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READ IT FIRST IN THIS PAPER

Pastoral Letter of The House of Bishops We well know that force, be it

Convention, Friday, October 27, 1916.

To the people of this Church ce, your Bishops, give counsel in the name of Christ.

America is involved today in world-wide confusion which finds its most acute expression in the battle-fields of Europe. No selfisolation on our part is possible. The fortunes of the nations of the world are interwoven as the hreads of a tapestry. To ignore this fact is folly; to recken with frankly is to give due recognition to the fundamental unity of the human race and to hasten the dawn of that day in which the armaments of war shall be beaten into the implements of peace.

It was but a moment ago that we were basking in the thought that the human race was steadily coming to recognize the community of its interests the world over The crime today of acting as if this were not so is the greater beeause the doctrine of brotherhood has progressed from a local theory to a universal conviction.

Interests can never again be sectional. The world is henceforth one from north to south and from east to west, for the time being in a disturbed and suffering humanity, in days to come in a unity where order and health will reign. 'Here' and "there" are merely terms of lifeless space. The longest distance in the human brotherhood is but from the head to the feet of its quivering, sensitive body. Sympathy reaching to the ends of the earth is not the voluntary offering of a few, but the humane obligation of all. It is the instinctive thrill of a fellow-feeling that rushes through the entire organism when a single member rejoices or sufferers. Political expediency may in war-time require neutrality of the state, but it cannot hold in leash the sympathies of the individual citizen. A man cannot be passionless and retain his manhood. "No heart is pure that is not passionate, no virtue safe that is not enthusiastic."

The fact that our nation is not at war affords no ground smugness, much less for self applause. It throws upon us the searching responsibility of exalting the true ideals of peace and life with God. incorporating them into our national life. Nationalism too often assumes the ugly role of group selfishness or false patriotism. Local conditions determine what form this disease will take. Yonder it breaks forth in the scarlet prosperity, which is bound to cause manhood to decay. The nation that in some quarters, for the sake of gain, still chains to the souls of her little children, that production from lack of costly safeguards, that heeds but listlessly the cry of the poor and oppressed, is not at peace even though she be not at war. If presently we aspire to act peace makers in behalf of the warring nations on the ground that we are not caught in the meshes of the actual conflict, let our asempty peace as much as He hates unrighteous war. Let it be sadly tims offered. said that, in proportion to her

is calling to men to sanctify their wealth by offering freely of their substance to God's cause everywhere. The wounds of Belgium still lie gaping to the sky and offer their dumb appeal to God and man. If America comes out of this day of world disorder richer national life, or even of losing her very soul. The peace that smoth-

the bodies of its victims. So far as war is a discipline which man has imposed upon himslef, he must look to himself to get rid of it. Movements and associations to promote peace are not to be ignored or undervalued, especially those which emphasize the deep likenesses, and give second place to the surface differences, of the race. America is stil in danger of race antipathy flam ing into hatred, which always constitutes an angry call to arme. Her blood connection with the whole of Europe is a glorious heritage making in the main for peace. Whatsoever dangers may lie lurking beyond our western horizon, they can surely be averted by a spirit of justice which has not always prevailed in our dealings with the Orient, the multitudinous Orient which presently will will be the centre of the world's attention.

Again, no nation, least of all so vast and diversified a one as ours. is justified in trusting to chance for the creation of her national character. She must expect of every one of her citizens some true form of national service, rendered according to the capacity of each. No one can commute or delegate it; no noe can be absolved from it. National preparedness is a clear duty. If this service assumes the form of more military defense, such can easily become menace, and will surely fall short of the pacific effect, unless al the productive forces of manhood are at the same moment developed and shaped into social order and righteousness. The only thoroughpreparedness is that exemplified and taught by Christ-the preparedness of character based upon

Would that our peace today as the waves of the sea! Then would we be indeed an ensign to the nations. But how different a case it is! The nation now at war, whom thoughtless people rash of war; here in unconsecrated pity, have as much to teach us as we have to teach them They rebuke our worship of comfort and money by their daily offering, upon a reeking altar, of life and humanity contains in itself God's wheels of industry the bodies and treasure, in behalf of what each allows human life to be sacrificed they declare to us that intoxicatto the inventions of speed and ingliquor, which is so freely and His Kingdom and His righteouscarelessly drunk in our land, is a with at any cost of lowered reve-

pirations be tempered by the re- out of their tragedy, brings new her arm and hinders her progress. flection that we are tainted with visions from God and breeds new Nevertheless in her missions the common disease of which the virtues in men; they shame our throughout the world, often in a cause. God hates a godless and self sacrifice that is royal in that she has steadily borne witness to day of peril and opportunity to

