

MOVIES BLAMED FOR DIVORCE EVIL

Baptist Convention Committee Urges Uniform Code of Marriage Laws

CALLS FILMS SUGGESTIVE

By the Associated Press
Washington, May 17.—Moving pictures, lax laws and intemperance are blamed for the numerous divorces in the United States by the committee of temperance and social service in its report to the Southern Baptist Convention today. Enactment of a uniform code of marriage and divorce laws was recommended as a remedy.

Quoting from government statistics on the number of divorces obtained annually in the country, the report shows that in 1919, when the last figures were gathered, there were 112,000 divorces.

Were later figures available the report continued, "the picture would doubtless be darker still, certainly this would be true of 1919 owing to the large number of hasty and foolish marriages contracted during the war."

"As a primary cause of this sad condition," the report denounces the motion-picture as now produced, declaring that "nearly every film put upon the screen contains in its plot some evil suggestion. Many of the films are based on the 'eternal triangle' and the suggestion of disregard if not an open breach of the marital relation."

Laxness of the laws of marriage and divorce is "unquestionably one of the most fruitful causes of the prevalent and growing divorce evil," the report states, "emphasizing the need of better laws regulating marriage. Many of the marriage and divorce laws of the states are described as 'foolishly absurd.'"

The report recommends among other things the publishing of the marriage laws for at least thirty days before the rite can be celebrated and physical examination of each party by a physician.

SEE DOLLAR HAIRCUT

Barbers Numbering 10,000 Vote to Strike in New York

New York, May 17.—Safety razors are going up or whiskers are coming in. Yesterday a thousand or more barbers gathered at Bryant Hall and decided they really couldn't keep on shearing locks and shaving faces on their present wage scale. They voted to strike. The walkout will affect some 9,000 or 10,000 men, according to union officials. Just whether or not the dollar haircut is upon New York is not certain just yet, although boss barbers for the most part are positive they will go to rack and ruin unless they increase the price that high if the strike is won. The journeymen barbers, on the other hand, point out that their demands are moderate and that if the dollar haircut comes it will be a much more profitable strike for the bosses than for their employees. There is absolutely no reason why the price should be jumped to more than sixty cents, they say.

No one, whether boss or journeyman, sheds any tears for the public today. Hair, it was explained, has a way of growing on the head of the male human, and he is much too conceited to either wear it long or to let his wife try her unskilled hand at snipping it off.

SWITZERLAND FOR LEAGUE

Referendum Results in 93,270 Majority in Favor

Berne, May 17.—Switzerland yesterday in a referendum on the question of accepting or rejecting of membership in the League of Nations voted in favor of the proposition.

The vote was a narrow one, 11½% of the cantonal votes being in favor and 10½% against. The popular vote in favor of the league was 414,600 and against it, 329,880.

The German-speaking cantons polled a majority of 10,000 against the league, while a large majority of the French-speaking cantons favored it.

America's non-entrance into the league was exploited by opponents of Switzerland's adherence, especially the Socialists, who proclaimed the league to be the work of the imperialists of France and England.

Shore Butcher Takes His Life

Atlantic City, May 17.—Leon Freedman, fifty years old, who conducted a meat market at New Jersey and Arctic avenues, committed suicide yesterday, according to the police, by turning on the gas in a room of his home at 105 North New Jersey avenue. He was discovered about 7 o'clock by his wife, after he had been dead for several hours.

Dutch-Venezuelan Quarrel Ends

Carcas, May 17.—A protocol reviewing diplomatic relations between Holland and Venezuela was signed here Saturday. Diplomatic relations were severed in 1908 by President Castro because of claims by Dutch subjects.

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SOVIET OFFENSIVE BEGINS NEAR KIEV

Bolsheviki Striking Back at Poles and Ukrainians, Moscow Announces

BATTLE 10 MILES FROM KIEV

By the Associated Press

London, May 17.—Russian Bolshevik forces are striking back at the Polish and Ukrainian troops which captured Kiev about ten days ago, according to an official statement issued in Moscow yesterday and received here by wireless. The statement said soviet troops had started an advance and were engaged about ten miles northeast of Kiev.

"In the Borisov region fighting of a local nature occurred," the statement continued. "Our airmen again engaged successfully with Polish airmen and downed a Polish airplane. The aviator was taken prisoner."

"In the Cherkask region we have occupied a village west of that town. In Vapniarka direction our troops are conducting a successful fight ten miles north of Vapniarka station."

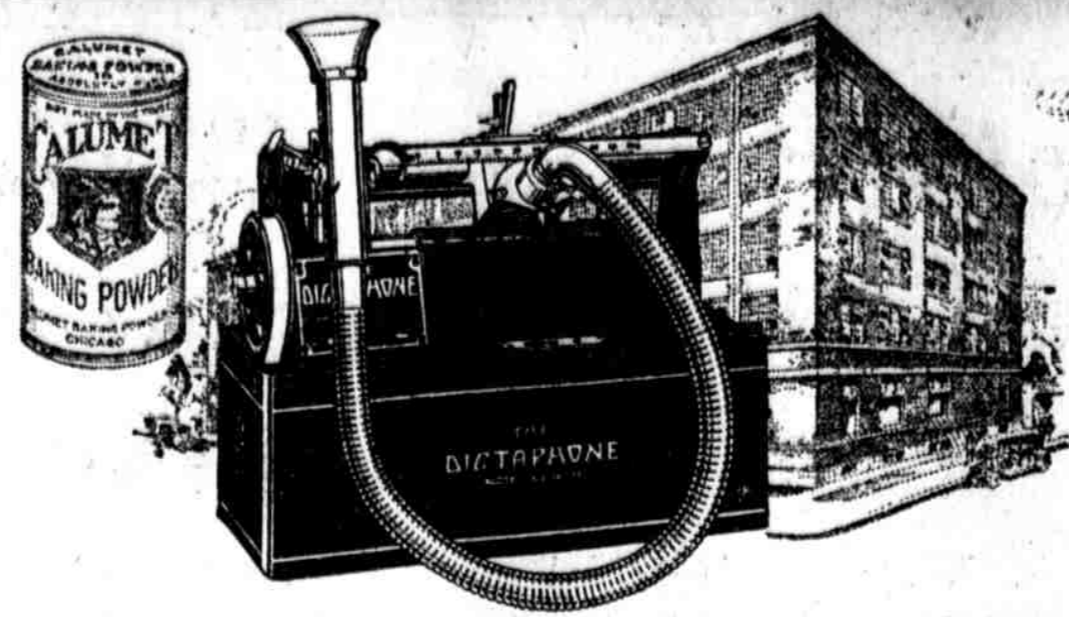
"In the Crimea sector west of Perekop isthmus enemy ships several times bombarded coast villages. In the sea of Azov there have been encounters with enemy ships fourteen miles west of Berdiansk. The enemy ships were forced to retire."

British representatives on the commission appointed by the supreme economic council to deal with the Russian co-operative societies at meetings here will insist that the Bolsheviks agree to severe terms before the Allies reopen trade relations.

British foreign office officials do not disguise their anxiety over the trend of events in the Near East, where things are getting out of the hands of the governments with which the British are willing to deal. Consequently, it is declared one of the terms to be laid down will be that the Bolsheviks cease all activities in the Near East.

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