

FIVE MILLION MURDERS A YEAR

Today criminal abortion is the most vital problem that confronts our republic; in fact, it beggars all others combined. De Lee in the Practical Medical Series, 1912, volume 5, quotes Jackson as saying that there are annually in the state of Maine fifty thousand criminal abortions. If this be true, and Maine is a fair average, there are, at least five million criminal abortions in this country every year. So startling are these figures that few outside of the medical profession will believe that they can possibly be correct. It is well to remember that a woman addicted to the abortion habit may have four abortions where she would have one labor at term. One case has been reported of a woman who miscarried thirty-six times. Germany lost in killed, wounded and missing, two and a half million men in the first eighteen months of the present war—the bloodiest war of all ages. Probably less than a million of the Germans were killed outright. During that period seven and a half millions of our infants were destroyed. The world is stunned at Germany's terrible loss, but takes not the least notice of America's heartbreaking tragedy. Germany's misfortune will stagger her for a time, but America's if continued, means annihilation.

The moral standard of the nation must be raised. Here we must be assisted by the clergy, and I feel that we may depend upon every priest and preacher in the land. They are clean, and abhor crime. No matter how much they may shrink from the task, duty will align them with us. Our patriots must arouse the patriotism of the women.

While millions of the European soldiers are cheerfully giving up their lives for their countries, millions of American women are as cheerfully murdering their own offspring from every motive but a patriotic one. Yet there is a class almost driven by poverty to infanticide that should be protected by the nation. Many a mother's eye is filled with tears when she discovers she is pregnant. Not that she considers herself in the least, but because there is so little for the children already born—little to eat, little to wear, and little prospect of equipping them for the hard struggle of life. God help such a woman, her burden is indeed heavy. Why do not the patriots come to her relief? We have spent billions in pensions for our patriotic soldiers and we are driving patient, faithful mothers to starvation or crime. Why do not our lawmakers save her and her children when they are so badly needed? She is as much entitled to our assistance as any man who fought at Gettysburg or El Caney.—Dr. C. D. Bell, in a paper read before the Southern California Medical Association.

EVENTS AND PERSONS.

A formal farewell dancing party was given by the Pleasant Hour Club Tuesday evening at Alamo Hall in honor of Miss Amelia Singleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Singleton, whose marriage to Mr. James Madden of Chicago, Illinois, will be solemnized October 10th. Thirty-seven couples tripped lightly to Desdunes Saxophone terpsichorean score. The decorations of the hall followed the color scheme of white and pink. The ladies were handsomely gowned in evening dress, while the gentlemen wore the conventional full dress. Mrs. J. S. Madden, of Chicago, mother of the groom-elect was an out-of-town guest.

Mrs. Hazel Terry left Wednesday for Jefferson City, Mo., where she will enter Lincoln Institute.

"Trooper of Co. K," thrilling Negro military-love photo-drama, coming. Enough said. It's a Lincoln production.—Adv.

Mrs. Bertha Stephens died at the home of her father in Minneapolis Tuesday night after a lingering illness. Mrs. Stephens left Omaha for Minneapolis a few months ago on the advice of her physician. Her husband and a little daughter survive her.

When you move, notify us. The Monitor isn't Sherlock Holmes.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Botts returned last Friday morning from a pleasant visit to Carrollton and Excelsior Springs, Mo., and Olatha, Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones have returned from Yankton, So. Dak., where they went a year ago and are now located at 2423½ Lake street.

Latest song hits: "Hurry Back to My Bamboo Shack," "I've Got a Sweet Tooth Bothering Me" "There's a Quaker Down in Quaker Town," "You'll Always Be the Same Baby." Ready at Hospe's.

Miss Julia A. Jones of 954 North Twenty-seventh street has returned from a three months' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Milton Jones, at Wichita, Kans. She also went to Kingfisher, Okla., to look after her farm property.

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Ex-District Grand Master Charles Burton of Denver, Col., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Goff of 911 Forest avenue. He left Friday for St. Joseph, Topeka and Kansas City.

Mrs. E. S. Hughes wishes to announce the opening of her dress making parlors at 2418 North Twenty-fourth street October 12. The public is invited to attend.

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Mrs. Allen, 2816 Pratt, returned yesterday from a visit to Sedalia, Mo.

Do you know you wear gun cotton? Read Science and Notes.

Mrs. W. H. Brooks is leaving Omaha this week for Los Angeles, Calif., where she will take a course in costume designing at the Los Angeles Art School.

Mrs. Ellen Sprinks Hobbs of Chicago is spending Ak-Sar-Ben week as the guest of Mrs. Wm. Jackson, 2669 Douglas St.

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Shall We Discard Local Option and Adopt State Prohibition?

Under the existing Local Option Law, it lies within the power of the citizens of any community in Nebraska to adopt local prohibition for their own city, town, or village.

In every community in this state absolute control over this question lies in the hands of the majority of the voters. No interference from the outside is possible; nothing can thwart the wishes of the majority in the city, town or village, with respect to the question of license or no license.

Many communities in this state have availed themselves of the power granted to them under our Local Option Law, and have adopted local prohibition for their own community. Where there is a dominant LOCAL public sentiment in support of that policy, it is possible to make the no-license policy respected and obeyed.

There are, on the other hand, many communities in this state where it is the opinion of the majority of the citizens that the license policy is better adopted to their own community. Where that is the prevailing sentiment, the community is permitted, under our existing Local Option Law, to license the sale of alcoholic beverages—subject of course to the provisions and restrictions of the general state law.

IN NEITHER CASE, IS A POLICY FORCED ON A COMMUNITY FROM WITHOUT. THE PRINCIPLE OF HOME RULE PREVAILS.

It is now proposed to substitute for this policy of local self-government, the policy of state-wide prohibition. This prohibition policy is not intended for the relief of communities in which the no-license policy already prevails; but is designed to FORCE such a policy on other communities against their will.

The result, as the experience of other states has abundantly established, would be disastrous in every city and town on which prohibition is forced. It means, where dominant sentiment is opposed to prohibition, lax enforcement of the law, the dividing of such towns into bitterly hostile factions, the reign of the spy and of the informer, the rapid growth of crime—and in the end in means higher taxes.

Against the substitution of such a system for that under which Nebraska is now operating, everyone having the best interests of the people of this state at heart, should solemnly protest.

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