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TOPICS OF THE WEEK

OUR MORAL SLUMP.

As the direst result of war, humanity is now registering the greatest crime record since the French Revolution asserts The Western Christian Advocate (Methodist), which looks with sober thought on the "reprobate" condition of the world, but hopes that Christianity will awaken in time to withstand the peril. Now "the moral sense seems shaken", our perception of the distinction between right and wrong becomes dull, and "conscience appears to be deadened by an opiate that produces a pathetic coma." All the laws of the decalog are being constantly flouted with "shocking boldness" and the tabulation of figures covering moral breakdown is so incredibly astounding that "some men refuse to believe that conditions are as serious as social students report them." A glance abroad shows that in Europe the restraints of Christian teaching have slipped until men who visit those countries are amazed at the boldness of deceit, theft, lying, profanity, infidelity, the disregard for human life. The situation should be accepted as a challenge to the Church, we are told, and while we watch a steady stream of millions entering and leaving our jails, workhouses, and prisons, there is no great reason that we should deprecate the situation as if there were no power to relieve the stress. But we must face facts. Looking over the prison records for recent years in our own country, the Methodist editor sees that—

"During the year 1910 there were 479,789 persons behind prison-bars, 124,424 being women and 24,874 being juvenile offenders. Over 6,000 of these were for life, while 23,449 were for less than one year, and over 27,000 were indeterminate. But note the contrast for the year 1916, for these figures apply to America. Reports are that there were enrolled in 115 reform schools 61,095 boys and girls. In six years the number has almost doubled. But four years have passed since that time. The war has closed and the loosening up has been more deadly than any one could dream. The courts of domestic relations in all our large cities have a docket that no single judge could handle. Substitutions have had to be created and departments formed to dispatch the ever-increasing volume of business, which juvenile delinquency has increased over 200 per cent.

"What is the significance of this slump of the moral forces of humanity! It means opportunity for the leaders of the Christian Church. Men can not remain on the low level of the physical-life. The crass impulses that give expression to the brute and the beast in him do not remain in control. The moral tide may go out and leave broad stretches of the beach exposed to the burning heat of the summer sun. But in time it will return from the fathomless depths with a freshness and a power that can not be resisted.

"Moral force, moral power, is like the hunger of the soul. It can turn a man into a raving beast; it can transform him into an angel of light. Some day, it is our faith, that man's moral sense will tighten up, will right itself, will assert itself. Then the Church of Jesus Christ must be ready, for then God will begin his great ingathering."

HARDING IS DETERMINED TO KEEP PEACE IN THE PARTY.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President-elect Harding may be far away from the politicians and the factions inside the Republican party, geographically speaking, but there are some things going on, nevertheless, during his absence which indicate clearly the determination of Warren Harding to keep the party harmonious and to keep himself free from entanglement in the matter of the campaign funds.

In the first place, it became known here today that Elihu Root had been instructed to come to Marion on December 10 to discuss questions of foreign policy and particularly the league of nations. The president-elect has also asked other distinguished Republicans to confer with him at Marion, but the significance of the Root visit is that it reveals Mr. Harding as anxious to obtain the advice and counsel of the former secretary of state.—David Lawrence, in Greensboro News.

There is no prospect of an early reduction in the wages of the Cleveland News.

HYMANS IS PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Geneva, Nov. 15.—Paul Hymans, of Belgium, was elected permanent president of the league of nations at the opening session of the league's assembly here today. He received 35 votes to four votes for President Motta, of Switzerland, and Leon Bourgeois, of France.

M. Hymans had called the delegates to order and introduced President Motta, of Switzerland, who in his address welcoming the delegates expressed the hope that the United States would not delay much longer in "taking its legitimate place in the league."

When M. Hymans, who heads the Belgian delegation and is a former foreign minister of Belgium declared the first session of the assembly open, the hall was crowded with men and women among the delegates. Their toilettes, with the quaint red and yellow gowns of the Swiss guards, gave touches of color to an otherwise sober scene.

