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Waking Up

The American Church is at last waking up, the first glimpse at a new world after its long sleep proving that the Church has lost its influence in the home. Since the World War, the Church has held an eye on the source of income, compromising and bending at the whim of the social leader, and doing little or nothing that can be ranked as constructive. The flock has wandered a long way from the fold, to be certain, but many of the religious leaders have contributed to the slump that is written in bold relief in the records.

There's no time for mind-pleasing criticism. The religious leadership will do well to lift its head from the sands, recognize the facts and plot a new course for the future. In a small religious leaflet there is found a sure sign that the Church is waking up, the author admitting that the Church had lost its influence and urging that an effort be made to recapture that influence.

Citing a return to the Christian route, the leaflet author says:

"The Church in order to carry forward its unique mission wherever it is located must know its community. The teachings of Jesus must become a crucible through which every institution, every political and economic system, and every human relationship passes and is made Christian." The author then asks some timely questions:

"Where is the blind spot in the vision of the community church?" Not that our people are any worse than others, but it is an almost established fact that the eyes of the church are closed with the doors at the end of each service assuming the eyes were opened during the service. Try and trace the influence of the church in the slum areas, in the poverty-stricken home. The services of the church do not reach there; the schedule is limited to tying the wedding knot, burying the dead and showing off the finery once a week.

The next question asked: "Does the Church endeavor to know and meet the needs of the people in the community?" There's hardly a feeble effort to know those needs, not to mention an effort to meet them.

And the author then asks, "What is the Church doing to encourage the spirit of tolerance, mutual appreciation, understanding and good will between groups in a community so

that it will be possible for persons of widest variety of opinion and conviction to find fellowship in the churches?"

The author was a churchman. He had seen religious leaders bring foreign labor to beat down wages of his own countrymen, to desert his charges when depression swept the country. He had seen religious leaders bear arms against the working man in heated strikes. He had seen reason and tolerance vacated in the minds of those who could have effected an understanding had they applied Christian principles instead of deepening the economic chasm.

There is encouragement when a church finds itself, recognizes the picture, as it is and sets to work to correct the ill-taken strokes that mar the beauty of the whole.

Not a Fight on the South

Philadelphia Record.

The South's plight isn't the South's fault. That was underlined in President Roosevelt's message in which he termed the South the "nation's No. 1 economic problem."

The designation is undoubtedly accurate, for there is scarcely an economic issue—whether it be labor or agriculture or electric power or tariffs or taxation—that does not become more acute when it is applied to the South.

Because of this and because the mis-representatives of the Southern people in Congress vote against the interests of the nation and of their own constituents, there is a growing tendency to blame "the South" for our national economic ills.

The danger is that this tendency will grow into a sectional division with the North and West holding the South responsible for the South's economic backwardness and the South defending its own burdens because they are under sectional attack.

President Roosevelt's statement of the case should go far to dispel this danger. His summary of the South's position and its effect upon the nation was, above all else, friendly to the South.

And why not? Is it the South that has created there the problem of a despoiled landless peasantry? Is it the South's will that those driven off the soil are easy prey for sweatshop operators that compete unfairly with Northern labor? Was it the South's desire that the South become a "poverty market" that shuts off the outflow of the nation's factories?

The problem of the South is no more sectional in its causes than it is in its effects.

The truth is that the economic reconstruction of the South after the Civil War was never completed. The Southerners drove out the political carpetbaggers only to let the economic carpetbaggers in to replace them.

The Southern politicians who are eager to serve Northern exploiters are the first to raise the cry of "outside interference" whenever a minimum-wage law, an anti-lynching bill or a national labor organization is applied to the South.

The real South is half the nation's farm population that gets only one-fifth of the farm income. The real South is one-eighth of the nation's children with only one-fiftieth of the national income. The real South, both white and colored, is the part of the nation most in need of the New Deal.

The real South is a defeated section which has paid and paid again the most galling economic reparations since the Civil War—and which is still paying them to Northerners who are mostly found aligned against progress in the North as in the South.

The fight to bring Southern economy in line with the rest of the nation is not a fight against the South. It is a fight against those who have robbed and exploited the South.

BELK-TYLER'S Saturday Specials

NEW FALL FROCKS

Beautiful new fall dresses in all the new styles and colors. See the new Dirndl and Suspender dresses. They are all the rage this season. You are sure to find just what you have been looking for. We have all sizes in stock.



