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Friday, February 11, 1916

Merritt O. Chance got it whether he did or not.

True love really ought to run smooth on St. Valentine's Day in Leap Year.

The President has shown that he is too proud and too patriotic not to fight the Pacifists.

The venerable Major G. Hog is not only a fake, a superstition and a delusion, but also a liar!

Speaker Clark and Republican Leader Mann are both proving to be bigger than political parties.

If we fight over one word, it will have to both shorter and uglier than the word "illegal".

A great Spring drive is coming, of course, but few know who will drive and who will be driven.

Suggestion to the Seaboard Air Line: call yesterday's trains today's and get 'em in a little ahead of time just for a change.

Even if the Allies couldn't get there in time to save Serbia, they don't want to be driven away from the funeral.

Ford must consider the peace expedition fairly successful for we learn that the works have cancelled their newspaper advertising appropriations.

No matter what the results the political campaigns of the coming summer and fall are bound to be interesting, even though not inspiring spectacles.

The Associated Press will have to pull off something more novel than a new and desperate German crisis to get the American people excited these days.

"Washington Officials Express Optimism" over strained German relations -- but the majority of people are indifferent. Crisis No. 868973 hardly rippled the waters.

We do not need the services of the Agricultural Department in predicting a large crop of bees this summer prior to the National Conventions.

And now a cruel paragrapher has suggested that Brother Bryan saw something portentous and significant when he looked through his smoked glass on last Thursday.

Mr. Leonard Tufts has been elected head of the North Carolina State Fair Association. He is a good man for the place, which certainly needs a good man if the State Fair is to be restrained from early death.

The Raleigh Times says that Count Von Bernstorff has informed his government that when President Wilson says "No" he means "Nicht." President Wilson is too good a gram-

marian to mean anything except "Nein" in our opinion; i. e., unless the Times has left off "und fergessen es".

President Wilson advises talkers on preparedness who are unfamiliar with the subject to "hire a hall" -- has he overlooked the fact that the commoner does that thing and charges a stiff admission?

How irreverent and irrelevant the telegram of the Secretary of the Southern Executive Committee to the Child Labor Conference at Asheville, asking the said Child Labor Conference what it had ever done for the relief of the cotton mill children of the South! The Cotton Manufacturer's Secretary is badly misinformed. The Child Labor Agitators have no funds for relieving the sufferings of the children about which they talk so feelingly and fluently. Charity begins at home with them and all the dollars they can tickle out of the pockets of the shallow brained sentimentalists and longheaded northern manufacturers who support their organization are needed to pay the salaries of Swift, McKelway and others of that ilk. That is what the Child Labor Committee works for; is the Secretary so ungenerous as to insinuate that the "laborers" are not "worthy of their hire"?

The Mail Order Pest

The Roanoke-Chowan Times prints a new item to the effect that a farmer came to town to buy some wire fence on a credit, and stated to the dealer if he had the money he would order it from Sears Roebuck & Co. The only thing commendable about this party is his frankness and if we had been the dealer in question, he could have bought the fencing from Sears Roebuck or done without. We wish everyone could be brought to understand the truth that money spent at home, builds up the home town, helps pay the taxes, benefits the man who spends the money in hundreds of ways. The few cents saved on purchases from the big mail order houses is far more than off-set by the draining of money out of the town into the big cities. The local merchant is indispensable; he is needed for the supplying of many articles it is unprofitable and inconvenient to order from the mail order house; he is needed again when you want to buy goods on a credit; he is in fact the banker for many of his customers; and he must make a certain profit or go out of business, therefore every dollar of trade you divert from him, forces him to set a greater margin of profits on those things which must be purchased from him. The mail order game helps the mail order house; for the man who sends off the money order to them it is about as elevating as though he tried to lift himself by his own bootstraps.