M. Gotta, in his greetings to the delegates, thanked the peace conference for having selected Geneva as the seat of the league of nations, also thanked President Wilson for calling the meeting in the seat of the league.

The session of the league assembly was greeted with the ringing of all the bells in Geneva, after several minutes silence on the part of all the people of the Canton. President Motta, of Switzerland, was followed by M. Hymans.

GEN. WRANGLER'S ANTI-BOLSHEVIK ARMY WIPED OUT.

Constantinople, Nov. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The army of General Wrangel, the anti-Bolshevik commander in South Russia, has been wiped out and a number of his generals have committed suicide.

A mob in Sebastopol has pillaged the American Red Cross stocks. The American torpedo boat destroyers at Sebastopol are evacuating officers and their families. The American destroyer Humpries has gone to Yalta to take off the Red Cross supplies.

The fighting at Perekop was one of the most desperate characters. The bolsheviks, according to latest advices, admit they had 30,000 men killed. They claim to have taken 40,000 prisoners. They owe their success largely to the use of poison gas.

It is stated that at the request of the French representative attached to Wrangel's headquarters the bolsheviks have granted eight days for evacuation of Crimea.

Paris, Nov. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Wrangel's army, thoroughly beaten, is continuing to retreat southward, according to information received by the French foreign office today, pursued by a well commanded army of 27 divisions. General Wrangel has suffered great losses and many of his officers have been killed.

General Wrangel has gone aboard one of the French warships in Sebastopol, but the vessel is still remaining in port says the advices. The evacuation is continuing, but there is inadequate shipping for the number of person seeking to flee.

SUIT IS FILED AGAINST BOARD OF CANVASSERS.

An action has been started in the Superior court with Constable J. C. Whittington, of Reddies River township, as plaintiff and the members of the county board of canvassers defendants. In the complaint Mr. Whittington alleges that he was a candidate for the office of constable and that he received 446 votes, and that the board of canvassers failed to judicially canvass the vote of Reddies River township and that they went behind the returns and threw out the vote in Reddies River township. The plaintiff further alleges that the board failed to canvass the vote as required by law. Other allegations are set out in the complaint.

SIX LOSE THEIR LIVES IN COAL MINE DIASTER.

Earlington, Ky., Nov. 17.—With the sealing this afternoon of that part of the Arnold mine which has been burning since yesterday afternoon, 17 men were entrapped, the death toll of the disaster has been definitely established at six.

MEETING OF TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION LAST WEEK.

The November meeting of the Wilkes County Teachers' Association was held with the graded school at Wilkesboro on last Friday and Saturday.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 Friday afternoon by County Superintendent Wright, who asked Rev. E. E. Yates to conduct the devotional exercises.

Miss Lura Scott of the Wilkesboro schools gave the fifth lesson in "Free-land," and after a talk by Mr. F. B. Hendren, county chairman of the Red Cross association, the meeting adjourned for departmental work. Miss Scott with the high school department, Mr. M. F. Bumgarner conducting the grammar grade division and Miss Hattie Aiken with the primary section.

At the conclusion of an hour in departmental work the association reassembled and after a song by the school, Supt. Wright announced the various committees and the meeting adjourned till 9:45 Saturday morning.

Promptly at the hour the association convened with Rev. Mr. Hunt conducting the devotional exercises. Following this Mr. A. G. Hendren, county demonstration agent, talked to the teachers as to some of the plans which he has in mind for the coming year. Miss Margaret Wright, community service worker, spoke of some of the activities which she is stressing in the county for the term. She was followed by Mrs. R. B. Pharr, who gave the association the sixth lesson in Free-land, the reading circle text for the present scholastic year. The association then elected delegates to the assembly at Asheville, selecting twelve representatives.

The meeting then adjourned to departmental work, after which it was reassembled, and after several announcements, and statements of proposed activities by Supt. Wright, it was adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. A. Hogleman.

Two hundred and forty-one teachers registered for this meeting of the association, the largest number by far ever attending a meeting of this body.

MRS. J. W. WALKER DIES AT HER HOME NEAR ROARING RIVER.

