

MORALS LOWERED BY POOR HOUSING

Average American Family of Five is Living in Two Rooms or Less.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 30.—Lack of adequate housing facilities in America has been the cause of a distinct lowering of living and moral standards among many thousands of families at present under the supervision of the Associated Charities, according to Miss Alice Richard, a leading official of such American organizations.

There is immediate need of a doubling of the housing capacity in all cities supervised by such charities, Miss Richard stated, as the average American family of five persons is living in two rooms or less. The number is increased by 451 individuals specifically locally listed last year by the organization as either boarding or temporarily living with those families.

"The question of housing in America is a financial one, primarily, with the people," Miss Richard stated. "We in Cincinnati have urged them to improve their residence in the past, feeling that such changes made for betterment in their living standards. At present there are no additional rooms or houses available, particularly in the Central States, and the families are confronted with the problem of paying more rent, a thing which they cannot afford, or of being told to vacate. Four rooms at least are necessary for such a family, but at present the prospect generally in the United States does not promise to become better, but rather worse."

We are experiencing, in Cincinnati, especially, a distinct tendency among

our eyes toward a lower standard of morals and living. The Associated Charities of this city represents but one of the many organizations for social service work, said Miss Richard, confronted by the same problem.

Miss Richard declared that the cost of giving relief in Cincinnati, has been at an average rate of one-half of 1 per cent a month. Last year's figures show that it has risen here 25 per cent over the preceding year, she said. Charity work in the United States during the coming year is to be concentrated upon preventing it in order to lower the dependency rate during the next few years.

Change of name of the local organization to conform to its future policy of constructive social service, instead of mere charity, is to be considered at a meeting of the board of directors.

NEED \$125,000,000 FOR HOMES IN PALESTINE

LONDON, May 30.—"We will have to raise the sum of \$125,000,000 for expenses in the settlement of Palestine."

That is the estimate of what it will cost to carry out the Balfour declaration making Palestine a permanent home for the Jews, as figured by Dr. Charles Weizmann, Zionist leader and delegate to the allied supreme council conference at Spa.

"It will be a gigantic task," continued Dr. Weizmann. "But it will not be very difficult. The great problem will be that of housing. More than 3,000 dwellings will be needed at once, and this in the face of shortage of labor, materials and transport."

U. S. BUYS LEGATION.

LONDON, May 30.—The United States has purchased Schoenbrunn Palace, at Prague, Czechoslovakia, for \$5,000, to be used as a legation, said a News Agency dispatch from Prague today.

SIR CONAN DOYLE DEFENDS SPIRITISM

Says Church Blocks Progress, in Reply to Criticisms of English Clergy.

LONDON, May 30.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has accepted as a challenge recently published statements of four bishops of the English Church on spiritualism. In a letter to the Globe he attacks the church as standing in the way of progress. Conan Doyle's letter follows:

"It would be difficult to recall any great forward movement of the human race which has not met with opposition from the church of the time—the supreme example being recorded in the New Testament.

"Such protests delay progress, but cannot ultimately hinder it, for God is the great Reformer and must prevail.

"It is an extraordinary thing that prelates cannot perceive that materialism is the real enemy of the age, and especially that most subtle form of materialism which clothes itself in the outward trappings of religion, but has nothing of the real spirit within it. If this were clearly understood the nearest men of all sects would see that in spiritualism, with its definite proofs of independent post-mortem existence, there is such a reservoir of force for religion as has not been since the apostolic age.

"What matter the smaller adjustments, if this great object be attained and the honest agnostic be given something to believe and definite work will carry his thoughts beyond the sordid world around us and give him assurance of ultimate justice and most glorious compensation?"

"It is all very well for the Bishop of Norwich to say that we ought to have this assurance as it is.

Must Deal With Facts.

"We have to deal with facts, and as a fact great numbers of the most acute and earnest minds in the country do not find strength or comfort in that which suffices for the bishop's spiritual needs.

"Speaking for myself, I cannot conceive of any arguments which could have prevailed against those of materialism, which are so formidable that the Church never fairly faces them.

"It was only my actual experience which taught me the basic facts of superstitious religion—that the individual carries on, and that spiritual evolution and improvement are the objects of our existence.

"If the contention of the Bishop of Hereford were correct we should expect to find a high rate of lunacy among the spiritual communities, who are now a numerous body in this country.

"This is notoriously not so.

"On the contrary, they are a remarkably healthy set of people and contribute far fewer than their quota to the asylums.

"It is surely a matter of common knowledge that Spiritualism has greatly increased during the last few years. During that time there has been a marked drop in the lunacy statistics.

"How can the Bishop of Hereford reconcile that fact with his assertion that the cult leads to mental and moral debilitation?"

Harm in All Abuse.

"Over-excitement and abuse of anything is harmful, but that applies equally to every religion under the sun.

"My own view is that even if it took a considerable sacrifice of human reason of life to establish so vital a proposition as personal survival it would be well worth while.

"No such payment has yet been demanded of us, but when we consider how many victims were claimed by the motor-car or the aeroplane before they reached success it seems strange that we should exaggerate the risks which may attach to psychic progress.

"The Bishop of Truro seems to confuse Spiritualism with fortune-telling. I can assure him that most earnest spiritualists are opposed to fortune-telling and discourage it in every way.

"It seems to be a fact that some people have a perception of coming events which is more detailed than can be ascribed to chance.

"But I agree that if they are good we can afford to wait, and if they are evil a foreknowledge adds to their terror.

MRS. MARTHA KLEIN, who is suing her husband, Max Klein, a wealthy New York meat packer, after a raid on an apartment house, where he was found with a woman companion.

