

BIRTH CONTROL SECT BARRED IN PORTLAND

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Arrest of Mrs. Margaret Sanger and Her Followers Here in 1916 Recalled by News.

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"Of course they won't be welcome," thundered Mayor Baker. "I don't know what the matter is with those people. Of all the cities in the world, Portland would be the least receptive to them and their doctrines."

Mrs. Sanger Police Guest. Attaches of the district attorney's office, when shown the dispatch, immediately began rummaging through files and brought to light many of the legal papers and newspaper clippings touching on the visit to this city in 1916 of Mrs. Margaret Sanger, high priestess of the birth-control forces.

Mrs. Sanger's reception here was confined principally to the police and the police judge. She was arrested on the morning of her departure, and, though acquitted herself, three of her male associates were convicted and fined \$10 apiece.

The birth-control movement according to the dispatch, have just concluded a conference in London and have agreed that Portland has the proper setting for their next meeting place.

The reduction of Asiatic birth rate by peaceful means and the necessity of the repeal of American laws against birth control propaganda were discussed at the conference.

Portland Half-way Station. Portland was selected as a convention city because of the fact that it is a "half-way point between the orient and the occident" and would be handy for the Japanese radicals and liberals who are the birth-control down that nation's quota of the heavenly immigrants.

Mrs. Sanger, who was one of the leaders of the great meeting evidently forgot the details of her Portland visit when she impressed on her fellow delegates the desirability of Portland as a meeting place.

Mrs. Sanger, a trained nurse by profession, and the author of a number of birth control books, arrived in this city in June, 1916, and attempted to hold a meeting at the Hotel Seattle. A detail of bluecoats swooped down on the gathering, arrested the high priestess, Dr. Marie Equi, Mrs. F. A. Greatwood and Mrs. Maud Bourner. Three men who were distributing birth control literature at the door of the theater were taken off to face the judge.

At the hearing, the women were acquitted, but the men were fined. Mrs. Sanger at that time the first state to raise its hand against her teachings.

City Will Be Prepared. "Don't recall the exact provisions of the law regarding such literature," Mayor Baker stated. "But if we have no existing law against such an affair you can rest assured that we will have before there is any such meeting. Portland people don't care to listen to such outrageous doctrines and don't want their city made ridiculous by housing such a gathering."

Deputy District Attorney Hamersley is of the opinion that birth control propaganda and birth control literature are not entirely lawful.

"We have a statute which prohibits the distribution or possession of obscene and indecent pamphlets, photographs and literature," he said. "Courts have held that birth control literature came under this class. Of course, if somebody wanted to hold a birth control convention here, we could do nothing until they actually broke the law."

Local Forces Demoralized. Birth control forces in Portland were in a rather demoralized condition, said Dr. Marie Equi, well-known radical. At one time, the followers of this doctrine were rather numerous in Portland but since the war and the campaign against radicalism the movement has been on the wane.

"I heard from Mrs. Sanger several months ago, before she left for India to carry on her work there," said Dr. Equi. "She told me that she probably would visit Portland in October of this year. There is a birth control association in Portland, but I wouldn't care to give you the names of the leaders because they might object to the publicity."

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Eastern Washington Fire Conditions Better Save in Section of Pend d'Oreille County.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 29.—(Special.)—Standing pine timber valued at \$50,000 has been destroyed by fire in southern Pend d'Oreille county within the past 24 hours.

Warden Baker reported Friday to State Forester Page. The fire is in a heavily timbered area, eight miles from the nearest road. Warden Baker today took in a large crew and equipment to fight the blaze.

Elsewhere in eastern Washington fire conditions were reported as better than at any time in the past ten days. Stevens and Spokane county fires were dying down, it was said.

Cooler weather and light south winds carrying much moisture have helped conditions on the west side. One large new fire in the Buford Lumber company's workings near Ravensdale, King county, was reported in an adjoining section a Northern Pacific railroad fire started last night.

There will be no letup in the vigilance exercised for the protection of the timber in the "storm zone" in Clallam county, nor any modification of regulations pertaining to prevention work, according to a letter addressed by Governor Hart to

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The Merrill-Ring Lumber company, which has extensive timber holdings in the Olympic peninsula. The letter followed a request by the Merrill-Ring company for a modification of laws.

"I have no desire to interfere with business or to stop the production of logs or the running of the mills, but the legislature, at its last session, imposed upon me the duty of preventing conflagrations in the forests of that section, and while I would not hesitate to exclude every possible operation requiring fires," the governor said.

WINLOCK FIRE IS REPORTED Flames Believed to Have Been Started by Incendiary.

WINLOCK, Wash., July 29.—(Special.)—Fire broke out Wednesday in the Weyerhaeuser Timber company's holdings, ten miles west of town, and developed into one of the most threatening blazes in western Lewis county. Indications point to the origin of the flames as the work of firebugs, as they started about one mile west of the Menefee company's tract and there are no logging operations carried on in the vicinity.

