

DIVORCE IS VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM

(From the Irish World)

United States Senator Ramsdell, of Louisiana, in a speech in the Senate, in introducing a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, that "Absolute divorce with the right to re-marry shall not be permitted in the United States, or within any place within their jurisdiction; uniform laws in regard to marriage, and to separation . . . without permission to re-marry, shall be enacted for the United States and all places subject to them and Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation," said:

At this time I deem it necessary to make only a brief observation on the great evil of divorce. The remedy by constitutional prohibition is drastic, but the remedy is so fatal that nothing short of it will prove efficacious.

Practically everyone who has given the subject the slightest study admits that divorce is one of the most serious problems confronting our Republic. In the United States divorce is spreading with alarming rapidity. It has premeated every walk of life and is prevalent among every class of people. The total number of divorces granted in 1867 was 9,993, or 27 per cent per 100,000 population. Forty years later in 1906, there were 72,062 divorces, or 85 per 100,000; thus in actual numbers, there were more than seven times as many divorces granted in 1906 as in 1867, or, allowing for the increased population, divorce has increased 319 per cent. To put it in another way, in 1867 there was one divorce for every 3,666 people, while in 1906 there was 1 for every 1,162.

If divorces multiply at the same rate in the future as in the past—and there is every indication that they will increase faster—then, before the middle of this century, we will have annually in the United States 275 divorces per 100,000 population, or 1 divorce for every 5 marriages.

Our closest competitors in Europe are Switzerland, with 41 divorces annually per 100,000 population;

Hungary with 35, and France with 33, according to the statistics for 1910 and 1911, while Japan has 216 divorces to our 86. To make a most striking comparison, during 1901 the total number of divorces granted in the United States was more than twice as great as in all the rest of Christendom combined; yet actually more than two times as many divorces among 70,000,000 Americans that year as among 400,000,000 souls of Europe and other Christian countries.

England stands in bold contrast with this country. In 1911 she granted a total of only 655 divorces, or 1.2 per 100,000; while in the United States allowed 72,062 divorces, or 85 per 100,000. During the 20 years ending with 1906 Ireland had only 19 divorces, or an average of less than one absolute divorce per year for her population of 4,500,000.

If the United States were to write in the Constitution an Amendment prohibiting absolute divorce it would not be taking such a radical step as might at first be thought, but would be following a beaten path.

The State of North Carolina—all honor be to her—forbids divorce. It is absolutely forbidden in Italy, Spain, and two-thirds of the population of Austria Hungary, while the Latin-American countries of Mexico, Argentine Republic, Brazil, Peru, Chile and others have similar laws. A legal separation, however, without the right to re-marry, is recognized in all of these jurisdictions. In Canada the important provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Newfoundland, and the Northwest Territories have no divorce laws, though divorce may be obtained by an act of the Canadian Parliament. From 1867 to 1909—a period of 42 years—these provinces had only 140 absolute divorces.

It cannot be gainsaid that divorce destroys the home, and the home is the base and foundation of the state; hence we must stop divorce or ruin the state, which cannot continue to exist if its base is allowed to crumble and fall.

While many excellent people are divorced, and some of them make new homes, the inevitable trend of divorce is to break up many more homes than it builds up, and to materially reduce the number of children. When marriage is dissolved the true home ceases to exist, the par-

ents and children are separated, and the sweet ties that bind father and mother to their offspring and to each other are broken forever.

As long as the Romans of old looked upon marriage as sacred and held the sanctity of the home inviolate, their arms were invulnerable, and Rome became mistress of the world. But with the accumulation of colossal wealth came great laxity of morals, marriage became a jest and childbearing a useless burden. The luxurious Romans lost all respect for female chastity, the heroic virtue of their early years were forgotten, and the Empire fell, the victim of luxury and disregard for the binding effects of marriage. Shall not the United States take warning from Rome's example?

I appeal to all patriotic citizens—good men of every creed and of no creed—to unite in urging the adoption of my amendment, which has for its object, the preservation of the home, ay, sir, the preservation of the Republic: home which gave us our earliest and best lessons in morality; home, where we were taught to love, honor and obey our parents, and all lawful superiors; home, where we received our first lessons in government, a little state, in which our fond parents were the rulers and we, their children, were willing subjects; home, the greatest protection from anarchy, the strongest defense against Socialism, and the chief bulwark of society; home, the maker of good citizens and the model on which every wise government is founded.—Irish World.

