THE WORLD'S HOME MAGAZINE FOR WOMEN

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The Decline of Marriage; Its Causes

"Is marriage too expensive?" demands a contemporary writer in public print, and a letter from Mrs. Flora Anna Steel follows, going into the subjects of decrease in the marriage and birth rate. She writes as follows:

The marriage ratio of England is declining rapidly, thus following the birthrate. The latter has given cause of question to the thoughtful for some years, and now the former may justly come up for discussion. Absurdne subjects are germane is palpable; their very relationship is clear, since voluntary and unnatural restriction of the birthrate is the first process by which marriage become—unnecessary.

Behind, therefore, such trivial questions as "Do men propose less or women refuse more, and, if so, why so?" lies an infinitely deeper problem as to why that duty to the race which has been an overwhelming factor in the growth of all nations should have deserted the majority of Englishmen and English women.

I say the majority, since undoubtedly a small but increasing minority exists, especially among women, which is positively held back from marriage by a sense of their responsibility to the race. They fail to find in the heedless ruck of cigaret smokers and matinee-hat wearers a worthy parent for their children ,and so decline to influence the future at all—a direful mistake, which deprives the race of the chance of betterment. Then indubitably many women to whom other professions have been opened disdain that of British matron from a love of independence which is intensified for the time by its novelty.

Mrs. Steel goes on to say that love of dress and unnecessary elaboration in it are causes of less happy homes and fewer children.

One point of view is palpably omitted from the argument of Mrs. Steel. The population may increase, but not the joy of life, its content and substantial benefits. May one ask why even middle-class people, let alone the poor, should deny themselves all enjoyment, live strenuous days, suffer and scrings to bring children into the world, in order that "genteel" employment may be paid with starvation wages, and great companies be enabled to carry on industrial wars on the basis of a surplus supply of labor?

Q.—Why do capitalists rave about race suicide?

A.—Because they want more child labor.

No doubt we do need a denser population if we are to compete with imported Chinese and Japanese labor. No doubt that the millionaire or the grafter cannot subsist without increase in the number of the lower orders.

What is becoming of those we have here? Is every child in Toronto properly fed, wasned, schooled? Till that is the case, why rave at the families which decline to add to their numbers; one more unhappy slave of our social indifference and inhuman system?

Should the father of a large family, in fairly good circumstances, die leaving only a few hundred dollars, what is to become of the family, or what provision does our paternal government design for them? Ask any East Indian what becomes of the little girl babies, whom year by year the British government saves from the Ganges, and the question is not answered.

Doubtless people who write and speak ont he subject of the decline of marriage are honest and well meaning; doubtless they only desire the triumph of their race, but while thousands perish in the slums of great cities every year, of what use is their plea that there are not enough people?

When civilization reaches a certain pitch, luxury becomes almost necessity to the average man or woman. If our neighbor is plainly clothed and lives on brown bread and mutton, we may also endure such circumstances. If we find that to be treated with the commonest courtesy by mere passers-by, public servants, people in stores and street cars, requires frills and furbelows, or gold studs and suede gloves, will we not set value on these things, and does not the standard raised by the extravagant force us also into an eternal competition?

Well, Mrs. Steel takes the conventional view, and adds, among other things, the following statement:

"Many and many a couple of young people with quite enough to love in their hearts for the greatest joy which humanity can know—the joy of fatherhood and motherhood—turn their back on it, and what is worse, on their duty to the race, because they are afraid it will not leave them enough money for cigarets and kimona sleeves; in other words, for the idle and unnecessary luxuries which year by year are sapping our national strength."

Undoubtedly as a nation we are weakened by false luxury. That is undisputable. It is equally so that whoever hates the individual hates the species. Those who import foreign labor to cheapen ours are responsible for race suicide. Those who make grafters rich by act of parliament forbid new citizens to be born. Those who give the birthright of the people and the inheritance of our own farmers' sons to dishonest political schemes and their ignorant herd of imported voters, are closing the channels into which new life can flow, are rendering marriage impossible and race suicide justifiable.

