

# FEWER PERSONS JOIN CHURCHES

### Small Increase in Protestant Membership Takes Place in 1919, Figures Show

NEW YORK, April 7.—The smallest increase in Protestant membership in thirty years is recorded for 1919 in statistics compiled by Dr. H. K. Carroll, who prepared the first official census of religions, and made public by The Christian Herald. The increase for 1919 was only 56,000 as compared with the average increase for the ten years previous of 771,947. The slump started, he said, in 1918, which showed an increase of only 155,000 members.

The hitherto most prosperous denominations in the United States showed the following decreases for the year: Methodist Episcopal 69,940; Presbyterian (U. S. A. Northern) 32,308; Disciples of Christ 17,644; Methodist Episcopal (south) 16,940; North American Baptist convention 9156; National Baptist convention 35,067; Presbyterians (U. S. A. southern) 831; United Presbyterian 2888; Cumberland Presbyterian 1645; Welsh Calvinistic Presbyterians 592; Norwegian Lutheran 2610.

Among the reasons assigned for the decrease were the interruption by suspension of regular work of many churches by the war, calling of pastors from their pulpits by the concentration of efforts in centenary and other gigantic drives for funds and a great increase in deaths, due partly to the influenza epidemic.

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# WAR TAXES FORCE PROPERTY SALES

### Increasing Burden Compels English Nobility to Sell Parts of Great Estates

LONDON, April 7.—England's war taxes continue to force many of her nobility to sell parts of their great estates. One of the greatest of these which recently has passed under the auctioneer's hammer is that of the duke of Rutland, which is known as Belvoir. The duke owns about 53,000 acres of which he is selling about 13,000 acres located in the best part of the Lincolnshire hunting district.

He explained at a public meeting that the sale was made necessary by the increasing burden of taxation resulting from the war.

Goadby Hall, one of the duke's properties of 220 acres, was sold privately in the advance of the public sale and 100 tenants have bought from the duke the farms he had rented to them.

Earl Manvers' estate, known as "Holme Pierrepont" at Radcliffe-on-Trent, has been sold at auction for 42,685 pounds. It covers 320 acres.

It is reported that part of the estate of the earl of Londesborough comprising Raintcliffe Woods and Racecourse has been bought by a Scarborough financier.

# KRAMER SAYS "WETS" MUST ACT AT ONCE

BALTIMORE, April 6.—"I don't know what you have up your sleeves," said Federal Prohibition Officer Krammer, "but whatever you are thinking of do it quick. For if prohibition stays in the United States for two years, it will never be approved."

"Don't think I am foolish enough to believe that there are no violations of the prohibition law," said the nation's official enforcer of the eighteenth amendment. "You can go to New York City right now and get a drink if you want it. I don't know that I ought to put you on to that," he added amid laughter.

# REED OPPOSES PACT

KANSAS CITY, April 6.—United States Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri in a statement, given out here tonight, announced that he would not accept election as a delegate at large from Missouri to the Democratic national if he is bound by instructions to support the league of nations covenant.

# OFFICER DENIES CRUELTY CHARGE

### No Bloodthirsty Police Swept Streets of Paris General Harts Says

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Charges that "strong armed, blood thirsty police companies swept the streets of Paris, making wholesale arrests of American soldiers," were denied before a house war investigating committee by Brigadier General William W. Harts, former commander of American troops in the Paris district.

General Harts, who was ordered home from Germany, where he is chief of staff of the American forces, to testify, also denied that his forces put arrested soldiers through "a third degree to obtain confessions of crime" or that they were "beaten, threatened and inhumanly treated."

Representative Bland, Republican, Indiana, who questioned the witness, read reports of specific cases in which officers were said to have assaulted soldiers and asked whether General Harts took action in these cases.

# RUSSIAN WIFE SUPPORTS MAN

### Required to Provide for Husband if He is Unable to Work and Needs Help

LONDON, April 7.—A Russian wife is required to support her husband if she is able to do so and he is unable to work and in need of her support, under the marriage laws of soviet Russia. A copy of this code, translated into English has just reached London from the Russian people's commissariat of justice.

It provides that married persons shall be expected to support each other. Should one refuse and the other be what is classed as a "needy" unfit to work, the latter has the right to apply to the department of social security to compel the husband or wife, as the case may be, to pay support.

# WINS WIFE'S HAND IN MARRIAGE

That isn't as funny as it sounds, or looks, either. It simply means that James L. Crane, who as Bob Merrick in "Sinners," the Realart picture playing at the Alhambra theater tomorrow, succeeds in inducing little "Mary Horton" to pronounce the fatal "yes." Oh, and by the way, we forgot to mention that "Mary Horton" is really Miss Alice Brady, who is Mrs. Crane in private life.

"Sinners," which was directed by Kenneth Webb, is one of the most compelling stories ever screened on a play it had a phenomenal run in New York.

Mary Horton leaves her sheltered home in the New Hampshire hills and goes to the city to seek employment and thus support her invalid mother. Through the intervention of fate, Mary meets Hilda West, formerly from her home town but now a blase woman of the world. A strange sentiment compels Hilda to befriend Mary, the innocent, and she introduces her to the worldly element which makes up Hilda's coteries. Mary's charming innocence and naivete make friends for her immediately. Through the story runs the marvelous instinct of the mother who instinctively feels that danger is hovering over her little girl. But over her is spread the guiding influence of Bob Merrick, who finally wins Mary in spite of the baleful shadow of suspicion that rested on him.

