

MOTHER AND HOME COUNTRY'S SAFEGUARDS, SAYS REV. SUNDAY

(Continued From Page Six.) of the fashionable booze joint where the bloods of the town used to go and hit it up, and saw six young fellows standing out there, with their hats on the back of their heads looking like fried eggs; breeches creased so you could sharpen a lead pencil on them, dressed in the height of fashion and I said:

And if we live right, then our children will never grow up to wait—as did my friend the poet, Thomas Hood: "I remember, I remember The house where I was born; The little window where the sun Came peeping in at morn. He never came a bit too soon Or brought too long a day; But now I often wish the night Had borne my soul away. "I remember, I remember, The fir tree—dark and high; Why, I used to think her slender top Was close against the sky. Oh, it was a childish instinct. But now it's little joy to know That I'm farther off from heaven

Than when I was a little boy." Oh, there are a lot of men just like him, God pity them! I tell you we are drifting away. Home Like a Barometer. If things go right at home, they go right everywhere; if they go wrong at home they go wrong everywhere. Oh, the doorsill of the home is the foundation of the state. A man never gets higher than the garret of his home; he never gets lower than its cellar. When Henry Clay lay dying his mind wandered back to his old Kentucky homes and his dying words were: "Mother, mother, home, heaven." Men will never get away from what they were taught around their mother's knee, that will be the last thing they think of when they are drifting out with the tide. Many things are tending to destroy the home. The social and political interests of woman are mak-

ing them competitors of men. Now you may not agree with me, I don't give a whoop. I challenge you to answer what I have to say. This God-forsaken birth control propaganda is going up and down the land. It means this: It means the emptying of the homes and schools of the children. When you remove from the girl the fear that if she exercises her passions she will become a mother, you remove one of the greatest safeguards of virtue. When you remove from that young man the fear that he will become a father, you remove one of the greatest safeguards of womanhood. Assaults Birth Control. This God-forsaken birth-control is filling the brothels. And then the motion picture influence too—well, if it is one-fourth good it is three-fourths bad in my opinion. It separates families in the evenings; it is open on the Sabbath; it acquaints children with crime. Marvels of daring rather than of nobility. It is impossible to picture before the younger generation infidelity, and nudity in dress, success in crime, without evil effects having some influence on their thoughts and lives. Proper Way to Run Home. The proper way for a home to be run is for the husband to earn and the wife to spend—if she has any sense. The man is supposed to earn, the woman to spend. The pay envelopes in 1921 amounted to \$72,000,000,000; \$50,000,000,000 was spent in stores. The average savings account was \$175. The last United States census listed 23,000,000 women in this country as housewives; and if they were out in the busy marts earning money at standard wages they would have earned around \$30,000,000,000. Twenty-three million women trying to make homes out of all sorts of places. The women make nine out of ten of all the purchases made in the retail stores. The woman today is the purchasing agent of the United States, she spends the money. Eighty-five per cent of the money earned in the United States is spent by women. The children are a composite of three things: blood, food and environment. You can't get away from it. They should be taught in school and at home how to earn, how to save, how to spend. They ought to be taught how to avoid disease, how to be fathers and mothers. I hope to God Almighty the day will come when we will have sexual hygiene taught in our high schools. I wouldn't teach it in the grades. A lot of our school curriculum is a lot of bunk and junk, not worth a whoop. When they go out in the world they won't use it. A Hero's Tribute. John Randolph, with the excitable nervous temperament, rose in the House of Representatives at Washington and said: "If it had not been for my mother, sir, who taught me when a boy to kneel by my trundle bed and shut my eyes and say, 'Our Father who are in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name,' and 'Now I lay me down to sleep,' I, John Randolph of Roanoke, would be an infidel." Gray, the author of "Elegy in a Country Churchyard," said, that he was one of a large family of children who had the misfortune to survive his mother, and a life a little longer than she lived. Oh! what a tribute, my friend, to the memory of her. The ideal mother, my friends, is the product of that civilization, which culminated in and radiated from the manger of Bethlehem, Joseph, the mother of Moses, and Hannah, the mother of Samuel, the Spartan mother, who said to her son who claimed that his sword was too short, "add a step to it, my boy." There are prototypes of Christian motherhood that should govern our land, and she must be godly. Fathers are busy. Oh, the parents. And you in the creation of a soul and the development of character. So great is the responsibility that you must be a Christian. Fathers may fail, and God pity them, if they do. God have mercy. "Oh! held our world when women can go into restaurants and cross their legs and smoke cigarettes and drink booze and be respectable. I say to you this, the web of a nation is made from the thread that is spun in the home and you never will save New York or Philadelphia; you never will save Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, or any other city from intemperance and degradation and ruin, unless you run a barroom in your homes and keep wines and champagne on the sideboard. No blessing at the table, no Bible in the home, no prayer. * * * The Need of Prayer. Now this nation has no better friend than the mother who will teach her boy to pray. Home is a refuge. Life is a good deal like an army on the march. At evening we put our heads on our knapsacks and slumber through the night. In the morning the bugle calls to action. How pleasant to rehearse the tasks of the day and the surprises around the campfire of the old home circle. Like a Storm at Sea. Life is like a storm at sea, with the sails torn and masts bent before the wind. We go for repairs into the drydock of the home. Jails, penitentiaries, armies, navies, they are not our best defense. No, the door of the home is a better fortress than any other fortress ever built in the universe. The household utensils are better artillery than cannons that can speed a shell fifteen or twenty-five miles into a besieged city. I wonder if in any of the homes of any of my congregation tonight no voice of prayer is ever lifted? What? No supplication to God to protect you? What? No thanksgiving in the morning for His watchful care? You never thank God for the clothes you wear on your back, for the food you eat? * * * Leave It to Mothers. If you haven't got the manhood to arouse and defend our wives and our mothers and our children against the assaults of evil and in-

A. F. OF L. WANTS LABOR TO ASSIST GERMAN UNIONS

Financial Condition of Germany Has About Wiped Away All Traces of Unionism.

