

BILLY SUNDAY FOR 'BACKBONE' AN ELOQUENT PROCLAMATION.

Doesn't Like Christians Who Hang to Some One. Wants Independent Stand. Condemns Those Who Serve God on Sabbath and Devil on Monday.

(New York Evening Sun, 12.) Religion is a continuous performance, Billy Sunday told his tabernacle congregation this afternoon in his sermon on "What Real Christianity Is." You can't be a saint on Sunday and a devil on Monday, he said. It is the evergreen religion, not the groundhog variety, that moves the world.

Mr. Sunday's text was I. John, 2-6: "He that saith he abideth in Him ought also to walk even as He walked." He said:

"Take up the cross daily. That means you should so live that people would not have to see you in church to know that you are a Christian. That means you should so live that when you go to Chicago your wives need not have detectives to know how you acted. That means you should be the same in Pittsburg as when you are in New York. That means hold yourself steady in a horse trade. The man that won't lie in a horse trade has some religion. That means you should shine as brightly in your business life as in a Sunday school convention. That means you should not be way up on the mountain to-day and in the valley to-morrow."

"There are some of you whom your pastors have to pat on the back all of the time to keep you going right. You are so sensitive. I despise that sort. If you follow Christ, nail your flag with nails long enough to be clinched on the other side of the masthead. Be like Job. He kept the devil busy and the devil had little chance to sleep with him on the job. "The warfare is on between your two natures. Get into the fray. Put on the whole armor of God. Being a Christian will furnish you with all the scope for battle that you want. "There is nothing to the situation but two things. There are two sides. You are either saved or lost."

"The only way to get salvation is by repentance through faith in Jesus Christ. Why should people be afraid with God on their side? The Word of God is final with me. The duty of man is unquestioned obedience."

"Every question can be settled this way: What would Jesus do? What does the Bible say? What would Jesus do in all of your deliberations and actions? If you employ, do you treat your help as you would be treated? If you are employed, do you do your best? If you are a merchant, are you square with your clerks and your customers? If you are a minister, would He preach what you preach? If you are a lawyer, would He take some of the cases you take? "If Jesus Christ came to your home would you show Him the ice chest? Would you let Him look into the shelves that hold the cards? Would you invite Him to the theatre, to the dance?"

"If you will not be a Christian, then in God's name stop professing you are one. It's Jesus Christ or nothing at all."

COTTON CROP NOT VERY LARGE.

Smallest With Exception of Last Year's Since 1909.

Washington, June 12.—According to a bulletin about to be issued by the bureau of the census the American cotton crop of 1916—11,449,980 equivalent 500 pound bales—showed a slight increase as compared with the preceding year but with that exception was the smallest since 1909.

The crop of 1916 exceeded that of 1915 by about 258,000 bales but fell below that of 1914—the largest ever grown—by 4,685,000 bales, or 29 per cent. The production in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina fell below that reported for 1915, while the remaining States show increases. By far the most pronounced decrease took place in Alabama, in which State the 1916 crop, amounting to 533,402 bales, was only a little more than half as great as that of the preceding year, 1,020,839 bales.

The sea island cotton crop of 1916—117,579 running bales—was the largest on record, with the single exception of the crop of 1911, which exceeded it by 1,734 bales.

Although cotton is grown in 18 States, the combined product of three—Texas, Georgia and Arkansas, the only States which produce more than a million bales each in 1916—represented nearly three-fifths of the total crop of that year. Texas alone reported 3,725,700 bales, or nearly one-third of the total crop.

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Gov. Bickett Appeals to the State to Do Its Part for Red Cross. He Issues Brief But Eloquent Proclamation.

Governor Bickett from his office Tuesday issued an appeal to the State to do its part in the Red Cross work and the State's share is \$350,000, says W. T. Bost, writing from Raleigh Tuesday to the Greensboro News.

The proclamation is one of the briefest but one of the most eloquent of his utterances on the war. It has a companion piece in a speech of a few words delivered by telegram in Charlotte in the effort to boost the Liberty Loan which has moved too indifferently to please his excellency. This speech was not made in person but was sent by wire while the governor pulled all the strings possible in getting the war machinery of the State at work.

In Wake County Collector J. W. Bailey has been placed at the head of the Red Cross campaign and Wake is expected to raise \$35,000. The collector is deeply of the conviction that those who have money are the worst of slackers if they do not provide now the means of caring for those soldiers who must go to the front. In that spirit he has begun his appeal to his own people and Bailey, who has made something of a record in the collection of vagrant moneys for the government may be counted to mobilize even from tight wads many a dollar that will do service for the boys who must fight.