Undertake Big Project
At a recent meeting of the Burns Commercial Club a plan was inaugurated which it is expected will provide for the immediate relief of that section from its present isolation. The plan provides for preliminary work in reference to construction of a railroad from Burns south to connect with the proposed branch of the Western Pacific at Bidwell, California, a distance of approximately 180 miles.

The road would run through the center of Harney valley, up the Dunder and Blitzen valley and across one end of the Catlow valley. Maps, data and exhibits from the territory affected will be prepared and representatives of the Commercial organization will be sent to California to enlist interest in the move.

LARGE WHITE STAR LINER LAUNCHED

Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 26.—The launching today of the Britannic, the 59,000 ton White Star liner, marked an important development in construction so far as engineering ingenuity can insure it.

The Britannic, intended for the trans-Atlantic service, had only been laid down when the Titanic disaster occurred and the plans of the new liner were almost completely remodeled. A complete inner skin extends to a considerable height above the load line, the most vulnerable portion of the vessel, and the height and number of bulkheads has been increased.

It is claimed for the Britannic that she would be able to float with six compartments filled with water.

The inner skin consists of heavy plating, extending from the water tight bulkhead in front of the forward boiler room to the after end of the turbine engine room. It is connected with the outer shell by longitudinal tubes and angles, with especially strong connections at bulkheads and watertight divisions. An extra watertight bulkhead has been introduced and the existing bulkheads have been carried up to the bridge deck.

University Degrees

Hon. William Dillon, formerly editor of the New World, the official organ of the Diocese of Chicago, has recently received his title as Doctor of Laws by the National University of Ireland. At a meeting of the University Senate last December, it was decided to confer degrees upon those students who for conscientious reasons refrained from attending institutions where they could have obtained a university degree, and in place thereof resorted to the Catholic University of Ireland, which was unable to grant them that privilege. Mr. Dillon is the brother of John Dillon.

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ABOUT HIGH TAXES

DEMAND FOR QUARTERLY PAYMENTS INCREASING RAPIDLY

Present System of Payment is Unjust to Taxpayers, and County is Not Benefitted

The Portland Telegram offers the following pertinent suggestions regarding the tax question: Paying taxes this year is causing more howls and complaints than usual.

In the first place they are too high.

In the second place, there is a pyramiding penalty for every month that they are not paid.

In the third place, money is scarce.

And in the fourth, fifth, sixth and other places, it is not contended that there is really any need of dumping all that tax money into the County Treasury in a lump when the County doesn't need the money for immediate use.

There is steadily increasing demand that taxes be paid quarterly or semi-annually, instead of citizens being forced, under penalty, to pay the taxes in a lump.

Consider the poor taxpayer. Persons who have not ready money to pay their taxes and yet who wish to avoid the heavy penalty, must borrow from the bank. The average individual in this position must pay the highest rate of interest, 7 or 8 per cent, for instance. The borrower may get the money from the bank in the morning and pay the taxes, and this money may be back in the bank by 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The County Treasurer takes the money which Mr. Taxpayer has borrowed at 7 or 8 per cent, and puts it back in the bank a few hours later, and the bank pays 2 per cent to the county for the privilege. So, the bank makes 6 per cent, or something like that, for allowing a few dollars to be taken out of the vault for less than a day. If the transaction is by check it may never leave the bank at all.

No urgent necessity of the county demands the immediate use of the tax money. The tax money is rolling in, and will remain, for the greater part, in bank for months. There is an agitation on foot that the taxes be paid quarterly, so the burden will fall more lightly on the taxpayers by giving more time to meet the rates, and the county, receiving its tax fund in four installments, will not be inconvenienced, but will have the money as it is needed. Quarterly payments will not work a hardship on anyone, and will do away with the necessity of borrowing by the taxpayers.

Homestead Credit Asked
Money troubles of homesteaders in the West were pictured to the joint committee at Washington on rural credits by George W. Fisher, of Redfield, S. D., who asked that Congress make provisions for loans to entrants on homestead lands. At present he declared, the poor homesteader who endeavored to make a start in a new country without sufficient capital was "victimized" by Shylock bankers, who strip each advancing wave of homesteaders and lie in wait for the next crop.

Byron Graves, familiarly known as "Bud", has returned to Chicago after spending most of the winter months in Tennessee, Louisiana and other southern states. Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Graves and Mr. and Mrs. J. Graves and family are at present residing in Chicago.

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