

Divorce Threatens the American Family Life

Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight, Hills, of Brooklyn, Makes an Appeal for Social Reform

In the eighth of a series of sermons on "What is the Matter With the United States," Rev. Mr. Newell Dwight Hills, of Brooklyn, said: Society is a unit representing the union of two temperaments, the masculine that is fixed and unalterable the feminine with which the woman is stained through and through like crimson set in the finest wool that cannot be washed out.

Now all these considerations increase the alarm of patriots who love their country when we come to consider the threatened breakdown of the American family. There is a well-known principle in economics that a strong demand will create the instruments for a supply. The mere fact that there are now 3,000 courts to which unhappy couples may repair for divorce publishes the keen demand for institutions that sever a tie that is frail as a thread, but should be strong as a steel cable.

Most disquieting this spectacle of the minister uniting young men and women in the morning and a judge separating them in the afternoon concerns the children, now denied a father's guiding hand, and now without a mother's love. A journey up and down this land among the ruined homes is like a journey in the trackway of a tornado that has ruined vineyards and orchards, or like a visit to San Francisco after

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Mr. Peak of Waterloo is the guest of Mr. Kerr of St. George St.



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News From Terrace Hill.

(From our own Correspondent) A farewell to Corporal and Mrs. H. T. Ayres, who are leaving for St. John's, Que., was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Ashton, DuRoi St. A handsome wrist watch was given to the Corporal and a silver mesh bag to Mrs. Ayres. Short addresses expressing regret at their departure and every good wish were made by Rev. E. Softley, and Messrs. H. Widman and H. Blacker and Mr. Laing, Corporal and Mrs. Ayres have been closely identified with the work of St. James' church for some years, and they will be greatly missed in the church and city by the circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Kilgour of Waterloo spent Christmas at the home of Mr. Kilgour, Dundas St. Mr. and Mrs. J. Kinchener is visiting at the home of Mrs. Alderson, corner of St. George and Grand St. Instructor Graham and Mrs. Graham of London, spent the New Year's holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Pickles, St. Paul's Avenue.

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CASUALTIES ARE REDUCED

By the Work of the Canadian Engineers in the Trenches at the Front

The work of the Canadian Engineers in France is largely for the purpose of conserving life and reducing casualties. For that reason it is a particularly attractive branch of the service for many men. For instance as a result of their experience in this war, trench lay out and construction has been considerably changed. To localize the effect of a direct hit on a portion of the front line trench, the size of traverses has been increased. In dry weather temporary roads are constructed up to front line trenches, which roads relieve main roads of the enemy. It may take some time for the enemy to locate these temporary roads.

LUMINOUS HATS 'LATEST FASHION'

Headgear Illuminated by Phosphorus Worn in London

Under the heading "Luminous Hats for London, or a War Time Device for Darkened Streets," the British Official Press Bureau has issued the following article: "London has invented for war-time use, a luminous hat whose dull phosphorescent blue helps to reduce the risk of collision in London's darkened streets. Both men and women are wearing the new luminous hats, warned thereto by the terrible rise in the number of street accidents since precautionary measures against Zeppelins compelled the blackening of the city's lamps. These accidents, most of them occurring after dark, totalled 34,575 during the first nine months of 1916. Of these 577 were mortal. Recently a coroner suggested that women should wear white hats at night time. A tradesman took the hint and invented the luminous hat. This is his story: "The difficulty, of course, was to find a suitable substance. Phosphorus is too dangerous—it is inflammable, it smells, and would probably damage the hat. I discovered a firm who are employing a mixture of sulphides made into a liquid. It does not damage the material, it does not smell, it lasts a long time, is invisible by day, and gives off a striking bluish light at night. Moreover, the more it is exposed to daylight, or artificial light—the more it shines. The firm have used it successfully on the surface of paper, and luminous paper is now made in large sheets and is, I understand, already being extensively employed.

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NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE

New Governor General Appeals on Behalf of Patriotic Fund

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—His Excellency the Governor-General, as president of the Canadian Patriotic Fund has issued the following New Year's appeal on behalf of the Fund: "Twice His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught appealed to the people of Canada in support of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The prompt and generous response on each occasion proves how truly Canada appreciates the debt which she owes to her sons who are fighting for the Empire. Heavy as the sacrifices have already been, the Dominion is as determined as ever to carry on the war to a successful conclusion and, however onerous the burden may be, she is equally determined to help the families of those who are serving in the army and in the navy. The sum is a large one but when the circumstances are fully realized I am confident that the people of Canada will willingly contribute the amount necessary for the fund to continue its patriotic and beneficent work. (Signed) DEVONSHIRE.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Rutherford and Mr. and Mrs. B. Rutherford, spent Friday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Chant, Cathcart. Mr. Geo. Hamilton and Miss Umphrey, of Burford, spent New Year's day visiting friends in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chant were New Year guests at the home of Mrs. Henry Bonney. Mrs. B. Rutherford is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Burgess, London.

TO RELIEVE FREIGHT TRAFFIC

Number of Passenger Trains to be Reduced to Remedy Freight Congestion

Toronto, Jan. 3.—The congestion of freight at the various points on the Niagara frontier is assuming such alarming proportions that Sir Harry L. Drayton, chairman of the Dominion railway commission, it is understood, has authorized the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways to curtail their passenger service in order to provide extra motive power and train crews for freight service. Passenger and traffic officials of both lines assembled in Montreal yesterday to discuss the situation generally and make recommendations to the Dominion Railway Commission in connection with the various divisions of the systems upon which the passenger train service is to be reduced without directly inconveniencing the travelling public. Sir Harry Drayton has also instructed the railway officials that the movement of munitions must be carried on with as little delay as possible. Treating All Alike. In asking the railways to curtail the passenger train service Sir Drayton urged that in reaching a conclusion the officials should endeavor to jointly equalize the new schedules on corresponding divisions upon which certain trains will be dispensed with temporarily so that one railway will not have an advantage in offering extra service as though both railways will possibly dispense with six or ten trains on the Toronto Division, with a reduction of the through passenger train service between Toronto and Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chant were New Year guests at the home of Mrs. Henry Bonney. Mrs. B. Rutherford is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Burgess, London.

Miss Violet Doonan of Niagara spent New Year's with Miss Jean Canton. Mrs. H. Harding, Chester Street, has been spending a week with her sister in West Toronto. Mrs. F. Smith is on the sick list. Mrs. Warren, Peel St. is ill at her mother's Echo Villa Ave. Mrs. J. Quance and her Sam Newstead, are visiting with relatives at Marlette, Michigan. Sleighting and skating are the order of the day with the young folks. Relatives from Burford, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Barker and family. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Douglas and children spent Christmas day with relatives at Brantford. Mr. and Mrs. Phaherty and children of Brantford spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boumer. Mr. Ross Irwin spent the holidays at his home here. Mrs. Fred Sturgis has been visiting relatives at Hagersville. Miss Vera Ludlow spent her Christmas holidays at her home here. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freker, of Pittsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Arowsmith spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. MacDonald.

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