On Nov. 9, 1920, Mrs. J. W. Walker of Roaring River passed to the great beyond to reap her eternal reward. A husband and five children; two girls Mrs. E. O. Brewer, of North Wilkesboro Route No. 2, and Miss Maggie Walker; three boys Lester, Connie, and Eugene; also three sisters Mrs. R. L. Combs, of Spurgeon, Mrs. L. A. and N. A. Ward, of Roaring River, and two brothers, William and John Alexander, of Roaring River, mourn her loss. But we trust that their loss is her eternal gain.

Before her marriage she was Miss Julia Alexander, daughter of J. H. Alexander of Roaring River. She had been a consistent member of the Baptist church at White Plains near Roaring River for several years. She was a loving companion and an affectionate mother and will be greatly missed by the surrounding community. She was born April 8, 1878; died Nov. 9, 1920. Her death was due to stomach trouble. Her husband had carried her to Dr. Long of Statesville also to Dr. Mosley of Greensboro. She also was attended by Drs. Douthit and Choate, but all of no avail. The summons of death came and all doctors and friends must stand aside and bow in humble submission to him that does all things well.

A Friend.

DOUGHTON SAYS HE WON IN EIGHTH BY 1,220 MAJORITY.

Congressman E. L. Doughton, of Laurel Springs, in an article published in The Charlotte Observer, makes the statement that he has received a majority of 1,220 over his opponent, Dr. J. I. Campbell, in the Eighth Congressional district. Mr. Doughton further states that the figures are official with the exception of Roanwa county, which will affect his majority but very little.

A Farm Bureau was organized Saturday at the court house in Wilkesboro for this county with Mr. H. H. Morehouse, president, and Mr. R. S. Griswold, vice-president, both of whom are residents of Brushy Mountain township, and County Demonstration Agent A. G. Hendren secretary and treasurer. This organization is temporary and was named so that the Bureau here could send delegates to the State meeting in Salisbury Tuesday, at which Mr. A. G. Hendren was present. Mr. E. S. Millsaps of Statesville, District Agent, was also present at the meeting. Secretary and Treasurer were elected in the organization work.

MOVEMENT TO PLACE MORE JERSEY COWS IN WILKES.

Mr. H. C. Bates, Live Stock Development Agent Southern Railway System, whose headquarters are in Atlanta, Ga., was in the county this week for the purpose of stimulating more interest in registered Jersey cows and the development of the dairy business in this county.

It should be of interest to our readers to learn that at present 70 registered Jersey cows will be found on farms in Wilkes county. Mr. Bates states that a year hence he expects to play a big part in bringing this number to 170. It will be remembered that a car of thoroughbred Jerseys was brought here last summer and under most difficult conditions the cows were finally placed in the county. Now, we are informed that the majority of persons purchasing these cows are highly pleased with them and have realized their value from a financial standpoint.

Mr. Bates is thoroughly enthusiastic over the future of the dairy business in Wilkes county. He has made the statement on several occasions that Wilkes is well adapted for dairying and that there is no reason why the county should not support one of the largest creameries in this section of the State.

Mr. Bates' visit here this week was made with the intention of going out into the various sections of the county to interest our farmers in purchasing another car of registered Jersey cows. Owing to bad weather he was unable to visit the farmers and only order for two cows was obtained. Mr. Bates declares that bad weather will not keep him from developing the dairy business here and he expects to return about the middle of December or the first of the year to finish his work of getting another car of Jerseys in the county.

Wilkes county is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Bates in this work, and it means that the railway company he represents is interested in Wilkes county, and is willing to aid our people in development of a business that means more money in their pockets.

PRESIDENT-ELECT MAY MAKE TRIP TO MEXICO.

Brownsville, Tex., Nov. 16.—An earnest invitation from Mexican officials to go into Mexico during his voyage in southern waters has been taken under advisement by President-elect Harding.

Should he accept his visit probably will be limited to a short stop at Vera Cruz on his way from New Orleans to the Canal Zone. He has been asked to go into Mexico City, but is understood to consider so extensive a trip impossible because of engagements elsewhere.

