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Swat The Devil With Cradle Not Crutch Says Daniel Lane

New Minister at City Road Methodist Church Also Quotes Woodrow Wilson on Futility of Fighting Against Providence, and Lane Was Himself a Fighter at Verdun

"To kill the devil hit him with a cradle and not a crutch," said Rev. Daniel Lane, new minister of the City Road Methodist Church Sunday night, before an audience that completely filled the church and annex auditorium for his first sermon. The First Methodist Church was closed Sunday night and the congregation of both churches united to welcome the new minister.

His firm belief in the value of Sunday school work was illustrated by the quotation given above. Mr. Lane said the greatest work of today is in the church today and that perhaps greater than any other branch of church work is the Sunday school.

"I have great appreciation for the work of the choir," he continued. "I believe more souls are brought into the kingdom through the influence of music than through almost any other means."

The minister also referred to the special tasks of the Epworth League, the Woman's Missionary Society and other organization within the church.

Emphasizing the value of team work he said it is only through the organization of individuals that great good may be accomplished.

"All roads lead to God," he declared. "When I was at Verdun and saw before me so much destruction of life that I could have thrown a rock over a thousand skeletons, never buried or thrown up from their graves by shells, I was impressed with that fact. All roads lead to God. Woodrow Wilson recently said that he has seen men fight against Providence and perish in the struggle. He never said a truer thing."

Mr. Lane succeeds Rev. H. E. Myers at the City Road Church. Mr. Myers has been transferred to Memorial Church, Durham.

Rev. Daniel Lane, the new pastor of City Road Methodist Church, was born in Craven County, of pious parents, May 18, 1889. Mr. Lane's father was very active in his church, being the superintendent of the Sunday school for 48 years. Growing up in such an atmosphere, learning the lessons which the farm teaches a wide-awake boy and the lessons which he learned from such parents, he early took his stand with the people of God.

He graduated from Trinity College in June, 1913. There occurring a vacancy in Jarvis Memorial church on account of the breakdown of the pastor, Mr. Lane served that church as supply until the conference session in December, when he was assigned to the Ayden Circuit. He remained at Ayden for four years, having a most successful pastorate. Three hundred were added to the church while he was there and the town church was so strengthened that at the end of his pastorate it was made a station.

The great war at that time called for the sons of the country. The young preacher entered it with the zeal which marks all his work. He became the chaplain of the 139th Infantry, reaching the rank of first lieutenant. He served a year and a half, of which a year was spent overseas. He was with his regiment in three major engagements, St. Mihiel and the two great Argonne engagements.

At the close of active warfare he was detailed to study in the Sorbonne University at Paris, a university for centuries noted for its school of theology. Returning to the work of the church upon his return to the United States, he served a year at South Mills, so developing that circuit that at the close of the year it was made into two circuits. He then went to the Stantonsburg Circuit, Stantonsburg, a growing town, is the center of that circuit, receiving three full Sundays of the pastor's time. Three successful years in that important charge was excellent preparation for his new work and opportunity, City Road.

While serving in Ayden he met Miss Juanita Dixon and they were married just before he went overseas. To them have been born two little girls. Mrs. Lane is herself the product of a Christian home, early a Christian and trained for service. She has been a true help-mate for her husband in his work. That City Road Church is to be congratulated in securing the services of two such leaders, seems to be the opinion of every one who knows this young preacher and his young wife.

ROTARY BRINGS PLAYMAKERS HERE

The Carolina Playmakers have been booked for Elizabeth City and will appear here under the auspices of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club on February 11.

The foregoing announcement was authorized by Rotarian Secretary Gregory Monday afternoon shortly before this newspaper went to press for its final edition.

It will be the initial appearance of the Carolina Playmakers in Elizabeth City, the metropolis of the Albemarle having been omitted from all previous itineraries of the University troupe. For some weeks, however, the Elizabeth City Rotary Club has been planning to see that another season should not pass without an opportunity for Elizabeth City folks to see the Carolina Playmakers on an Elizabeth City stage, and the announcement made Monday means that success has crowned the club's efforts.

Further details of the first coming of the Carolina Playmakers to Elizabeth City may be looked for in later announcements.



MISS FLORA DAVIS
 one of the instructors and speakers at the Sunday School Convention which begins Wednesday at Christ Church and in which all the Sunday schools of the County will take part.