Preparedness

This office desires to acknowledge with pleasure receipt of the second advance sheet of "National Issues of 1916" by Hon. Charles N. Fowler, of New Jersey. This advance sheet treats on "The Flag and the Nation, or True Preparedness" and deals with the preparedness question in an illustrative and convincing manner. We quote the following: "For thousands of years the human family have been acting precisely as they are now acting in Mexico and on the continent of Europe. Nor is there any twenty years since the dawn of time that is comparable with the twenty years now closing, in the extent of territory covered by warring people, in the property destroyed, in wealth wasted, in the interests involved, in the lives sacrificed. "Within these same twenty years, every important nation in the world has been engaged in at least one war; and Russia, Great Britain, Japan and Turkey have been involved in two wars each. "Can we then wisely, safely, sanely act upon the theory that the millennium has come, that all national selfishness has been

eradicated, and that all the human beings that now people this earth have suddenly and all at once become angels and archangels?..... "The only guarantee that the true significance of the Stars and Stripes, the rich heritage of three hundred years of American civilization, will persist and prevail throughout the ages to come, will be the ever-present consciousness throughout all the world, that behind the good will of this nation, back of its messages of peace, there stands a united spiritualized nation of intelligent freemen, who know their purpose and their rights, and will be ever ready if need be to advance and maintain them."

Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary Ministerial Union

Should a Christian Tith?

I want to go on record as being uncompromisingly opposed to tithing as the Christian's method of doing business with his Heavenly Father. Based on a principle diametrically opposed to the spirit of Christ, it sets a standard totally inadequate for the Christian. It is a method that puts God on one side of the bargain counter and the Christian on the other; whereas both belong on the same side.

Tithing was a part of a system which, when carried to its ultimate working out, produced the classic Pharisee who stood upright in the temple thanking God that he was not as other men and then recounting the deeds which made it incumbent upon God to grant him heavenly bliss. The spirit was "I've paid the price, you deliver the goods". In advocating tithing a Christian speaker says: "Once decide to tithe and the only question that remains is how you will distribute it." That's just where the system falls short of the spirit of Christianity. When once you get it firmly fixed in your mind that one tenth of all you receive is not yours at all, but God's, then the most ordinary honesty prompts you not to touch the tithe. It requires a place of God to leave it alone, but only the sort of honesty which prevents you from taking silver off our neighbor's table. The nine tenths which you call your own you hang on to. As a matter of fact you are giving nothing.

I haven't figured it out, but I am quite confident that if every Christian should give a tithe of all he should get, for the spread of the Christian Gospel, enough money would result to place a thoroughly equipped church force within easy reach of every creature of the world. I am equally confident that such a system would not Christianize the world. Money will not buy the gift of the Holy Ghost. The ideal that Jesus presents to us is a positive ideal that makes the Christian's interests identical with God's interests, and throws open to him the whole



"House insured?" "Yes." "What company?" "Don't know. Why?" "Ever travel?" "Yes." "Just buy a railroad ticket?" "Y-y-yes." "Just a ticket -- not a ticket to any particular place?" "Of course I know where I'm going!" "Do you know where you're going to get your money if your house burns up?" "From the company." "And you don't even know the name of the company?" "Why?" "Why not deal with a company that has paid its honest obligations cheerfully and promptly for 104 years?" "What company is that?" "The Hartford Fire Insurance Co. I'll look up the Hartford Agent."

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realm of goodness and giving. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." The ideal is even more than partnership with God; it is a union, closer than any human partnership we know anything about, closer even than the union of man and wife. It is such complete love of God that nothing will come between the Christian and God's interests. It is the love that calls everything God's, and uses ten-tenths for God. It is the love that would make all business God's business, and that knows that all business which is not God's business is doomed to bring confusion in a world made by God.

Trace, the man who considers that ten-tenths of all that he has and is God's, must make some decision as to how much he will turn into the particular business of preaching the Gospel. But his decision will be "All if necessary, tho' it put me in bankruptcy."

The nearest human illustrations of what we mean by loving God with all our heart, and soul, and mind, and strength, is seen in the parent's love for his child, or the man's love for his wife and vice-versa. If necessary, would not a man spend his whole fortune to save his child's or his wife's life? Ordinarily, however, it is not necessary. The man who loves God as Jesus asks us to, will put the interests of God's Kingdom first, give God all that he has and give no care for himself over the part that goes into preaching the Gospel. HENRY CLARK SMITH

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