MEDALS ARE HERE FOR WILKES EX-SERVICE MEN.

The State of North Carolina has sent a handsome medal to the local Red Cross Chapter for every ex-service man in Wilkes county. The State is giving these medals to the boys in recognition of the splendid service they performed during the late war. On Armistice Day the Red Cross distributed about 62 medals, and it is anxious that every soldier boy in the county obtain one of the medals. To obtain your medal it is necessary to bring your discharge to the Red Cross Chapter, of which Mr. H. C. Landin is chairman.

R. T. Pardue New Chief of Police.

At an adjourned meeting of the board of town commissioners which was held Tuesday night in the mayor's office with T. J. Phillips, mayor, F. P. Blair, C. F. Lineberry and F. D. Forester, commissioners, present, Mr. D. S. Lane tendered his resignation as chief of police, and Mr. R. T. Pardue was appointed policeman to succeed Mr. C. A. Wyatt. Owing to the resignation of Chief Lane the commissioners decided to appoint Mr. Pardue chief of police instead of regular patrolman, and he was inducted into his new position Wednesday when he was sworn in by Mayor Phillips.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

This paper will be issued on next Wednesday instead of the regular publication day, Friday, in order that the force may observe Thanksgiving. All communications and advertisements for next week's paper should be sent in earlier than usual.

Whether or not the League has been capped, the scrap about it hasn't Boston Transcript.

PRESIDENT WILSON ISSUES THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Washington, Nov. 12.—President Wilson issued his Thanksgiving proclamation tonight saying that "in plenty, security and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future" and setting aside Thursday, November 25, for the usual observance. The text follows:

"The season approaches when it behooves us to turn from the distractions and preoccupations of our daily life, that we may contemplate the mercies which have been vouchsafed to us, and render heartfelt and unfeigned thanks unto God for His manifold goodness. This is an old observance of the American people, deeply imbedded in our thought and habit. The burdens and stresses of life have their own insistence.

"We have abundant cause for Thanksgiving. The lessons of the war are rapidly healing. The great army of freedom, which America sent to the defense of liberty, returning to the grateful embrace of the nation, has resumed the useful pursuits of peace, as simply and as promptly as if rushed to arms in obedience to the country's call. The equal justice of our laws has received steady vindication in the support of a law-abiding people against various and sinister attacks, which have reflected only the baser agitations of war now happily passing.

"In plenty, security and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future, its duties and its opportunities. May we have vision to discern our duties; the strength, both of hand and resolve, to discharge them; and the soundness of heart to realize that the truest opportunities are those of service.

"In a spirit, then of devotion and stewardship we should give thanks in our hearts, and dedicate ourselves to the service of God's merciful and loving purposes to his children. Therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November next as a day of thanksgiving and prayer; and I call upon my countrymen to cease from their ordinary tasks and avocations upon that day, giving it up to the remembrance of God and His blessings and their dutiful and grateful acknowledgment."

RAILROAD MEN GIVEN MEDALS BY SOUTHERN.

Charlotte, Nov. 15.—Today was a memorable day to more than 100 officers and employees of the Southern railroadmen who have been with the company continuously for 25 years, and who, for their service, loyalty and interest received from President Fairfax Harrison loyalty medals. The presentation took place in the assembly room of the Selwyn hotel. The majority of the honor men came from Charlotte and surrounding territory. There was a class of 27 from South Carolina.

MOUNTAIN VIEW NOTES.

The series of meetings conducted by Rev. M. A. Adams closed Wednesday night, Nov. 10. A more successful meeting has never been held at Mountain View. There were twenty eight conversions, and twenty of this number were baptized Wednesday afternoon.

There were many evidences of spiritual power in Brother Adams' messages. The church as a whole was deeply moved and the willingness of each member to help the unsaved to find Christ was easily seen. But one of the most touching results was to see such a large number dedicate their lives unreservedly to God.

Brother Adams was unanimously chosen pastor of the church. He stated that he was not in position to accept the call, but would give it careful consideration.