The governor says this in his proclamation:

"Civilization is in the grip of savagery and the world bleeds at every pore. The garnered wisdom of the past and the inventive genius of the present are devoted to the processes of destruction. But in the midst of chaos and of gloom one light burns with added lustre—the light of the Crimson Cross. To this light barbarian and Greek, Christian and Turk look for mercy and do not look in vain, for the light is born of the love that never faileth.

"One hundred million dollars are necessary to enable the Red Cross to fulfill its benign mission among the soldiers we are calling to service. Can we, who are permitted to remain at home, deny to the men we are sending to the front the soothing and saving ministrations of an order that happily combines perfect love with perfect skill.

"The President of the United States is deeply impressed with the value of and necessity for this work, and has issued a special proclamation calling upon the people to dedicate the week beginning June 18 to the raising of one hundred million dollars for the Red Cross.

"Now therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, governor of North Carolina, and chairman of the North Carolina division of the Red Cross, do beseech the people of the State to hearken to the call of the Cross, and urge them to make real self-sacrificing gifts to an organization that by the might of its mercies has entrenched itself in the hearts of all mankind, and that now proposes to make our sons the object of its tenderest care."

Revival Meeting at Kenly Baptist Church.

The Baptist Church at Kenly closed their annual revival meeting last Tuesday night. Rev. R. M. Von Miller, the pastor, requests us to say that one of the most striking features of the meeting was the unexcelled cooperation by the other denominations. During the entire meeting a wonderful harmonious spirit was manifested. The pastor of the M. E. church and the pastor of the Presbyterian church attended, with few exceptions, all the meetings. The whole community co-operated. Stores were closed at 11 o'clock, the ladies, irrespective of denomination, furnished some of the most beautiful flowers for the decoration of the church. At most dinners the ministers of all the denominations were entertained together. The most liberal spirit was manifested by everybody in defraying the expense of the meeting. Pastor Von Miller says that he never knew of a finer spirit in any community during a revival meeting than that which was manifested at Kenly. Rev. J. A. Sullivan, of the Calvary Baptist church, of Wilmington, assisted the pastor.

Meeting of Board of Education.

The Board of Education will meet in regular session Monday, July 2nd. This meeting will be the regular time for the election of County Superintendent and Supervisor of Rural Schools. A school committee for each district will be appointed.

All applications and recommendations should be made as early as possible to L. T. Royall or W. G. Wilson. W. G. WILSON, Chairman. L. T. ROYALL, Secretary.

WHAT RED CROSS PROPOSES.

Chairman Division States Specific Purposes of the \$100,000,000 Fund Requested to Help Our Soldiers and Sailors Abroad.

The specific purposes to which the Red Cross expects to donate the \$100,000,000, it has asked the American people to contribute are enumerated in a statement just made public by Henry P. Davidson, chairman of the War Council of the Red Cross, says a Washington dispatch. President Wilson has set aside the week of June 18 to 25 as Red Cross Week and Mr. Davidson hopes to obtain the full \$100,000,000 war service fund during that period.

"Our first obligation is to render such service as comes within the province of the Red Cross to our soldiers and sailors at home and abroad," the statement says:

"After making every provision necessary for this purpose our endeavor will be to supplement the efforts of our allies by caring for the sick and wounded.

"We shall help provide the bare necessities of life to the homeless in devastated France; to aid them to rehabilitate themselves and thus strengthen the manpower of the French army.

"We shall strive to hearten Russia, by providing additional ambulances and other relief for the sick and wounded along the battle front. We shall try to succor the homeless and wandering peoples of Poland, Lithuania and western Russia.

"We hope to extend aid to those who are fighting the battles of liberty in Rumania, Serbia and Italy,—indeed to relieve human misery among our allies.

"We have set \$100,000,000 as the minimum of our need. It is evident that we could use many times that amount. To administer these funds economically and efficiently we are developing an organization headed by some of the most competent and experienced business men in the country. They serve without pay.

"In due course we shall make a report to Congress so that the public may know the total amounts expended.

"The American people can rely, therefore, upon the fact that the Red Cross fund of \$100,000,000, or however much more than that, the generosity of the public will enable us to be administered as efficiently and economically and as large-heartedly as we know how to do it.

