

# There's a Babies' Fairyland in an Illinois Town



A Group of Little Ones Enjoying the Camera—It Was Meant That They Should Enjoy Their Afternoon Milk, but They Could Not be Made to Drink While the Camera-Man was Around.

By JESSIE B. PAYNE

If "Little Orphan Annie" had been recruited early enough and taken in by the Deaconess Baby Fold at Normal, Illinois, there wouldn't have been any need to write poems about her. Not that she mightn't have told goblin stories just the same, but she probably would have been more sure of fairies and the other happy "little people."

They call the big rambling house in the Illinois town the Mason Deaconess Home, and then they make it sound all cosey, as it is, by nick-naming it "The Baby Fold." There, orphans of all complexions and of practically all nationalities are brought into a home so full of loving care that even young people of their tender years recognize it as home-like.

Around the big house are ten city lots (hearken, all city children!) for doll teas and luncheons. Then back to that there are twenty acres of grazing land used as pasture for cows that furnish Grade A milk twice a day for the babies.

At present there are forty blue, black and brown-eyed babies in the Deaconess Baby Fold. And, if the Interchurch World Movement can prophesy correctly, it will not be long before there will be room for more so that fewer tiny candidates will be turned away.

Such real homes for babies are considered so tremendously worth while by the investigators of the Interchurch organization



Ready for Bed the Little Ones, Grouped on the Starry ay, "Look Pleasant" While Their Pictures Are Taken—The Evening Prayer With "Mother"—This Particular "Mother" is the Idol of All the Children.

that the example set by the Deaconesses of the Methodist Episcopal church is likely to be copied all over the land. With the combined Protestant churches of America deciding on a better, happier-baby campaign, one of these days there will be no downhearted orphans. Every state will have its baby fold.

During the recent ravages of the "flu" there have been hundreds of children left motherless if not entirely orphaned. At least a dozen of the present diminutive inmates of the baby fold were brought to the chief deaconess "Mother Asher" by perplexed, sorrowing fathers who had come to the end of their strength as baby tenders.

One family of three, the eldest a four-year-old, arrived within the month and were much amazed at the strenuous tubbing considered necessary as the first rite in matriculating. When finally decked out in a freshly starched "Baby Fold" pinafore, the delighted four-year-old remarked to his nurse "Daddy tried to wash me, but not like this."

A family plan is followed in the parceling out of the babies to nurses, which keeps six tots as near the same age and development as can be managed in each group. Each half dozen, then, has a tiny table and meals served, a motherly nurse presiding. As soon as the babies can chatter they are



An Event in the Dormitory—Generally the Children Use the Beds for Sleeping but Here They Are Used as a Background for Another Picture.

taught a simple verse of "Grace" which thereafter prefaces each meal no matter how active the pangs of hunger.

So famed are Baby Fold babies becoming that there are many visitors at the Deaconess Home on adoption missions. Many of the children are candidates for Christian homes and the chief difficulty of the prospective parents is in making a decision among so many winsome, happy little folks. When there are any five-year-old children without relatives to return to, they are sent on to more grown-up orphanages, since five is the graduating age of babies.

But few remain to be sent on to other institutions and many more could be provided with foster fathers and mothers if there were greater capacity in the baby fold. Every year numbers of men and women leave the house of babies with their ambitions unsatisfied and yet somewhere there are the children who were unsuccessful applicants for a corner of the fold.



## N. Y. ASSEMBLY IN HOT SCENE ON EXPULSION

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belief or state of mind. "With regard to the second charge that of planning the overthrow of the government by force, in no part of the record do I consider this to have been proved. At worst, there are some ambiguous phrases and utterances. To convict on these it is necessary to assume that each and every member of the party subscribes to every tenet of the party, an unfair assumption.

"Finds No Cause for Expulsion. "It has been definitely proved in the investigation that minors and aliens are members of the socialist party and may influence its policy and sit as members of its controlling committees. This is a most unsavory fact, but should we expel the party on this account? Again, no!"

"We abhor the party's principles. We must not let this influence us to commit a crime against representative government. We have established no case against the socialist party. We must not expel these men therefore; simply because they are members of the socialist party.

"The second but less important feature that comes up before us is the question of fitness of these men as individuals.

