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## WAR AND POPULATION.

The birth and marriage rates for the first six months of 1918, compared with the first six months of 1917, show that New York city is already beginning to feel the effect of the enlistment and drafting of so many young men of marriageable age. According to reports published by the department of health of the city of New York, from the first of January to the first of July, 1918, there have been 410 fewer births in New York city, and 2,804 fewer marriages, than for the same period of 1917.

The experience of New York city in this follows closely that of Europe since the war started in 1914. Sir Bernard Mallett, registrar-general of England, states that in England and Wales the

birth rate has fallen. The rate for 1917 showed a decline of 24 per cent over that of 1916, or a total of 688,946 fewer births. He feels that it will be a long time before the birth rate again reaches the figure which obtained before the war, and states that, serious as this loss is to the coming generations in his country, there is reason to believe that Great Britain has suffered less than the other belligerents. Germany has lost in potential lives the equivalent of 4.6 per cent of its total pre-war population. Austria 5 per cent and Hungary 7 per cent. Sir Bernard Mallett calculates that the present war has cost the belligerent countries of Europe not less than twelve and a half millions of potential lives at the present time. He says that every day the war continues means a loss of 1,000 potential lives to the United Kingdom, France and the Central Powers.

## WAR SUBSTITUTES

(The Wall Street Journal.) Scarcity of metal for tin containers will increase business of manufacturers of paper and fibre cartons. Some of the trade thus deflected should be permanent. For example, consumers of tea and coffee may expect to buy these commodities only in non-metal coverings as soon as present supplies of containers are used, if recommendations to the food administration for the conserving of tin and iron sheeting are followed. Advantages and cheapness of fibre and paper for certain products are well known, and continued use is apt to follow introduction. Fibre cartons for shipping also conserve lumber and nails, an important saving especially since lumber is expensive and difficult to obtain on account of transportation conditions.

## JAPANESE BULBS.

While the lack of ships will prevent the bringing of bulbs from Japan to the United States this fall, thus interfering with the usual spring display of lilies, it will mean more food for Japan. Curiously enough, some of the lilies which make the strongest appeals to the western sense of beauty are accounted of but little worth among the Japanese, except for culinary purposes. They grow them by the acre, but only for the for-

eigners who like their warm hues.—Boston Monitor.

## DID NOT MOVE HER

An effort to refloat the steamer Premier, which is aground and partially submerged at the bend of Long Island on the St. John river as the result of a collision with the steamer D. J. Purdy which occurred on Saturday, October 5, was made yesterday afternoon but proved unsuccessful.



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