According to the testimony given in court, a private detective saw Klein meet a young woman and go to an apartment house. He called Mrs. Klein and a third party, and the trio forced their way into the room where they found the packer and his companion.



General Diaz is reported to be negotiating with Gen. Guadalupe Sanchez, commander of the constitutional revolutionary forces in the State of Vera Cruz, to obtain a safe conduct from the country. General Diaz is said to have promised not to return to Mexico and not to mix in Mexican politics in the future.

Officials of the new government say that Diaz is convinced that he would have slight chance of success in a new uprising, as most of his soldiers have left him.

TIN PLATE PRIORITY.

Priority orders for the movement of tin plate for preserving cans to the California fruit-growing country have been issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission, according to Senator Phelan of California.

Orang-Outang Is His Own Dentist; Yanks Tooth With String

LONDON, May 30.—For some days the orang-outang at the Zoo has been restive. Usually he tells the keeper his needs by signs or guttural noises.

Nobody could discover what was the matter until he was observed by two witnesses to have discovered—and great was his joy—a stout piece of string in his bedding.

One of his dog teeth had evidently become loosened and was giving him pain.

He tied the string round the tooth and made several efforts to dislodge it.

Flipping the task a hard one he entwined the loose end of the string round the bars of his cage, and by dint of jerking his head back successfully extracted the tooth.

It was quite two inches long and the orang-outang was so pleased with the feat that he refused to allow either of the keepers to touch it.

The tooth has since disappeared, and it is believed that he has hidden it on a ledge at the top of the cage—some fifteen feet high.

FINDS GOLD DUST VALUED AT \$5 IN HEN'S CROP

SALINA, Kan., May 30.—Mrs. C. C. Charles, of this city, is wondering if she "killed the hen that was preparing to lay the golden egg."

In the gizzard of a member of her feathered flock Mrs. Charles found a substance resembling gold. A test proved that it was gold and worth more than \$5.

The only way that Mrs. Charles can account for the gold dust was that it was contained in a gravel pile in her chicken yard.

OLD-TIME ACTORS GOT SALARY OF \$35-A WEEK

LONDON, May 30.—Miss Kate Terry, sister of Ellen Terry, and the first of the famous theatrical family to appear on the stage, makes much of a comparison between salaries paid to "stars" in her early days and the present figures.

KING KEEPS WALES FROM BUYING OIL

Believes it Politically Unwise for Son to Invest in Mexican Stocks.

LONDON, May 30.—King George has put the ban on a million-dollar investment in oil stock on behalf of the Prince of Wales, on the ground that it would be politically unwise for the prince to become a large holder in shares of a commodity which is the subject of international disputes.

The trustees of the Duchy of Cornwall, the private estate of the Prince of Wales, had \$1,000,000 "idle" and selected Mexican Eagle and other oil stocks to invest it in, but King George the King heard of the plan and vetoed the deal.

DIAZ PLANS TO LEAVE MEXICAN SOIL FOREVER

VERA CRUZ, May 30.—Gen. Felix Diaz, head of the strong rebel faction in southern Mexico, is planning to leave Mexico and spend the remainder of his life in exile on foreign soil, according to information from a reliable source today.

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MIXES DICE WITH PRAYER, PINCHED

Denver's Colored Housewives Now Know Where Mrs. Showalter Got Auto.

DENVER, May 30.—Mrs. Clementine Showalter's reputation as an extremely devout and pious negro suffered a severe setback when police detectives unceremoniously entered her apartment where she had nightly "religious meetings."

From the time Mrs. Showalter arrived in Denver from Fort Worth, Tex., nearly a year ago, she has devoted much time to the church, occupying a front pew every Sunday, in addition to the evening "prayer meetings" at her home.

Every night during the week Mrs. Showalter held a little home meeting where the brothers gathered and sang the good-old hymns and listened to Mrs. Showalter's powerful prayers.

The sisters were never invited to these meetings, it appears, and they worried some over the fact—also about the woman's sealakin coat and smart little motor car.

Then one evening three men shuffled from the parlors of Mrs. Showalter's rather fashionable apartment. Standing on the corner, turning their pockets inside out, they registered considerable dejection.

Suddenly the trio were struck by a happy inspiration. They hurried post haste to police headquarters.

"We will now sing 'Bringing in the Sheaves,'" the pious Mrs. Showalter was announcing to the brothers, who were on their knees in curious little groups, when detectives eased in through a side door of the apartment, following the visit of the dejected trio to City Hall police station.

"Lady, these men claim you are gathering too many sheaves," interrupted one of the officers.

The detectives found the worshippers gathered around crap tables, a few of them singing lustily as they inwardly prayed for the appearance of "Lil' Phoebe." Several hundred dollars were in sight.

"I jes' let the boys trifle with the bones to get them here," Mrs. Showalter explained to the raiding officers. "Otherwise they might be in low dives. There is a little 'kitty' of course, but I use the 'drag' for my missionary work in Liberia."

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ROMANCE IN APE HOUSE AMUSES ZOO KEEPERS

Two Claimants For Paw of Gladys, Fair Young Chimpanzee, Recently Arrived.

LONDON, May 30.—Every official at the Zoological Gardens is watching with tender interest a budding romance at the ape house.

A fair young chimpanzee, Gladys, has just arrived, and there were at once two claimants for her paw. Mickey, the veteran chimpanzee, who is also "Father of the Zoo," was rejected by the authorities on Gladys's behalf as too crusty a bachelor. Percy, the other chimpanzee, was chosen as being more suitable in age and disposition.

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