"We believe firmly that the efforts of our Red Cross can be a vital and possibly decisive agency in helping to win this war. To us of the war council that is a humanitarian service in its highest sense and to render it effectively will be our paramount purpose."

Higher-priced Labor and Its Results.

The result is going to be that we are going to have to materially increase the wages of Southern farm labor. And if crop prices have so advanced as to justify it, we ought to do it. We even question the morality and Christianity of trying to keep the poor man who has only the muscle God gave him for support from getting the most for the world's market will give him for it. We ought to face the competition of other sections not by taxing and mobbing "labor agents" but by treating our own labor so fairly that it will be willing to stay with us.

We ought also to recognize the fact that the scarcity of labor is going to force us into using much improved machinery heretofore neglected. Moreover, if the labor to make the cotton crop leaves or secures higher pay, this will mean higher prices for the cotton, thus repaying in greater or less degree the man who hires high-priced labor; while the man who has labor in his own family will get all the advantages of higher-priced labor without any of the disadvantages of paying out money for it. In fact, if we had not had a cheap labor race in the South—in other words, if we had to pay the wages paid in Northern and Western States—cotton would probably have sold for at least a fourth more every year we made a crop. So if labor now advances in prices, the man who hires labor will probably find compensation in increased cotton prices, while the farmer who works with his own hands will naturally fare better than ever before.

This does not mean of course that it pays any class of employers to advance wages arbitrarily without rhyme or reason. It does mean that if the law of supply and demand brings about increased wages there will be compensation in the form of increased crop prices. It is also interesting to find that the profit-sharing idea is beginning to win approval among farm employers as well as among city employers.—Progressive Farmer.

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GRECIAN KING STEPS DOWN.

Constantine Abdicates at Demand of Entente. Thus Ends Anomalous Situation Which Has Long Existed in Greece.

King Constantine, of Greece has abdicated his throne in favor of his son Prince Alexander, and with Crown Prince George is, to leave Greece, says an Athens dispatch published in Wednesday's dailies.

The abdication was made on the demand of the entente powers and thus ends the anomalous situation which long has existed in Greece because of the refusal of Constantine and his followers to acquiesce in full the demands of the entente allies for the freedom of movement of their forces in and through Greece, and for their safety from attack.

That the entente was prepared to move with expedition in bringing a change in the situation in Greece is indicated by the fact that simultaneously with the arrival in that country of the French Senator Jonnart, who bore plenary powers to act for the entente came the occupation of the Italians in northwestern Greece, near the Albanian frontier, of the strategic town of Janina, and by other entente forces of Ellassona, in northeastern Greece, situated at the foot of Mount Olympus, and near the Gulf of Saloniki.

Ice Cream Supper to Be Given at Rains Cross Roads.

The members of the Ladies Aid Society, at Rains Cross Roads, wish to announce that they will give an ice cream supper at the church Saturday night, June 23, 1917. The money will be used for the church. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

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Picnic the 4th.

The Young Men's Christian Club, of Rains Cross Roads section, will give a picnic at the church, on July 4th, 1917.

Mr. J. T. Edgerton, of Kenly, and others will make short talks. Everybody cordially invited to attend. Bring well filled baskets.

W. T. STANCLIL, President. GEO. COLTRAIN, Sec'y. Kenly, N. C.

Move the Skeletons.

No farmer would let the skeleton of a hog or cow lie around the house, and yet in traveling over the South it is amazing to see how many other offensive looking "skeleton" of dead buggies, wagons, plows, wheelbarrows, farm buildings, etc. Just as soon as any farm machine, vehicle or building is definitely dead—that is to say, if it is so broken up that it is not going to be alive and in actual use again—every farmer should be uick to move the skeleton somewhere out of sight.

Yet it is too often the case that the helplessly crippled old buggy is left in sight till it rots; the broken mowing machine is conspicuously in evidence until it rusts to pieces; a last year's hogpen is left just as it was when the opening was made to take the hogs out, while even a wind-wrecked barn or smokehouse may be left to disfigure the landscape and dishearten all beholders for an indefinite period.

"Mend or end it" should be every farmer's motto in all such cases. If the wrecked thing can be mended, do so quickly; if it can't, then save the useful pieces, storing in some suitable place, and destroy the worthless parts.

The first rainy day let's look around and see what "skeletons" are in evidence on our farms and make way with them. To have them lying around is taken by the passer-by to be an advertisement of shiftlessness. It will make us all feel better to get rid of them.—Progressive Farmer.

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