

War May Result in Change of Europe's Marriage Laws

Problem Will Be One Necessitating Serious Consideration Following the War—Legalized Polygamy May Be Foreshadowed.

Vienna, Nov. 3.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Whether or not Europe will be obliged to change its marriage laws as the result of the war, is a question which has recently occupied socialists in the Central States. Most of them are of the opinion that material modifications must ensue, a new kind of legalized polygamy must be established in order to provide for the surplus of women which two years of warfare has made one of the problems of all Europe.

The total population of the states at war, the non-Arian elements of Russia excepted, is roughly 373,000,000, of which, according to best sources, 177,000,000 are women and 185,000,000 men. For the countries of Europe where exact statistics are available, the proportion is 105 males to 107 females. For Europe, this leaves in normal times an excess of three million females of which number a third would be marriageable.

To this million of women who at present can find no husband for the reason that nature, while ensuring an excess in the birth of males permits more of them to die in infancy, will be added at least eight millions whom death on the battlefield and incapacitating wounds have also deprived of mates. Europe, therefore, is face to face with the question of how these nine million women are to be cared for.

Economically the problem has been solved by the women themselves, by showing that in many departments of industry they are able to fill a place. But socialists point out that, except the state makes provisions tending to avert this certain natural law would increase greatly the rate of illegitimacy of children, which even now is a serious matter.

At the conclusion of the Thirty Years' War, similar conditions prevailed. It was met in many of the Central European states by making polygamy legal. When the proportion of males and females had been readjusted by the coming of later

generations these laws were repealed.

For the time being the European parliaments are too occupied with matters affecting the continuation of the war, but expressions on the subject agree that some sort of legislation will be necessary.

Several writers point out that it will take two generations before the old social equilibrium is re-established. The tendency of men to marry women younger than themselves is held responsible for this. Usually the man marries a woman from three to five years his junior, and some authorities fear that greater choice, which the excess of women will give, will decidedly foster this inclination, so that only the girl who to-day is from twelve to thirteen years can hope to be the subject of competition among men which her mother would.

This would be a matter of only seven or eight years for most of Europe; provided the end of the war comes soon. Should the war continue another year or two and so cause the loss of many young men who are now from fifteen to sixteen years old the problem would be much harder to meet. In that case the excess of women over men would be no less than eleven millions, so that for every male of marriage age, during the next ten years, there would be almost two single women.

It is almost impossible to say just how European legislatures will meet the situation. Legal polygamy is so unwelcome to Europe's social system, and religion that opposition to it will be great. The belief is held, for this reason, that legally at least illegitimacy will be abolished and that laws will be passed giving the child born out of wedlock every right upon the care and property of its father. It is argued that this measure of expediency would meet the situation easily, and that it would violate no social arrangement now in force, giving in its most extreme application nothing but an expression to a tendency which has manifested itself in Europe for several years past.

CLIMAX OF THE CAMPAIGN

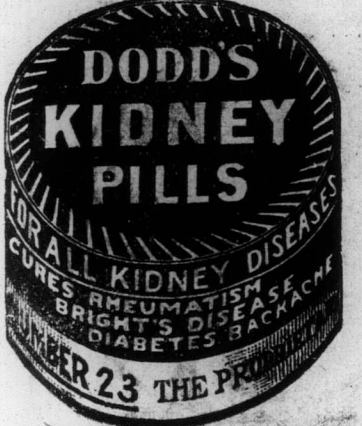
Of President Wilson Will Be His Next Speech In New York City.

New York, Nov. 3.—The stage is all set to make President Wilson's visit here the climax of the Democratic campaign in New York City. It is the president's first and only public appearance here in this campaign for re-election. He will make several speeches, the principal one at Madison Square Garden to-night. Following the address at the Garden, the president will speak at Cooper Union and possibly at the overflow meeting in Cooper square. His first address after his arrival from Buffalo this morning will be at a luncheon of the Wilson Progress League, with representatives from many states present.

In connection with the Madison Square Garden rally Democratic organizations have arranged for several great parades, a feature of which will be the appearance of a large number of boys not yet of voting age, accompanying each district organization. The parades will be under the direction of the Wilson and Marshall clubs which announce that more than 25,000 men will be in line.

Music and Drama

Everything is in readiness for the big boxing bout at the Grand when Peter Scott, the filon welterweight, will attempt to defeat Jimmy Conway, of Seranton. Both boys arrived in the city to-day and look as fit as any one could wish for the big fracas. Both weighed in at three o'clock and neither tipped the beam at 140 pounds, the stipulated weight. So there will be no last minute disputes on that point. Conway established no mean reputation when he defeated Johnny Riley at Rochester, while Scott on the other hand, was defeated by Jimmy Duffy in his last bout and realizes that he has got to win to-night or win the prestige that he holds in Hamilton and Buffalo. Clare Betts the local boxer will be seen in action in the main preliminary when he will meet Young Altier, a lad who established a reputation in Hamilton by defeating Soldier McCracken a few



NURSE KILLED.
By Courier-Leslow Wire.
Worcester, Mass., Nov. 2.—Miss Myrtle M. Garrison, of Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, who came to Worcester only two weeks ago to be supervisor of nurses in the state insane hospital died to-day from injuries received last night when she was run down in Main street by a five-ton automobile truck. Miss Garrison was 23 years old and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Garrison, of Peggy's Cove, N.S.