"We have a rancorous dislike for the actions of most of these men as individuals. Our actions, however, must have no reference to any except two things—original justice and discretionary application. We must not let this entirely unjustifiable dislike force us to commit a crime against representative government. We must resent these men and then in our pleasure take up and remedy by legislation such things in their party, as may need correction."

## REPUBLICANS WOULD MAKE END OF WAR

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Leaders declared the Republicans would vote solidly for the resolution which they held should meet the approval of the state department, since it did not declare peace, but simply an end to an existing state of war.

## "To Sign or Not to Sign" Is This Horse's Problem

LOS ANGELES, March 31.—Whether the 18th amendment prevents a horse from drinking a buck of champagne before entering a horsecar, was a question asked here today of John P. Carter, collector of internal revenue for southern California.

The question came from Miss Maud Banks, wealthy resident of Wyoming, owner of Confidence, a three galter valued at \$10,000 which she has entered at the horse show to be held at Santa Barbara next week. It has been Miss Banks' custom, it is said, to permit Confidence to drink a gallon of champagne before competing

## PEAK OF H. C. L. PASSED AND HOPE GROWS

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strict the volume of credit have been only partially successful. As a result high interest rates and a relative scarcity of funds will continue to prevail during the period in which the country is endeavoring to expand its productive capacity and to overcome the relative loss of progress resulting from war limitations upon investment and production."

## Colonel Brangle Holds Special Meeting Today

Colonel Brangle, international evangelist of the Salvation army who is conducting a series of evangelistic meetings at the Salvation army hall on State street, will conduct a service at 3 o'clock this afternoon and the regular meeting tonight. Attendance was good again last night notwithstanding rough weather.

## Fuel Costs Are Tested by Superintendent Steiner

Tests made by Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, serve to show the comparative cost of burning various kinds of fuel for heating purposes at the institution. The tests show slabwood to be the cheapest fuel.

## Many Alien Enemy Prisoners Paroled; Others Deported

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 31.—Twenty-one of the 76 alien enemy prisoners still held at Fort Douglas Internment barracks here refuse to sign parole papers and probably will be deported, according to an announcement today by Dave Gershon, head of the local department of justice bureau.

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## Greek Isle Fears Advent of Kaiser

CORFU, Greece, March 29.—Every few days Corfu, before the war the favorite resort of the German emperor, hears a report that Wilhelm is anxious to return to his castle here and sometimes the rumors actually fix a time for his arrival.

Most of the Corfu folk become extremely indignant at the suggestion that a Greek island should be mentioned as a shelter for Wilhelm, the village jesters apparently reviving the rumor to keep the drowsy island awake.

If we get our hands on the kaiser and ex-king Constantine we will give their noses a good twisting," said an old orange seller. "Corfu would like to have them come here together. We would attend to them alright."

## Jerman Brothers Sued in Federal Tribunal

PORTLAND, Or., March 31.—Non-delivery of a large quantity of hops, now almost exclusively used in yeast making, forms the basis of a claim for recovery of \$4800, in a suit filed in federal court yesterday by the Carl Ullman company of New York against A. N. Jerman and H. J. Jerman, hop culturists of the Salem district.

The complaint sets forth that the Jermana failed to make delivery under their contract, when the price of hops soared from 15 to 85 cents a pound. Forced into the open market, the plaintiff company asserts that it sustained a loss of \$4800 over the contract price when it failed to receive the Oregon hops. Return of \$800, said to have been advanced to the Salem hopgrowers, is also asked.

## Fletcher's Staff Not a Happy Family at All

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Further details of friction and factional feeling among members of Rear Admiral William B. Fletcher's staff at Brest, France, during the war were disclosed today to the naval court investigating the admiral's removal by Vice Admiral Sims.

Two former members of the staff, Lieutenant Joseph A. Carey, flag secretary, and Commander F. M. Baldwin, material officer, testified, the latter insisting that an "impression" had prevailed at Brest that Admiral Fletcher had not made use of his staff. Baldwin said he had told the admiral that in his own case he "hadn't enough to do" to fill his time.

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"We must get the strangle-hold of the excess profits tax and certain other taxes off the throat of business, because they are paralyzing initiative at a time when we most need it," he said. "We must not be afraid of encouraging good business no matter how big it is."

"We can be greatly assisted in building up business if we can spread the war burden over a longer period of years. We do not want to do anything which hampers business building. We want to make the burden upon it as easy to bear as possible."

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