

Education To Raise Birth Rate

Professor Pinard Hopes to Attain Results in France by Obligatory Study of Problems

Paris, Oct. 14.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—"French families could be as large as those of any country, not excepting Germany," said Professor A. Pinard, of the French Academy of Medicine, in an interview with a representative of The Associated Press.

Professor Pinard, who has devoted the last two years to the cure of "war babies," is one of France's most eminent physicians and, perhaps, the best authority on the physiology of reproduction. He asserts that the trouble with the birth rate of France is a voluntary resistance with economic reasons at the bottom of it.

The state must get at those reasons, he says, and overcome them by appropriate legislation, while the individual must learn more concerning what makes a numerous and physically superior population. He is now applying to parliament to enforce the application of his doctrine by obligatory education of the future mother while she is still a schoolgirl. Puericulture, as he calls it—or moral and physical education combined—he wants taught as currently, as reading, writing and arithmetic.

"Never before were there born in Paris such strong and handsome boys as during this war," Professor Pinard said. "They are a striking example of what may be accomplished by better care of mothers and their offspring—the result of spontaneous effort from every direction to do something for France, for the defenders of France, and for the wives and children of the soldiers left at home with protection. At the Bureau of Vital Statistics, on the declaration of

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"The bringing up of children in public institutions is a failure. France will re-people itself only through the family. That systems which separate the mother from her offspring are defective is proved by the report of Dr. Drouin on 200,000 children confined to the Assistance Publique, of whom only a third were brought to manhood. Instead of substituting itself for the mother, charity—or common justice—must enable the mother to rear her own child properly."

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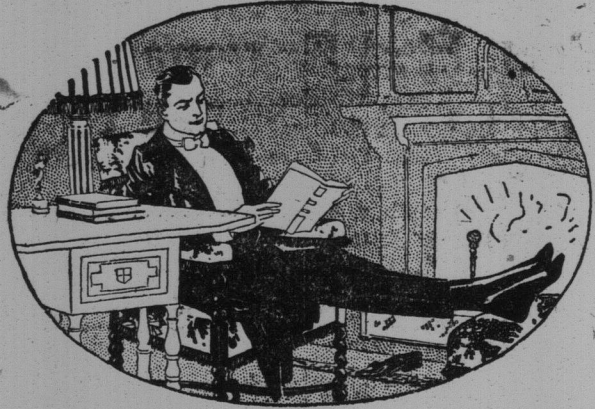
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London, Oct. 20.—(Correspondence)—The Stockholm correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, in a letter dealing with the German navy, says:

Germany has practical control of the southern approach to the Sound between Denmark and Sweden. As far as a big naval display only over a limited area. On the way east during my first Copenhagen-Malmö trip we passed, just before turning southeast for Malmö, a whole fleet of German destroyers and torpedo boats. The Sound here is sixteen miles across, and all the German ships were outside their territorial waters. They were steaming south at a terrific speed in the direction of Falsterbo mine field, all showing German flags.

A sailor on our steamer told me that German warships make straight for the mine fields and, steering by marks, without taking pilots on board, go straight through it. He added that Germans often show no flags, and this I confirmed during a cross on the Helsingborg route when two flagless torpedo boats, making northeast at a great pace, passed under our stern. As they passed the first torpedo boat had a man overboard. It dropped a dinghy, but did not itself stop. The rowboat was nearly cut down by the second torpedo boat and the man overboard perished.

"The Danish captain of our steamer told me that German patrol ships in the Sound hardly ever go into Callagat, but other German warships go there and much farther north. Captain Hjelmarsen, a Norse seaman, who knows these parts well, told me that, thanks to British vigilance and superior seamanship, Germany gets very little value from her practical command of the Sound. He said that last July a German cruiser and submarine raid from Skagerrack was foiled before it started. The Germans had some new devices which Captain Hjelmarsen could not describe, but they were baffled by a British counter-device which was being tried for the first time.

"In the Helsingborg-Elsinore part of the Sound, periscopes of German submarines are seen every day. This part of the Sound is fairly free from loose mines, but at the southern end mines are almost as numerous as waves. At Flint Channel mine field Germans are said to keep four mine-sweeping steamers busy all day catching and relaying their own broken-away mines. At Falsterbo, in Sweden, mines come ashore almost every day.

"Skagerrak fishermen told me that Germany was making experiments with a view of practising cuttlefish tactics in a naval battle. Specially constructed steamers, traveling at high speed, emit volumes of smoke or vapor which, when there is no wind, lie long on the surface. Fishermen gave me extravagant accounts of banks of vapor ten



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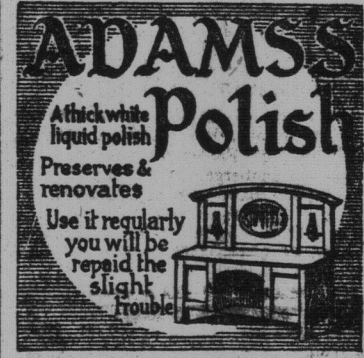


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With the collar went this letter from the postmaster-general: "The Postmaster-General, Washington, October 27, 1916: "The Misses Cummings, 1400 Center street, Ashland, Pa. "My Dear Misses Cummings:—Your letter of the 12th instant, concerning the faithful duties performed for the mail service at Mount Carmel, Pa., by a stray dog which you suggest should receive official recognition for his services, has been brought to my attention. "I must say that this is, indeed, a most extraordinary instance of dumb animal intelligence and devotion, and I commend you most heartily for your interest in the dog's behalf. Too little in our workaday life do we notice around us the quiet, patient and uncomplaining devotion of our dumb animal friends and it is refreshing in the turmoil of a great political campaign, to pause and direct one's attention for the moment

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