News From the Suffragists.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle—On August 13 suffrage clubs in different parts of the country celebrated the eighty-ninth anniversary of the birth of Lucy Stone, who has been called the morning star of the equal rights movement. The exercises included a roll call, to which each member responded with a quotation from Mrs. Stone. The following are samples:

"Suffragists have always urged that because women are women, and therefore eternally different from men, they should have the right to represent themselves."

"There is not one mother in millions who does not think ten times what will be best for her child where she thinks once of what is best for herself."

"Time will prove the truth that two equals in the family are better than a master and a servant."

In England, the House of Lords has voted 111 to 33 in favor of a bill which provides that a woman shall not be disqualified by sex or marriage for election as councillor or alderman of the council of any county or borough, metropolitan boroughs included. Women shall be eligible as chairmen of county councils or mayors of boroughs, but they shall not be justices of the peace by virtue of holding or having held such offices. It seems remarkable that so conservative a body as the house of lords should vote for so advanced a bill by a majority of more than three to one. Several years ago the house of commons passed a similar measure by a still heavier vote, 172 to 22. So the present bill is not likely to fail of passage in the lower house.

Women in England already sit on parish councils, urban district councils and rural district councils; and nearly 1000 women are serving on boards of poor law guardians. They have done such good civic work on all these public boards that both houses of parliament are now strongly in favor of extending their field of usefulness.

The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke in favor of the bill. He said that the question was not one of the rights and wrongs of women, but of the rights and wrongs of the community, who were entitled to the administrative assistance that would be afforded them by women.

The Japanese people have awakened to the fact that their women are behind the women of the western world in education and accomplishments, and have opened a woman's university at Tokio.

Leading women of Des Moines have got out an injunction against the purchase of a site for the new city hall, because when the question was submitted to popular vote the women were not allowed to vote on it. An Iowa law, adopted in 1894, provides that on all questions of bonding a city for improvements, etc., women shall vote on the same terms as men. The women are in earnest; they are advised by Miss Grace Ballantyne, a bright young woman lawyer, that they seem to have the law of the case. The city fathers are having so much trouble about the matter that they are not likely to forget the women another time.

Chicago is to vote in September on the acceptance or rejection of the new city charter. Jane Addams, Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, Mrs. Ella S. Stewart and the other members of the committee that worked to secure municipal suffrage for women, have passed resolutions against the acceptance of the charter because it does not give women a vote, because its civil service provisions allow discrimination on account of sex, because the school board is made appointive instead of elective (the men of Chicago, by a heavy referendum vote, had declared in favor of making it elective, but the new charter disregards their expressed wish); also because it provides for an increase of one-third in taxation, which will fall heavily on small home-owners; and because it can be amended only on the initative of the city council, in which women have no voice.

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Personal

On Monday evening Messrs. Fielding and Brodeur gave a banquet at the Elysee Palace Hotel, Paris, when they had as their guests, Pichon, minister of foreign affairs; Sir Francis Bertie, British ambassador; Sir Henry Austin-Lee, commercial commissioner at the embassy, and also the high officials of French departments, who also have taken part in the negotiations.

Dr. A. J. McDonagh and family have returned to the city after a month's absence.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—There was a large gathering of British military men and Americans at Christ Church, Mayfair, this afternoon, for the marriage of Miss Mary MacTier Latrobe, daughter of the late R. Stewart Latrobe, of Baltimore, Md., to Colonel Arthur P. D. Harris, of the Fifth Light Infantry, Indian Army. After the ceremony there was a reception, which was attended by intimate friends. Colonel and Mrs. Harris will proceed in October to India, where the colonel will resume command of his regiment.

Dr. R. C. Jamieson of Detroit is visiting W. H. Sutton, Hooper-avenue, Centre Island.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Langmuir have returned from Minnicognashene.