KAHN PROPOSES TO FORCE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS.

Washington, Nov. 15.—A steady effort will be made in the next congress to force the withdrawal of the American troops from Germany, who are kept there under the terms of the armistice guarding the occupied territory in the Rhine valley. Representative Julius Kahn, of California, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, proposes to introduce an amendment to the army supply bill stipulating that none of the money appropriated be expended for the maintenance of troops in the German territory or in other places in Europe. This would apply not only to the Rhine valley but to the plebesite areas.

DEDICATORY ADDRESS OF REV. C. W. ROBINSON

In printing in full the dedicatory address of Rev. C. W. Robinson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, which was delivered at the Armistice Day service held here on November 11th, we feel that we are aiding in the advancement of the most high cause when we place the address before our many readers, and that they will appreciate every word uttered by Mr. Robinson on the above occasion. It was Mr. Robinson's task to dedicate Memorial Avenue in this city to the memory of the Wilkes soldier boys who died in the service during the World War, and it can be truthfully and sincerely stated that he did his task well. His tribute was beautiful, and we are indeed glad that we have been granted the privilege of reproducing his address among our columns. Mr. Robinson's tribute follows:

Madame President, Ladies of the Civic League, in whose patriotic hearts this sacred Memorial Avenue was first conceived, and by whose untiring efforts it has been consummated; workers of the Red Cross, members of the Associated Charities, and the Commercial Club, who have so generously encouraged it, and our honored body of town officials, who contributed so liberally to its success; I would have deeply impressed upon our minds the solemnities of this day, and the inevitable occurrence that has occasioned our sorrow with gratitude to God, who sanctioned the sacrifice our soldier boys made, with the palms of victory. To the living representatives of that noble army of heroes, who, at the call of the commander-in-chief, donned the uniform and nobly did patriot's duty in defense of righteousness, liberty and truth, I greet you. I greet you in memory of our noble dead, who with you, were fired by the same passion that has ever lived and burned in the hearts of liberty-loving men and women from the days of Thermopolae to the present hour. That passion had wrested the charter of human rights from seattered power at Runnymede, and hung the British tea into Boston Harbor; that passion that crimsoned the snows at Valley Forge, and hurled back the red-coated invader at Kings Mountain; that passion that swept an immortal line of gray through the forests of Seven Pines, and left a trail of blood up the heights of Gettysburg; that passion that carried you through the devastations of the Argonne Forest, and the fearful slaughter of Verdun and Chateau-Thierry and finally broke the Hindenburg Line. And why? What for? Only that liberty might live, and crown with happiness, peace and prosperity a world redeemed by those sacrifices.

We invite you here today in honor of your comrades who sealed their passion with their blood, whose names are inscribed as a sacred heritage in the hearts of the present generation, and will be written on tablets of brass which we trust future generations will keep untarnished by the passage of time. But we would leave a living memorial of our honored dead, whose mortal bodies consecrate the soil of Flanders Field, so we have planted trees (the very workmanship of God Himself) to keep in perpetual memory the "supreme sacrifice" they made for us. And as these trees grow and lift their towering summits to the blue zenith above, they remind you that God, whose overshadowing wings protected and spared you in the day of battle. And as the years go by and the seasons roll round, the falling leaves of autumn warn you that soon your mortal bodies, too, shall mingle with the Mother Earth. But we have placed to the memory of each of our fallen heroes, an evergreen, "emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul, and which reminds us that we have an immortal part within us, which shall survive the grave, and which shall never die."

With the immediate relatives whose hearts are still sore as they see the vacant chair and listen in vain for the voice now hushed in death, we do sincerely, deeply and most affectionately sympathize; but we would remind them that it was a holy cause to which their loved ones gave their all; and that their courage, heroism and sacrifice is a rich heritage, a balm for wounded hearts and a comfort in the hours of sorrow. We would admonish them that our Heavenly Father looks down with infinite tenderness and compassion upon the bereaved in the hour of their desolation and will comfort the wind to all who have trusted in Him.

Young men: I bid you hold in reverence the home that your fathers built in this land.

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