludvigson, drowned in a river in Idaho, and Mrs. Gertrude Wilson, of Seattle.

Huirt said he could not remember what happened to some of the women, because of his still weakened condition resulting from two attempts to commit suicide, his reputed confession said. He lay on a cot at the county hospital as he talked.

Huirt has been held here several days while officers investigated reports of numerous marriages.

He married twelve or fifteen women, probably more," he said. A desire to kill obsessed him four years ago Huirt was alleged to have said, and women were his special victims, there being no direct motive for their deaths, and no desire to kill men, children or animals.

The first to die, according to the alleged confession, was Miss Ludvigson. Huirt was quoted as saying he was in a boat with her, fishing in a river in Idaho. His memory was weak as to the exact time and locality. The boat, he stated, jammed against logs which were washed to the banks of the river and he and Miss Ludvigson tried with their arms to free the raft. When he broke away, he narrated, the woman lost her balance and fell into the river and was drowned.

He said Miss Goodrich died when she fell from a launch into Lake Washington while trying to go from the stern to the centre. Later on, the officers said, Huirt himself referred to this death as "a murder."

In the Pryor case, the officers said, he asserted the woman attacked him with a hatchet and he shoved her so violently that she fell and struck her head against a box. He believed she was dead, he was said to have declared, but to make certain, struck her with a hammer.

Miss Delaney, he was quoted as saying, was killed at a camp near Signal Hill, at the edge of Long Beach, Calif., January 26 last, after they had quarrelled about letters he had received from other women. The officers said Huirt told them he did not know his right name, but admitted having used

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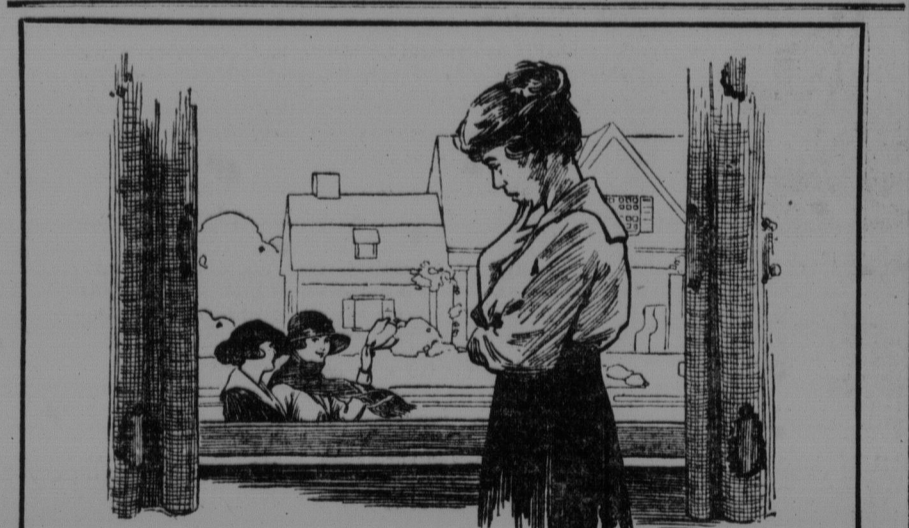
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## A Most Trying Time In A School Girl's Life

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"She is so white and frail looking. We also notice her twitching her face, eyelids and mouth a lot, and of late tossing her head to and fro and we are fearful, if something is not done, she will not hold out and we do, so much, want her to take the honours she has worked so hard for all winter."

"We take a look at the girl and find that in almost every particular the word picture of the mother quite correctly describes the condition found. We find she is truly very anemic in appearance, tongue quite heavily coated, generally far below the average weight. We notice, too, the nervous symptoms spoken of by the mother, simulating a beginning chorea, or St. Vitus' dance. Upon examination of the heart, which she complains about as beating rapidly at times, there is revealed a functional murmur, and

suspecting from her headache some possible eye complications, we have her see an oculist, who reports severe condition of astigmatism. At the same time, bear in mind, nature is doing her best to shapen and perfect her scheme of physical economy."

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