To the Officers and Members of International Unions, National Unions, State Federations, City Central Bodies, Local Unions, Trade Unionists and Friends: Dear Sirs and Brothers: A disaster threatens the trade union movement of the world. The German trade union movement is bankrupt. Union funds have been wiped out of existence by the depreciation of the mark, to the point where it is worthless. Without funds trade union offices can not exist or operate; union officials must give their time to earning even a bare livelihood; communication within the movement stops; the trade union, which is essentially organized personal cooperation, disintegrates. Due to the catastrophic drop in the value of the mark, the German Federation of Trade Unions and affiliated trade union bodies have been forced to discharge practically all employees. One by one official journals have suspended publication. For a while mimeographed notices maintained some degree of cohesion but now even this is being discontinued through lack of funds. When communication through union centers stops, unified action among trade unionists in defense of trade union standards will cease. How serious the consequences to German wage earners will be is manifest through information relating to efforts to lengthen hours of work. If the German labor movement is not assisted in this time of dire need, the achievement of forty years of struggle will be wiped out. A plain statement of these facts was officially communicated to the American Federation of Labor in a joint letter signed by L. Jouhaux of France, C. Mertens of Belgium, Th. Leipart of Germany, and J. Ouedegest and Johann Sassenbach, secretaries of the International Federation of Trade Unions. Sustaining information has come to the office of the American Federation of Labor, through individuals recently returned from Germany and from General Henry T. Allen who was in charge of the American Army of Occupation in Germany. We have a duty to help the German trade union movement maintain itself as the defender of democracy against the terrific onslaughts of bolshevik propaganda which continue incessantly with the direct backing of the bolshevik machine in Moscow, more dangerous because of its proximity. The German trade union movement has stood courageously against bolshevik attacks, but with its machinery of organization broken down and out of business the red effort to capture German labor as a means to furthering the program for red domination will be a much easier matter. Even more potential, the German trade union movement is the only important organized force in Germany that can come to the defense of the Republic and defeat the monarchists. If Germany should revert to despotism a great victory bought at terrible cost would be in a great part lost. It was our war aim to destroy the imperialist autocracy. We have a duty to sustain the German labor movement as a force for holding the freedom won for the German people by the American and Allied sacrifice. The American labor movement was united in its support of the war against the Imperial German Government and we were an important and essential factor in bringing the war to a successful end. After our Republic had entered the war the convention of the American Federation of Labor decided that while we could have no meetings with representatives of the people of enemy countries during the war, "when victory is achieved none will be quicker to extend fraternal hands of trade union fellowship to organized workers in all countries with which we are at war, or will do so more heartily than will the A. F. of L." Now is the time that American labor must make good that pledge. While the people of our nation are giving generously to various relief funds, this is the distinctive relief work that devolves solely upon America's workers. Nor is the fraternal appeal the only one that concerns us. If the German trade union movement fails the tide of influence will be felt the world around, and with fearful consequences in central Europe. We in America would have to meet the effects in our home markets and foreign trade. In our collective bargaining conferences we would have to meet the problem of lower standards of work within competitive production centers. We lived in the World War how closely the world is knit together by the ties of world organization in science, in education, in finance, in production, in commerce, in labor and practically every relation of life. We owe to those who gave their lives in that war, to make constructive use of all information gained in that fruitful debacle. If aid is to reach Germany it must come from America, for the workers of European countries are at present in a more economic condition than obtained before the war. Unemployment and actual need is all too general for them to make contribution. The American Federation of Labor is undertaking to raise a relief fund for the German trade union movement—to be used only to maintain that organization. If only a skeleton organization is sustained the vital thing will be kept alive until some-

Good-bye, 1923! Howdy, 1924!

HOW DO YOU STAND, FRIEND, ON THE THRESHOLD OF THIS NEW YEAR?

Are you in any better financial condition today than you were one year ago? We know several people who have prospered during this year. They have been saving all through 1923, and now they can face the New Year with confidence. Sometimes they did not have much to save, it is true, but they SAVED SOMETHING, each pay day, and now those small savings amount to a nice sum. We want you to start NOW, start saving, and it is for YOUR OWN GOOD that we tell you this. Take Old 1924 by the hand, as a new partner, a real friend, and when the time arrives for you to bid 1924 goodbye, as you are now bidding farewell to 1923, you will be a happier man, a bigger man, a better man. Each one of these New Year's days is taking you one mile-post nearer that time of old age when you'll need money, and need it badly. Deposits Made Up To January 5, Will Bear Interest From January 1. Union National Bank H. M. VICTOR, President.

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