Manager Tevis of the Menefee company has half of his logging camp, including the regular staff of the regular army, chief of staff of the 96th division, in command. A corps of officers numbering 21 will act as instructors. The camp will last about a month.

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Veterans of Suffrage Campaign Likely to Fight to Cut Down "Immigration From Heaven."

BY NORMAN H. MATSON. (Copyright, 1922, by The Oregonian.) LONDON, July 29.—(Special cable.)—Will deliberate, scientific restrictions of "immigration from heaven" solve the problem picturesquely labeled the "Yellow Peril"?

The world's leading propagandists of such restrictions think so, and Baron Kekichi Ishimoto, a prominent Japanese liberal, assured me that no country is so ready to accept family limitation propaganda as his own. Japan has outgrown her territory, she must cut down her birth rate. Because this is quite generally understood and because the literacy average is high, Baron Ishimoto said he was confident that birth control must become popular.

A falling birth rate, he said, would prove this in the next few years. The fifth international birth control conference, held in London and attended by delegates from most of the countries of Europe, the orient and America, is scheduled to hold the next international conference in Portland, Or., in 1925.

Portland Central Point. It was agreed that this city was the most central meeting point now in the world, with the best access to the Far East and the United States. In Portland emphasis will be placed upon urgent necessity of the subject. It is the duty of the American people to fight this rate by peaceful means, and upon the "necessity" of getting American laws against open birth control propaganda repealed.

In the conference here delegates from Scandinavia, Holland, Germany, Austria, France and Japan reported rapid spread of knowledge of the subject and constantly lessening of official opposition. In England birth control has ceased to be a controversial subject. "If the government does not encourage the propaganda it does not interfere with it. The parliaments of Austria and Germany have now enacted legislation that would remove the last restrictions; the French birth rate is eloquent—in a word, the delegates pointed, in no major way, to the restrictions so severe as in the United States.

Campaign Is Planned. From now until the international conference in Portland three years hence, the American group proposes, according to Mrs. Margaret Sanger, to intensify its campaign. "Passive" tactics failing, there is to be resort to "militancy" of the American women delegates that came to London from the United States the great majority were veterans of the suffrage campaign. They picketed in Washington, many of them went to jail and hunger struck. They think those methods effective and are ready, if not rather eager, to try them again.

Among the militant suffragettes who attended the conference were: Mrs. George H. Day Sr. of Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Clara Louise Rowe, New York; Mrs. Otis Skinner, New York; Mrs. Anne Kennedy, New York; Miss Frances J. J. of New York; Miss Walter M. Newkirk, Philadelphia; Mrs. Rubie, New York.

Wireless Control Target. So much for birth control. But just now Englishmen are interested in the wireless. Wireless enthusiasts have read of the growing popularity of "listening in" in the United States with a little envy and frankly worded criticism of the government delays that deprive them of the air. Already thousands of American and French sets have been sold in this country. Some of these are wondering if they will be forced to throw them away and buy British-made apparatus. It is understood that the postmaster general, acting on instructions of the cabinet, has decided to protect British manufacturers by preventing the importation of foreign-made sets.

The manufacturer declared some time ago that their one chance of profiting from conducting broadcasting stations would be by selling their own sets. The British article is decidedly more expensive than made in America and France.

Priest, 84, Says He Is Not Too Old to Travel.

Father De Roo to Visit Belgium to Publish Book.

SILVERTON, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—There is no such a thing as being too old to travel, says Rev. Father P. De Roo, who has been at the Mount Angel monastery for the last ten months and is now preparing to return to his home at 1127 Corbett street, Portland. Father De Roo is 84 years old and is planning on returning to his native country, Belgium, before this year is out. It is not his intention to remain there.

"Just a little matter of business," he said, "which perhaps will take a year to complete, at the end of which time I will return to my Portland home."

The business matter which takes him to Belgium is the publication of his new book, the manuscript of which is completed and is being revised by Father De Roo at Mount Angel. The book is entitled "The History of Pope Alexander the Sixth," and will be completed in five volumes. It is an extensive history of the pope, his relatives and his time, which was from 1492 to 1503. The publishing of it will take about one year. To have it brought out in America would cost \$15,000, whereas it can be done in Belgium for \$5,000.

Father De Roo is a native of Belgium and did not come to America until he was 14 years old. For the past 50 years Oregon has been his home. He organized the titles of the municipal clerk of Baker City, going from there to organize one at Pendleton and finally going on to Portland to become pastor of St. Joseph's church. He speaks several languages. The English he says, was the easiest to learn. He is able to translate from and to French, Italian, Spanish, German, Latin and Dutch.

In his first book, "The History of America Before Columbus," which was published in 1900, he employed 14 different languages and in his new book copies of original documents will be inserted in seven different languages.

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