New Iberia, La., is to have a paper pulp mill.
Levi Marks, 53, of Boston, is a veteran of four wars.
W. M. Roberts, of Kansas City, at 63 has taken to smoking.

FERMENT IN AUSTRALIA

Failure of Conscription Measure Arouses Feeling There.

Melbourne, via London, Nov. 3.—The political pot boils furiously in many parts of Australia as a result of the defeat of the conscription measure in the recent popular referendum. Premier Hughes, upon his return from New South Wales, declined to discuss the political situation, but intimated that parliament would meet shortly.

At Sydney, Mr. Durack, leader of the new party, formed by a score of the labor members of the State Parliament, who withdrew their support from Premier Holman, of New South Wales, announced that he will move at the next sitting of parliament that the government no longer has the confidence of the country.

The local leader of the State Labor party at Hobart, has been deposed because he supported conscription.

PEAKS 11,000 FEET HIGH

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The wonderful icefields and eleven-thousand-foot-high peaks of the Purcell range, which the construction of the Kootenay Central branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway has rendered accessible to mountain climbers, are described and illustrated by Mr. C. W. Stone, in the Canadian Alpine Journal for 1916. The approach to Mount Ethelbert, a peak which arrests the attention at Spillmashen Station, seems almost to have overwhelmed the writer with its beauty. "Before us," he says, "lay a lake of exquisite blue color, resting like a jewel in a setting between two rugged peaks, which mirrored in the clear water, rose abruptly thousands of feet on either hand like grim guardians of a lovely treasure. Beyond the lake the lifted eyes rested on a terrace stretched across the valley like a giant curtain eighteen hundred feet above the lake, down whose verdant slopes two gleaming cascades traced their foaming course and filled the whole amphitheatre with the sounds of falling water. Still further and higher in the background, great snow-capped peaks appeared insensibly looking down upon us."

Three considerable parties of Alpine climbers, numbering nearly forty in all, mostly from the United States, made ascents in this region during the past summer on the invitation of Mr. A. H. MacCarthy, an enthusiastic member of the Canadian Alpine Club, who has a fine ranch at Wilmer in the Windermere district. Under Mr. MacCarthy's leadership important explorations have been made up the various creeks piercing the eastern slopes of the Selkirk and Purcell ranges. Mr. MacCarthy being of the opinion that for interest and variety and spectacular beauty this mountain region is without rival on the North American Continent, and as soon as roads and trails are built will attract many tourists who have hitherto been content with the more beaten path of the C. P. R. main line.

SHIPMENTS INCREASE
Duluth, Minn., Nov. 3.—An increase of more than 11,000,000 tons in shipments of iron ore from this port is shown in reports for the season ended November 1st, as compared with the records of the corresponding period last year. Up to November 1, 1915, shipments amounted to \$9,345,174 tons, while during the 1916 season, 40,607,767 tons have gone forward.

Lieut. H. McCracken, of Danville, Que., who is a member of an engineer corps, has been awarded a Military Medal.

There is a "Jack the Peeper" at large in Waterloo.

Oil has been discovered at Flesherton and the town is having a small boom.



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BRANT COUNTY GIVES WELL

Total of Over \$30,000 to British Red Cross Fund.

The Province of Ontario's response to the appeal of the British Red Cross has resulted in the subscription of \$1,400,000 up to date, with a large number of municipalities yet to report.

Brant County's contributions reported to date to the Central Committee, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, are as follows:
County Grant \$7,000
Oakland (gen. con.) 130
Paris 3,300
Brantford (objective) 20,000
In addition to these amounts it is expected that the municipalities not yet represented will be forthcoming with generous contributions and that the amounts given by the places above mentioned will be supplemented by further contributions from individuals, schools, Red Cross and other patriotic committees.

BELGIAN DAYS A NEW SCHEME

Another Means of Raising Money to Aid Relief Committee.

Various communities all over the world are setting aside days once in a while to be known as Belgian Days. On these occasions every activity is devoted entirely or in part to the Belgian Relief cause. The civilized world, and particularly British countries, are aware that the British Empire has an obligation to meet as far as Belgium is concerned, and that the need of meeting that obligation is greater now than has been or will be after the war is over. Belgians heroic little band of soldiers stood between the German forces and the British Empire when Britain was unprepared, and to-day there are seven million defenceless men, women and little children in Belgium suffering from the ravages of hunger as a result. No wonder British towns and cities are setting aside "Belgian Days."

The city of Cardiff, Wales, recently observed its Belgian Day—the day devoted to these weeping mothers and emaciated children of Belgium—and by means of it raised \$3,500 to go toward the purchasing of food for these destitute people. This money was turned over to the Belgian Relief Committee.

It is hoped that many Canadian cities and towns will undertake these days, when business men will devote a part of their day's proceeds to the cause, and others will give as they may. The Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter Street, Montreal, is ready to receive your donation—or send it to the committee in your town.

Cleveland is to have a flower show starting November 10. St. Paul will entertain state Bap-tist convention in 1917. Philadelphia bakers have decreased the size of bread loaves.

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