swoolen wealth, as figures show, the causes of our social disorder, bers of the human family, as well SODA FOUNTAIN BOY America's contribution towards whether they express themselves as won individuals to the love and the alleviation of innocent suffer- in war or in diseased peace. What- service of God. But it is only ers in Europe is the merest pit-lever apology may be made, or lo- flame that can kindle flame. A Tance. A few have given lavish- cal explanation offered, at home divided Church is powerless to Frank Raulfs, eighteen years old, did not vote for President. He op- Here let us labor, live and love, ly even to the laying down of their or abroad, for the world confusion create an undivided world. There- was electrocuted this morning posed Wilson because of the eight- While on God's call we wait, lives, many in due proportion to it is "none the less an outcome fore be no relaxation in our study while operating an electric milk hour law. He voted the Demo- And when the band their substance, the vast majority and a revelation of un-Christian efforts to bind up her wounds and shaker at a soda fountain here. cratic State ticket from Hon. T. Plays Dixie Land, little or nothing. But the oppor- principles which have dominated manifest her unity. The break- Crossed wires and damp weather W. Bickett on down to constable.

the life of Western Christendom Public Subscription and of which both the Church and the nations have need to repent." physical or moral, cannot by itself Read at the Close of the General tunity has not yet swept by. Christ uproot evil; nevertheless we have and Depot streets has cost the he turned to his machine to switch all the belligerents, aggressive and good results, at the same time scourge and driving power. But saddle the expense of the experi- mantled machine sparks flashing it is the duty of the Church "to ment of the town. in purse and poorer in manhood, place supreme reliance upon spirshe will invite and bring upon itual forces, and in particular up- sewer work has been consulted room herself the penalty of a debased on the power and method of the and he is of the opinion that with

St. James, were he speaking toers State Library and inex- ayday, could not use more pointed X gles and telling words than those he wrote long centuries ago: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence even of your lusts which war in your members? Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." Greed of possessions, greed of honor, greed of pleasure, have literally dethroned God from His supreme place among men. The sole cure is to exalt God. The church of earliest days met her unprecedented responsibility of converting and elightening a bewildered and depraved world first by proclaiming God as revealed in Jesus Christ, and then by moral precept as exemplified by His character and word. The order is, from God to righeteousness, rather than from righteousness to God. The world of men is athrist for the knowledgee of the living God. we need fresh evidence of this, we have itin the recent experience of the Nation-wide Preaching Mission. We therefore solemnly en-

join upon pastors and preachers that their first duty is to retire periodically within the vail and talk with God, in order to come forth and proclaim His clear revelation of Himself made through the ages, and to reaffirm in this our day of distress that He understands and rules the race which He saped with His own hand, and with which he irrevocably identiof Man. Experienced in dealing with the age-long waywardness of men, He is not baffled or embarassed by the wide-spread disorder of our times. Experienced equally and victoriously in suffering, His hand of compassion skilled and ready to "comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorwere like a river of righteousness row, need, sickness, or any other adversity." The awful writhing mass of suffering which men are now facing does not tax, much less exhaust, His pitiful mercy. In the calm certainty of his saving

stricken everywhere without rest. With the Incarnation as the cornerstone of the Faith. our common assurance that we have capacity believes to be a spiritual ideal; for universal brotherhood. God's executive agency for bringing in ness is the Church of Jesus Christ. national menace to be dispensed Out of the antural human family our Lord's mystical body is shapnue but with the gain of heighten- ed into a fellowship which transed virility; they teach us that food cends all the divisions of nationalis the staff of the physical life, not ity or race. Thus far the Church an invitation to daintiness and has been only strong enough to or gluttony; they rebuke our see and covet, not strong enough spiritual poverty by the splendor to consumate, her ideal. Her own of their spiritual eagerness, which disunion dims her hope, weakens self-indulgence by a degree of conditions of extreme difficulty, the priests that offer are the vic- her regenerating power and has the safe-keeping of Him who w welded living links uniting one to dead and is alive forevermore. We now come to the study of another distant and divers mem-

power He moves among the pain-

To Shoot Well

no right to place in the same class town over \$2,000, with little or no off the current the customer who defensive, in this or any war. there are no end of people who be- snap, a startled and inarticulate There are even occasions when lieve that good results can be ob- exclamation and then saw Raulfs the cleansing of the temple of hu- tained by a little more effort, crash to the floor, where he lay enman life must be begun with though it would not be right to tangeled in the wiring of the dis-

dollars the well coul dbe shot, and rent off from the building, was he has had experience with a numbe of other wells that have produced results upon the last effort.