Dr. Ogden Jones and Mrs. Jones have returned from Couchiching Point, Lake Simcoe.

Mr. A. E. Silverwood, wife and children of London are spending a few days in the city, guests of Mrs. Routley, Clare-avenue, Parkdale.

Sir John Robinson and his young son have gone for a camping out expedition to the nortrern lakes.

Ald. Watt of Barrie and his son, R. N. Watt, of Montreal, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Perlect of Toronto Junction.

Mrs. E. J. Lennox and Miss Maisie Lennox left last week for the Royal Muskoka, where they will stay for a few weeks.

Prince George to Wed.

ROME, Aug. 27.—It is stated in court circles that the engagement will be announced shortly of Prince George of Greece, ex-high commissioner of the powers in Crete, to Princess Napileon Bonaparte, grand niece of Prince Roland Bonaparte.

The Toronto World CHILDREN'S HUMANE LEAGUE

The children are all invited to write to this page on any subject of interest to them. The letters will be published, and a prize souvenir pin will be awarded each week to the best letter printed during the week. This is quite separate from our fortnightly competition for the best letter from the little Leaguers. The subject for the competition closing August 31 is a "Vacation Letter," and may deal with anything the children have to say on their summer outings. It must be only two hundred words in length, plainly signed with name and address, and written on one side only of the paper. The prize is an enamel pin, with the letters "*T. W. H. L.*"

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Association of Workers For the Blind Opens Convention.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 27.—The ninth convention of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, which was opened here to-day, had in attendance many persons prominent thru their work in the interests of the blind, some of them sightless themselves.

The feature of the morning session was a discussion on a paper delivered by Dr. C. F. Fraser, superintendent of the Halifax, N.S., School for the Blind. Among those who participated in the discussion of Dr. Fraser's paper, which was on "The Needs of Our Schools for the Blind," were Miss Christine LeBarraque, the first blind woman barrister in the United States, and Dr. F. J. Campbell, the sightless founder and superintendent of the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, at London, England.

Miss Helen Keller, one of the most prominent blind persons in this country, and General H. Appleton, superintendent of the Perkins Institute for the Blind, welcomed the delegates at the opening of the convention.

PLUCKY WOMAN.

Saves Self and Companion From Impending Peril.

A woman's plucky act saved herself and her companion from serious danger, when Fred Goldson, who was driving one of P. Maher's victorias, fell from the box at King and Jordan-streets.

One of the two women occupying the carriage saw the man fall from the seat. She hastily got on the box and, seizing the slipping reins, pulled up the horse, which was badly frightened.

The man, who lives at 70 West Richmond-street, was taken to St. Michael's Hospital. He has a slight scalp wound.

DEATH OF MARK SHAW.

Vice-President of New York Canadian Club and Prominent in Business.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Mark Shaw, one of New York's oldest business men, died suddenly in the lobby of the Narragansett Hotel from heart disease.

Mr. Shaw was 72 years old. For 50 years he was in the shipping business. He retired a year ago. His name was known all over the world.

Mr. Shaw was vice-president of the Canadian Club.

FOUR CREMATED.

OKLAHOMA CITY, O.T., Aug. 27—Searching for an exit from death trap that confronted them and hemmed in on all sides, four persons were burned to death early to-day in a fire on East Grand-avenue.

The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

New Channel Tested.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Ambrose Channel, the new deep water way leading from Sandy Hook over the shoals of the lower bay to New York harbor, was tested for the first time by one of the big trans-Atlantic liners to-day when the Cunard liner Caronia safely passed thru it on voyage to Liverpool.

The new channel crosses the shoals in a straight line and will eliminate the devious turnings of the ship channel now used by liners in which they frequently go aground.

Salvationist Goes on Stage.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Capt. Bailey of the Salvation Army, who conducted a three years' campaign in Canada, has decided to go on the variety stage.

