

# THE INDEPENDENT

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## Christianity On Trial

CHRISTIANITY is being forced to trial. For eighteen hundred years the church has played both ends against the middle, ministering to the poor with one hand and truckling to the rich with the other hand. Pretending to serve the poor, it has fawned upon the rich and powerful and grown fat upon the endowments of millionaires. Its seminaries are endowed by the rich and its ministers educated to respect the powerful. In every community the more powerful churches usually are dominated by a few men who control much money and contribute most liberally to the support of the church. The minister who speaks disrespectfully of these powerful ones or anything with which they are connected will find himself seeking new pastures.

Since Christ and his disciples died, the church has carried on the gospel of a brotherhood of man without seriously believing or putting into practice anything like it. For eighteen hundred years the church has been parroting the injunction that we must love our neighbor as we love ourselves, without making a serious effort to demonstrate the practicability of this injunction or to show the people how they can do this.

Not a bank, not a store, not a mill, not a newspaper—nothing—could go on doing business privately by any such rule. No man can be a true follower of Jesus Christ and square himself with Christ's teachings by withholding for a profit any necessity of life so long as any member of society is in want. The literal application of the rule would abolish every business on earth.

Only in recent years have the people begun to sense the inequalities of our complicated social order. For centuries, generation after generation has chased its tail in a futile effort to get ahead. Reverent of private property rights and stupidly believing that every individual had as good a show to get rich as every other individual, each generation of individuals has madly pursued its individualistic pace. Generation after generation has labored, sweated and endured with the same result that a few succeeded in getting more of the comforts of life than they could consume, whilst the many lived from hand to mouth, on the verge of poverty. And it will be ever so. Only a few in every generation can get rich, and those few can get rich only at the expense of many poor.

Recently the poor have begun to challenge the right of any one to get rich. The poor have begun to sense the fact that they may keep on working along the same old lines and only one in a thousand will succeed in getting ahead. The poor are to-day making demands upon the masters of business and industry that threaten to make business and industry forever unprofitable for private owners. And the poor are seeking justification for their demands in the very teachings of Jesus Christ who forever damned the rich and powerful, who commanded the giving of everything to the poor, and who even advocated the giving of the same wage to the servant who worked one hour a day as to the servant who worked twelve hours.

And so the church is being forced to trial here on the threshold of the twentieth century. The church must quit playing with words and come out fair and square on the side of the men of means who have contributed to its wealth and power, or confess and array itself fairly and squarely on the side of the crowd that Jesus walked with when he was on earth. The world is in an ugly temper and the church with all of the millions amassed in its recent campaigns will not be long able to continue holding a respectable position in the world if it doesn't candidly reject or religiously accept the revolutionary teachings of its founder.

## They Got It, God Help Them!

THE INDEPENDENT was one of the very few newspapers in this country that consistently opposed the entry of this country into the European war. This newspaper was one of the very few that dared to contend that the United States had no more provocation to go to war in 1917 after Woodrow Wilson was re-elected, that it had in 1916 when Wilson was seeking re-election for having "kept us out war." I call attention to this pacific and anti-militarist pre-war attitude of THE INDEPENDENT because events daily are showing that this newspaper maintained the sound position. Those who wanted war got it and got more than they reckoned for. Thousands of them got rich out of it, but with all their millions of war profits they have acquired terrors from which they will never recover until they have been interred in their premature graves. We fought a good fight, demonstrated beyond doubt that we can lick the world, but we have so far succeeded in making the world safe neither for democracy nor for plutocracy. The outstanding achievement of our experiment is disorganized industry and a hitherto happy, peaceful country in the throes of a revolution which may end in Bolshevism or plain Bull-shevism before another presidential election. Those who wanted war, got war. And may God have mercy on their souls.

## INDEPENDENT Facts

THE INDEPENDENT uses probably four times as much news print paper as all the other papers in Elizabeth City combined. THE INDEPENDENT pays three times as much postage on one edition of its paper as all the other papers in this town pay on a combined total of nine editions in a week. THE INDEPENDENT has ten times the rural circulation of any other newspaper published in Elizabeth City. And so when some other publisher says he has 1,000 out of town subscribers to his paper, that would mean that THE INDEPENDENT has 10,000. But the other fellow hasn't got a thousand subscribers and so I challenge refutation of my statement that THE INDEPENDENT has ten times the rural circulation of any other local newspaper.

THE INDEPENDENT consumes about 3,000 pounds of newsprint a month. THE INDEPENDENT'S paid in advance circulation is close to 3,000 a week. The average for six months prior to Oct. 1, 1919 was 3,222 weekly. Six copies of this newspaper weigh a pound.

All of this information is given in detail so that subscribers and advertisers may realize how this newspaper is affected by the recent staggering advances in the price of newsprint paper. An increase of \$70 to \$100 a ton in the price of newsprint means hard lines for a newspaper like THE INDEPENDENT. A weekly newspaper using less than 50 pounds of paper a week is little affected by any sort of rise in the price of paper.