# Vocational Training Offered M. C. Recruits

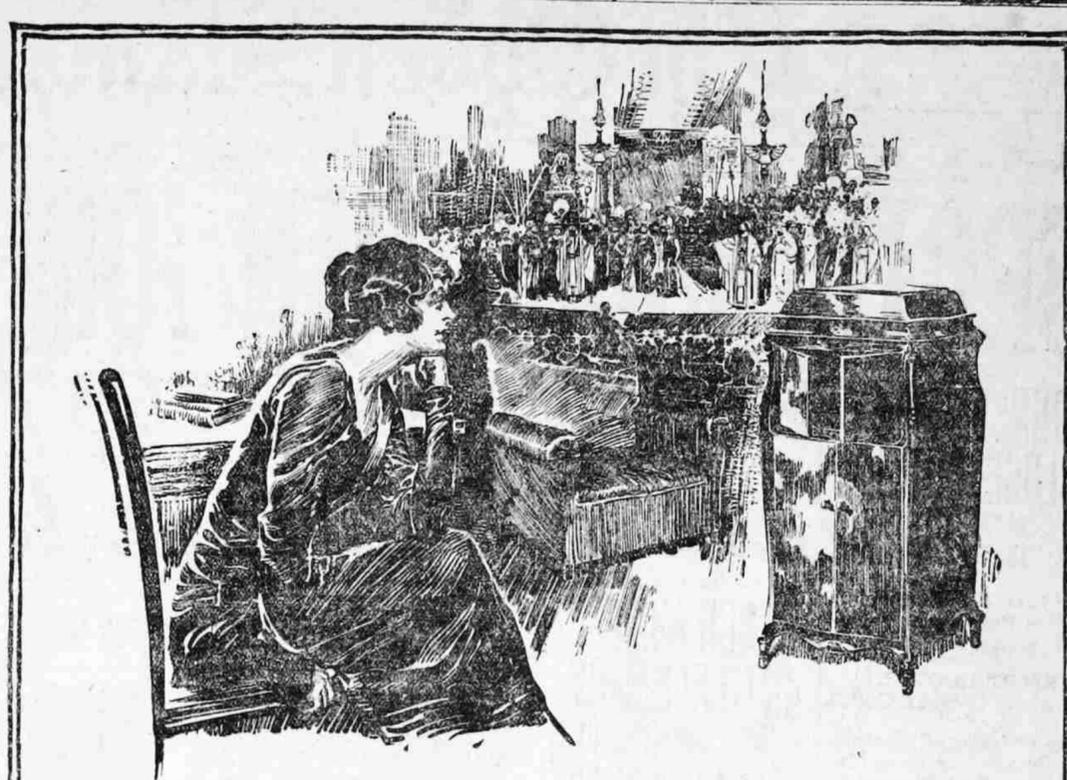
A course in vocational training to learn a mechanical trade that is highly paid is offered young men of Ogdenville by a new recruiting order of the United States Marine corps, according to Sergeant James D. Cole, of the local Marine recruiting station. Opportunity is also given for the applicants to join the Fifth regiment of Marines.

# Discharged Reserve Men Get Concessions

Discharged members of the United States naval reserve force who were formerly national naval volunteers and who performed active duty during the war may enroll within four months of the date of their discharge, providing such enrollment is made prior to the signing of peace, announces G. S. Pugh, navy recruiting officer. They will then be eligible for transfer to the regular navy, with all the benefits of such transfer. The announcement does not apply to Class 1 men.

# POLITICAL NOTES

MINNEAPOLIS, April 6.—Fred B. Lynch of St. Paul, Democratic national committeeman, was elected a delegate at large to the national conven-



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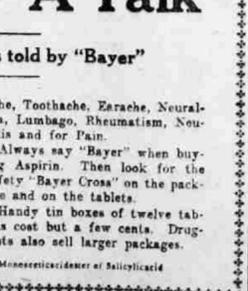
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# REMOVE WAR TROPHIES

BELFAST, April 6.—The police visited the Belfast museum today and removed the French mortars, machine guns and other war trophies on exhibition there.

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# NORMA TALMADGE AT ORPHEUM LAST TIME

Chance remarks are often the cause of momentous happenings. A remark made by a guide who was taking a party through the slums of New York, in one of the most notorious resorts in the underworld, changed the entire career of the daughter of the owner. The guide declared to his party that it was no wonder that children raised in such surroundings became crooks and criminals.

# NEW YORK, April 6.—First returns from the New York primary elections at large to the Republican national convention, who are unimpaired, a lead of nearly three to one over William M. Bennett, running against the regular organization ticket as an announced advocate of the nomination of Senator Johnson of California.

# ATLANTA, Ga., April 6.—Attorney General Palmer was forced to cancel a speaking engagement here tonight because of an attack of acute indigestion with which he was stricken at Gainesville, after delivering a campaign address today.

# ASBURY PARK, N. J., April 6.—Senator Hiram W. Johnson, of California, in an address here tonight in the interest of his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, reiterated that he was supporting the principles of free speech, free press, guns and other war trophies on exhibition there.

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