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IMPRESSED BY OSLERISM PROFESSOR CUTS THROAT

"Old Men Should Be Hit With Club and Mercifully Killed," Writes Dr. Jewett.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 27.—Rev. Dr. Edward H. Jewett, for fifteen years professor of pastoral theology in the General Theological Seminary in New York, committed suicide yesterday by cutting his throat.

Dr. Jewett was seventy-eight years old, and was living with his son-in-law, the Rev. Angus M. Porter, rector of the Episcopal church at Redlands.

The act was committed at Manhattan Beach, eighteen miles from this city, and was witnessed by a thousand persons, many of them children playing along the beach.

Dr. Jewett was much impressed by the so-called Osler theory and frequently remarked: "I think that some way should be found out of an unbearable existence for old people who have outlived their usefulness. I think it should be provided that old men should be hit over the head with a club and mercifully killed."

He had suffered for several years from chronic rheumatism.

Dr. Jewett was born in Nottingham, England, in 1830. He was the author of several works on religious thought and worship.

TITLED CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST

Sudden Death of the Earl of Dunmore Near Canterbury.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The Earl of Dunmore (Charles Adolphus Murray), the most prominent Christian Scientist in England, died last night at Trimley Manor, near Canterbury. He had not complained of being ill, was suddenly attacked by illness and died before a doctor could be summoned.

The deceased was born in 1841. He married a daughter of the second Earl of Leicester, and leaves one son, Viscount Fincastle, a major of the Sixteenth Lancers, and five daughters. He was honorary colonel of the Fourth Battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, and owned about 78,800 acres of land.

SHARP ENGAGEMENT.

Reconnoitering Party of Spahis in Contact With Moors.

CASSABLANCA, Aug. 27.—A sharp engagement between the French and the Moors occurred six miles from Gen. Drude's camp.

A reconnoitering party of spahis came in touch with the enemy who opened a heavy fire on the cavalrymen. The latter replied with effect, but retreated under instructions, with the object of attracting the attention of the French commander to the Moors' advance.

Reinforcements with artillery were promptly forwarded to the scene of the fighting with the result that the Moorish force was driven back into the hills.

No loss on the French side is reported.

THIS AIRSHIP FLEW.

Berlin Contrivance Carried Four Passengers and Braved Heavy Wind.

BERLIN, Aug. 27.—A notable flight was made by the Parseval steerable airship late last night. The machine carried four aeronauts.

During the 30-minute flight the motors worked most satisfactorily and the airship answered its helm with precision against a wind blowing 20 miles an hour.

FRENCH-CANADIAN TREATY.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

LONDON, Aug. 27.—A representative of the Canadian Associated Press, wiring this morning from Paris, says Fielding and Brodeur continue to have daily conferences with French Government representatives respecting the Franco-Canadian treaty. The protracted nature of the conferences suggests that there have been some difficulties, but the present indications are deemed favorable.

AUSTRALIAN TARIFF.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

LONDON, Aug. 27.—A Melbourne cable states that Sir William Lyne, interviewed, said the new tariff accorded with the statements made by Premier Deakin when in London. The customs revenue for the financial year was estimated at eight and a quarter million pounds with a preference in favor of Great Britain as proposed, but if the preference were not given the revenue would be one and a quarter millions more. The preference in favor of Great Britain was thus 13 per cent.

CROWN PRINCE IN COLLISION.

His Car Gets the Worst of It.

HANOVER, Prussia, Aug. 27.—Crown Prince William while riding in an automobile near Brunswick, thirty-five miles from Hanover, to-day, collided with an empty wagon, slightly damaging the Prince's car. Nobody, however, was injured.

Labor Day Outings.

On account of Labor Day the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company have extended the limit of their Saturday to Monday tickets to permit passengers to return, leaving destination Monday, Sept. 2, arriving in Toronto Tuesday morning, Sept. 3. Usual low rates will be in effect to Charlotte (port of Rochester), 1000 Island ports, Brockville and Prescott. Full information regarding same can be obtained at ticket office, 2 East King-street, Toronto.