In view of this expert opinion the plan of private subscription dollars, and make one more attempt with this well before the stead of the usual 110. work of filling up the wells and taking down the doles from the centre of the street.

The following have consented it death was instantaneous. to contribute to this work, and The Scotland Neck Bank has agreed to receive all other contri-

butions.	
Mr. Tyler B. Wheeler	\$5.00
Mr. Henry T. Clark	\$5.00
Mr. Jarl E. Bowers	\$5.00
Mr. J. H. Alexander	\$5.00

RUSSIA NOT TO RECOGNIZE

matic representatives of Russia wires Reuter's Petrograd corresondent, have been in structed to and to the governments to which they are accredited the following protest against the Austro-German proclamation establishing the Polish Kingdom:

"In defiance of the laws of na tions the German and Austro-Hungarian military authorities at Warsaw and at Lubin have proclaimed the Russian provinces of Poland henceforth to form a sep

"The imperial Russian government protests against this act as the war. There can be no con a fresh violation of an internafied Himself when He became the vinces of the kingdom of Poland Britain's enemies wherever domihave not ceased to form an integral part of the Russian empire and that their inhabitants will be bound by the oath of fidelity TO which they took to the Emperor my august master.'

WILL PROCLAIM NOV. 30 DAY OF THANKSGIVING

Washington, Nov. 16.—The

Thanksgiving Day proclamation will be issued within the next few

that he would follow custom and designate the last Thursday of the month, November 30.

down of secular efforts to maintain stable order constitutes special call to her so to epuip herself as to fulfill her concilating office among individual groups of

We close our words of counsel and exhortation to the churches with our faces set toward the dawn. History makes plain to us that man's extremity is God's opportunity. Beneath every pall o tragedy lies hidden the glory o God-new visions of faith, new counsels of virtue-to be reveal ed to and discovered by those who look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are seen, and who wrestle with God

We commend you with confidence, brethern, in this day our

IS ELECTROCUTED

Elizabeth City, N. C., Nov. 16 .-

combined caused the tragic acci-

He had taken an order for a milk-shake and turned on the cur-The well at the corner of Main rent to mix the drink, but when from his clothing and the pungent The engineer in charge of the odor of burning hair filling the

Robert Whitehurst, who rushed the expenditure of about sixty to the main switch to turn the curshocked into insensibility, bue suffered no serious injury.

The primary wire of the circuit from which the store gets its light it has been thought best to put broke during the night and fell across a secondary wire, sending before the people, raise this sixty into the buildings throughout the circuit 2,200 volts of electricity in-

The soda apparatus was not insulated to withstand any such cur- 126 rent, and when the boy touched 131

BRITAIN SAYS BLACKLIST IS LOCAL

United States is Expected to Reply to Latest British Contention.

Washington, Nov. 16.-Further negotiations between the Ameri can and British governments over America's objection to Grea Britain's trade blacklist were con sidered certain here today.

A British reply to the lates American protest, made public last night by the State Depart ment, defends the British position and leaves open the door for fur thre exchanges.

Great Britain's defense of th blacklist declares the measure is purely a municipal regulation, denies it invades neutral rights and asserts its purpose is to shorten tention, the note declares, that the British have not the right to deny the facilities of British commerce to those who assist the cause of

EXCHANGE MEXICAN SILVER CURRENCY FOR U. S. MONEY

Mexico City, Nov. 16.—It was earned today that arrangements had been completed with the Banco Nacional, on authorization from General Carranza by which the entire silver reserve of the bank will sives of all kinds during the quar-President Wilson told inquirers be transferred to the government ter ending September 30 amountin exchange for American money ed to 133,982 equivalent 500 pound electric lights, water and individreceived for taxation and customs bales, compared with 142,000; at the ratio of two for one. The bales during the quarter ending vide the necessary silver to care announced. for the needs of the army.

TO MEET THE HIGH COST OF PAPER

Washington, Nov. 16 .- Officials of the Spanish government are proposing to relieve the high cost of paper there by taking money out of the treasury and paying an amount equal to the increase cost of paper, according to a report received here from Consul General Carl B. Hurst at Barcelona. When conditions return to normal it is proposed that the government levy a small tax on paper until the expenditures can be returned to the

MR. WATTS CASTS VOTE.

George W. Watts, one of Durhams When life with me is done. wealthiest citizens, refused to vote for either Wilson or Hughes. He Where heroes rest in slumber deep, asked for a national prohibition Beneath the sun-kissed sod, ticket, and as he could not get one In battle's strife,

Superior Court Calendar For Halifax County

JURY CAUSES FOR TRIAL, NOVEMBER TERM 1916.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th., 1916.