# Assets Not Down on the Books

One of our most cherished assets is not recorded in our books. It is the Confidence and Good Will of our Customers.

Our entire working program is based on the idea of deserving this Confidence and developing this Good Will.

Capital	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	\$144,775.19
Resources	\$1,478,911.00

## OFFICERS

P. H. Williams, Pres. E. F. Aydlett, V-President  
H. G. Kramer, Cashier W. H. Jennings, Asst-Cshr

# Savings Bank & Trust Co.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

## Report of the Condition of THE SAVINGS BANK & TRUST COMPANY

at Elizabeth City, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, Nov. 17, 1919.

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 859,992.53
Demand Loans	40,004.95
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,019.39
United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds	146,500.00
North Carolina State Bonds	30,000.00
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	7,000.00
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures	4,583.08
All other Real Estate owned	45,000.00
Cash in vault and net amount due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	254,146.83
Cash Items held over 24 hours	15,474.30
Checks for clearing	10,432.50
Trust Investments	61,500.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	3,257.42

TOTAL \$1,478,911.00

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus Fund	130,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	14,775.19
Bills Payable	95,000.00
Deposits subject to check	575,614.60
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,850.00
Savings Deposits	479,941.34
Certified Checks	2,771.33
Due to State Banks, Bankers and Trust Co.'s	4,398.34
Trust Deposits	64,042.40
Reserved for Interest and Taxes	9,517.80

TOTAL \$1,478,911.00

State of North Carolina—County of Pasquotank.  
I, H. G. Kramer, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. G. KRAMER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of November, 1919.

M. R. GRIFFIN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
P. H. Williams,  
C. E. Kramer,  
J. T. McCabe,  
Directors.

## The Woman's Wear Store



Just a few more days of our Thanksgiving Sale of Coats, Suits and Dresses

Reliable merchandise coupled with honest advertising has made

our store a very busy place for the past week—and to those who have not availed themselves of this opportunity of saving we can only say Hurry! Hurry!! Hurry!!!—for in closing this sale we will offer some values such as you have not seen before this season—and that you will not see again for a long time.

Dont' fail to attend this sale tomorrow—Saturday Nov. 29th.

## About Prices

Prices are steadily advancing—and a great many items on sale are offered at less than present wholesale cost.

# M. Leigh Sheep Co.

Woman's Wear

## ADS TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

Find Want Ads on Page 10.

WANTED:—Live man with Ford to demonstrate and sell the J. C. M. Accelerator. Liberal proposition. J. C. MEWSHAW, 17 Stock Exchange Bldg., Baltimore, Md. pN28-4t

FOR EXCHANGE:—One good mule; will trade for a good brood mare weighing 1,200 or 1,300 pounds. FLORA & GARRETT, R. F. D. 1, Elizabeth City, N. C. pN28-1t

FOR SALE:—Six acres near the old Hosiery Mill; fenced and ditched; about 4½ acres in cultivation; balance ready to grub. Three acres of it map into 24 lots. N. A. JONES, Elizabeth City, N. C. cN28-3t

WANTED: at once, by big corporation; a good, experienced, logging superintendent; must be sober, reliable, and have ability to produce results in gum timber; twenty five to forty thousand ft. per day. Good salary to right party. Reply with references to BOX 684, New Bern, N. C. cN28-2t.

WANTED: at once; one mile of twenty five or thirty pound relay rails. Reply stating condition of rail and price, to box 684, New Bern, N. C. cN28-2t

FOR SALE:—Well established auto garage, at Salem church. Building 16 ft. by 38 ft., concrete floor; on land that can be leased 10 years. Will sell with or without supplies and equipment. Dwelling house on same property can be rented. Write or see G. E. HALSTEAD, Weicksville, N. C. pN21-2t

FOR SALE:—Two brand new No. 5 Underwood Typewriters. \$90 each. M. B. SAMPLE, R 5, Elizabeth City, N. C. pN28-1t

Satisfaction in Doing Right. Imagination is the father and mother of trouble when we let it run loose in a time of stress. But in the end the will and the heart are what determine our fate. After all, when we do right we have some satisfaction even if we suffer. But if we do nothing but drift along we have not even the satisfaction of knowing we deserve to come out right.

# Notice of Increase of Phone Rates

State of North Carolina Corporation Commission Raleigh, N. C.

The Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company having filed application with the Corporation Commission for an increase in its rates; it is

ORDERED, that application is hereby granted, and the said Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company is hereby give authority to charge the following rates, effective January 1st, 1920, in the towns hereinafter mentioned:

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

Business phones, Unlimited Service, Straight line	\$3.50
Business phones, Unlimited Service, Duplex line	\$3.00
Residence phones, Unlimited Service, Special Line	\$2.50
Residence phones, Unlimited Service, Duplex line	\$1.75

By order of the Commission:

R. O. SELF, Clerk.

This the 24th day of November, 1919.

An additional charge of 25 cents for each phone will be included in all bills, same to be deducted if bills are paid on or before the 5th of the month, as heretofore.

NORFOLK & CAROLINA TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Norfolk and Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company N28-4t