Cheap Rates For Exhibition.

The Hamilton Steamboat Company have put in force a 50-cent return fare on the steamers Modjeska and Macassa between Toronto and Hamilton during the exhibition. To-day the steamers will make extra trips for the Wednesday excursionists, leaving Toronto at 7.30 and 11 a.m., 2, 5.30 and 8.15 p.m., and leaving Hamilton at 7.45 and 10.45 a.m., 2, 5.15 and 8.15 p.m. The low rates and special service are appreciated by those who take advantage of these popular trips. The steamers will make six round trips on Labor Day.

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PRAISE TORONTO FORESTERS

Michigan Paper Impressed by the Musical and Fancy Drills.

The Saginaw, Mich., Press says: To open the exhibition the Royal Foresters' Trumpet Band of Toronto gave one of the finest exhibitions of its kind ever heard in this part of the state. Beginning with only the drum corps, which was exceptionally fine, and closing with the military calls by both the trumpets and drums, it was exceptionally fine. After the band had marched off the field the drills began, and without music all were well executed. The first rank to appear on the field was that of the Temple Commandery, I. O. Royal Foresters of America, of Toronto, Ont. They had 16 men in line, with Major J. Abbott in command. Their black uniforms trimmed with red, with red plumes on their helmets, made a pretty sight. They work was very fine and went off with smoothness and precision.

ASSESSMENT CHANGES.

J. F. Brown and Knox Stores Held as Departmentals.

The court of revision made the following changes in assessment yesterday forenoon. A session was not held in the afternoon, out of respect to the memory of the late chairman, J. A. Proctor.

The J. F. Brown Co., Yonge-street, appealed against a 50 per cent. assessment on real property totaling $151,995. The firm hold that they did not conduct a departmental store, and that, therefore, their assessment should be only 25 per cent. The court held to the view that the company conducted a departmental store and left the assessment at 50 per cent. rate.

The same rate of assessment on the same reasoning, had been fixed for the S. H. Knox Co., Yonge-street.

The National Club, Bay-street, was assessed at $900 per foot on land valued at $53,325, and the new unfinished building at $80,000. The court dropped the $900 rate to $750 and took $10,000 off the building assessment.

An income assessment reduction from $2000 to $400 was made for Lionel J. Amsden, secretary of Cohen Bros., Limited.

Thomas Palmer asserted that he merely carried on a retail business. On the 60 per cent. basis for manufacturers he was assessed at $4735, but the court reduced his rate to 25 per cent.

VICTIM OF MORPHINE.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 27.—Dr. W. E. Almas, a graduate of the University of Toronto who came here recently from Havre, Montana, attempted suicide about midnight by taking aconite. He is now in the General Hospital. He has a brother residing at Hagersville, Ont. He has been a victim of the morphine habit.

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ESTATES OF THE DEAD.

The estate of the late James Robinson, contractor, of Toronto, valued at $4954.44, goes to his wife, Mrs. Sophia Robinson. Realty consists of a house and lot at No. 183 Westmoreland-avenue.

Col. James Barry Slater of Sussex, England, leaves an estate totaling $12,061, which consists of 50 shares of Consumers' Gas, 88 shares of Dominion Telegraph, which go to relatives in England.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH.

OTTAWA, Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The little daughter of I. Hafnelin of Rockland was burned to death as the result of playing with matches.

Find Body in Lake.

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 27.—The body of Miss Agnes Maguire, a Brooklyn school teacher, who mysteriously disappeared from a carriage at Nelan's Point, Lake Hopatoong, N.J., on Saturday night, was found in the lake to-day. The coroner expressed the opinion that Miss Maguire had committed suicide.

More Cardinals.

ROME, Aug. 27.—It is stated in Vatican circles that the Pope will hold a consistory in the autumn to confer the red hat on several Italian and foreign bishops.

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