154.	Taylor	VS.	Salsbury et als
52.	Farber	VS.	Weldon Steam Laundr
56.	The Fisk Rubber Co.	vs.	A. C. House
66.	Powell	vs.	Powell
74.	Weldon B'k'g & Trust Co.	vs.	The R. E. Draper Co.
76	Harris	vs.	Coppersmith
79.	Fieldham	vs.	Alexander
83.	Dr. Stuart McGuire	vs.	Heptinstall
106.	Goswiek	vs.	Keen
136.	A. C. House Lumber Co.	vs.	Fishel & Sons
151.	Bryan	vs.	Bryan
153.	Eaton	vs.	Eaton
157.	Massey	vs.	House Lumber Co.
170.	Cheek	VS.	Cheek
171.	Parham	vs.	Parham
174.	Jones	vs.	Jones
175.	Saunders	vs.	Saunders

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th., 1916.

6.	White	vs.	Stamper	
1.	Camp	VS.	Zollicoffer	
2.	Blinkland Co.	vs.	Ausbon	
3.	Whitehead Company	vs.	Mrs. C. F. White	
1.	Guirkin	vs.	S. A. L. R. R. Co.	
5.	White	vs.	Stamper et als	
1.	Va-Ca., Dist., Co.	vs.	Supervisors Roseneath Palmyra Townships	and

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th., 1916.

	95.	Hunter	vs.	Andrews
	97.	Thomas	vs.	Williams
r	99.	Williams	vs.	Drewry
i-	101.	Shearin	vs.	Lambert et als
r	125.	Johnston	vs.	Robinson
t	123.	Patterson	vs.	Lambert et als
1-	124.	Crawley	vs.	Lambert et als
	128.	Crutchfield	vs.	Bain
st	130.	Love	vs.	Love et als
e	155.	Fowler Mfg., Co.	vs.	Weldon Sheet Metal Works
t-	160.	Foster Machine Co.	vs.	Ben Fishel
n	164.	T. J. Miles, Receiver	vs.	Dickens
r-	166.	T. J. Miles, Receiver	vs.	Dickens

Cases will take precedence from day to day until disposed of. Suitors and witnesses need not attend before day for which their cases

STERLING M. GARY,

Clerk of the Superior Court.

BAPTIST BAZAAR.

The ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church will hold their an- Hancock request the honor of nual Bazaar December 14th and your presence at the marriage of

The public is cordially invited to attend. The place will be an nounced later.

LESS COTTON IS USED IN MAKING EXPLOSIVES

Washington, Nov., 16.—Bleached cotton fiber including linters and hull fiber, used in the manufacture of guncotton and explo- N. C., in two years to a populastep will be taken in order to pro- June 30 the census bureau today

EVANGELINE BOOTH IS RE-COVERING

illness of several weeks, during which "ceaseless prayer" was offered for her in Salvation Army circles throughout the country, Evangeline C. Booth, commander attractive to meet the views of all. of the Salvation Army in the Uni- A barbecue dinner has been conted States, is reported as well on tracted for, music will be provithe road to recovery. It is announced that she will be able to ged so that the return trip can be resume work within a few days.

OLD NORTH STATE.

Where blue hills, bathed in golden light, Roll on to meet the sky, Where purple streams, Go softly gliding by; Lie dreaming in the sun, Durham, N. C., Nov. 16.-Mr. Here let me find a place of rest On mother Carolina's breast

We''l all sing Old North State.

-Arch Huneyeutt.

HANCOCK-MARSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews Fuller their daughter, Hilda Maie, to Mr. Richard Henry Marston, on Wednesday evening, November 29th, at 7:30 o'elock, at the Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, N.C.

SALE OF LOTS AT HOLLISTER

The Fosburg Lumber Company has built up the town of Hollister, tion of five hundred people, and has a number of good stores, bank ual sewer, and a fine hotel.

The Atlantic Coast Realty Company of Greenville, N. C., has contracted to sell 175 residence and 8 business lots in Hollister, in the heart of the town all around the school building close to the church New York, Nov. 16 .- After an (and one block from the business

These lots will be sold November 23rd, rain or shine, to the highest bidder, and the terms are ded, and train connection arranmade at 4:30 in the evening.

FARM SOLD WELL

The Best farm, owned by Mr. L. B. Fleming, situated between here and Palmyra, was sold Monday by Where broad fields robed in living green the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., of Greenville, brought godd prices, considering the state of cultivation of the land.

In total 800 acres comprised the sale, and the price realized was roughly \$33,000, the buyers being Mr. S. A. Dunn, Baker and Everett, Mr. W. F. Butterworth Simeon Smith, Hyman Little and Henry Cotton. The price per acre ranging from \$66.00 to \$20.-