\$1.98

\$2.98

SMART FALL COATS

All the new materials, styles and new fall colors for you to select from. Get your New Fall Coat NOW while our stock is complete. We are offering values this season you have never dreamed of.

\$7.95 - \$9.95

FALL HATS

Smart new fall Hats in just the shade to match your new fall outfit. Tricky new styles that you just can't resist.



98c

French Crepe SLIPS

Lovely French Crepe Slips in tearose and white. Both tailored and lace trimmed. All sizes in stock. Supply your fall needs NOW.

48c

Ladies' BLOUSES

Attractive "Kaycraft" shirts in all the new fall shades. Just the thing for your new Mannish suit. Make your selection NOW!

98c

Rayon PANTIES

Special for this event—Rayon Panties in all styles and sizes. You can't afford to miss this buy. See them today!

15c

Ladies' SWEATERS

Attractive fall sweaters for the ladies. Pull-over or coat style in all the new fall colors. See them today.

98c

"Moon-Glo" HOSE

Lovely sheer all silk hose with picot top. A full range of fall shades to select from. All sizes in stock. Be sure to see them today. You are sure to want several pairs.



48c

Pride of State (81x99) SHEETS

Four year guaranteed sheets made by Cannon. Don't miss this buy. Supply your fall needs NOW—

79c

BLANKETS

Full size, part wool double blankets. You will need several of these this winter. A wonderful buy. Be sure to see them today. Use our LAY-AWAY Plan.

\$1.98

Children's DRESSES

Attractive patterns and styles in children's fast color print dresses. They are just the thing for school. Select several for the kiddies today.

98c

A. B. C. PRINTS

SPECIAL: A.B.C. guaranteed fast color prints in all the new fall patterns. Pick out several dresses today from this large range.

19c

FALL PRINTS

A large assortment of patterns in beautiful quality fall prints for you to select from. See them today

10c

36-inch OUTING

Good heavy weight outing in both light and dark patterns. Buy all you want at this price. Regular 15c value

10c

BOYS' FALL SUITS

Hard finish worsteds boys' suits with either knickers or longies. All the newest patterns and styles to select from. Both single and double breasted in stock. Fit the boys up today—Use our LAY-AWAY Plan—

\$4.95 - \$7.95

MEN'S FALL SUITS

Hard finish worsteds in all the new fall patterns. Both plain and sport back—Single and double breasted in stock. Make your selection NOW! Use our LAY-AWAY Plan.

\$12.95



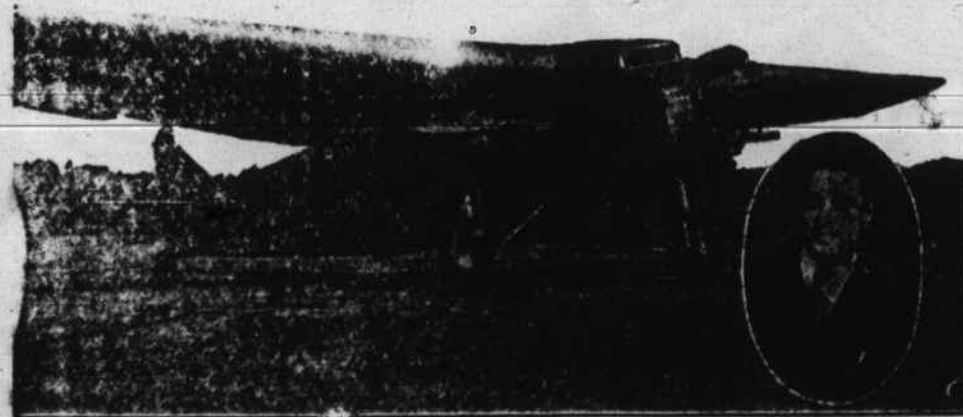
FALL SHIRTS

A large stock of these beautiful shirts just received. A full range of new fall patterns. Sizes 14 to 17. Buy your fall dress shirts NOW while our stock is complete.

48c

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NOTICE: All school children can fly Saturday and Sunday until 2:00 P. M. for only

50c

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Lovely fall shoes for the ladies in all the smart new styles and colors. You are sure to find just what you have been looking for to match your new fall outfit. See them today!



\$1.98

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Ladies' COTTON HOSE 5c

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8c