DR. S. H. TEMPLEMAN SPEAKS TO JUNIORS

Worth Basley Council No. 60, Jr. O. U. A. M., met in their hall Sunday night, at 7 o'clock, with several visitors from Wakesville and Newland councils, and from there went in a body to the First Baptist Church for a memorial and thanksgiving service, at which Dr. S. H. Templeman preached a very instructive and much appreciated sermon on the objects of the order, virtue, liberty and patriotism, reading for the scripture lesson the 14th chapter of Saint John.

Following are the deceased members of Worth Basley Council in 1923:

W. W. Woodard, died January 18. Membership 20 years.
 F. M. Cook, died March 1. Membership 17 years.
 J. C. Chappell, died October 7. Membership 23 years.
 T. A. Commander, died November 9. Membership 14 years.
 C. F. Wright, died November 14. Membership 14 years.

Shipping Board Makes Its Report

Preferential Tariffs or Subsidy Only Hope For Merchant Marine

Washington, December 3.—Preferential tariffs or a subsidy remain the only methods of insuring maintenance of an American merchant marine, the Shipping Board declared today in its annual report to Congress. Elimination of discriminatory legislation as a means of indirect aid, the Board held, "would seem to leave as the sole way out the assumption by the Government of the excess cost of operation."

"This in turn can be accomplished by either of two methods," continued the report. "First by subsidies to American vessels while engaged in carrying cargoes to and from the United States sufficient to enable them to compete with foreign ships, or second, by the complete assumption by the taxpayers of the entire cost of operation, the resulting loss being the country's contribution toward a national merchant marine."

From the standpoint of efficiency and economy there can be no choice. Private operation, personal responsibility and individual initiative would require a relatively slight assistance to be placed upon a competitive basis with foreign ship owners. On the other hand, operation by the government with its system of checks and balances has obvious and serious disadvantages."

The report listed these four factors as operating to the disadvantage of American shipowners:

The high standard of living in the United States, with consequent effect on labor costs, which would make "an American built ship represent an investment 25 per cent greater than a similar vessel constructed on the Clyde."

FORD CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

Washington, Dec. 3.—Henry Ford today had a brief conference with Coolidge, discussing, it is understood, the status and disposition of the administration toward his offer for Muscle Shoals.

CONVICT PREACHER HERE

Speaking in stripes and claiming to have spent 24 years in prison for an offense he did not commit, J. L. Cummings attracted considerable attention here Monday by his street preaching, especially when he addressed the lunch hour crowds at the Bee Hive corner.

JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITS COUNTY HOME

The Junior Department of Blackwell Memorial Sunday school paid a Thanksgiving visit to the County Home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, taking with them offerings of autumn fruit, and presenting a program of songs, recitations and Bible verses. When the visit was over, it was impossible to say who had had the happiest time, the little folks in their effort to express their gratitude by sharing their gifts and talents, or the older people, who were cheered by the bright young faces and glad voices.

Buxton White left Monday for Richmond.

CONGRESS FACES FLOOD OF BILLS

Members Of Sixty-Eighth Session Assemble Today For Session Expected To Write History

Washington, December 3.—Members of the 68th Congress assembled today for a session which, in the opinion of leaders, will write much political as well as legislative history. There appeared to be more than the usual hustle after the nine months' lull. Hundreds of bills and resolutions were ready for introduction in both houses.

While Congress must devote itself primarily to the passage of the annual appropriation bills, leaders fore-aw a multiplicity of subjects to be dealt with. Among these are taxation, the soldiers' bonus, veterans' legislation, immigration, prohibition, the railroad and agricultural situations, the world court proposal, governmental reorganization and the Muscle Shoals project.

Some elements in both the House and Senate still contend it would be unwise to tamper with tax statutes, while others are determined to make a bold fight for revision. In the latter class are those who agree with Secretary Mellon's plan and those who do not accept his views, but believe there should be changes to lift and shift the tax burden. Any legislation dealing with the revenue law will first be handled by the House Ways and Means Committee, which also will have original jurisdiction over a soldiers' bonus bill.

Secretary Mellon's warning that passage of a bonus measure not only would prevent a reduction in taxes, but likely would result in heavier taxation during the ensuing years, has served to develop a sharp difference of opinion in both Senate and House as to the wisdom of enacting such legislation. Supporters are firm in their insistence that it must be disposed of at this session.

The inquiry of the special Senate committee into the Veterans' Bureau affairs is expected to result in legislative action designed to make that agency more efficient and to better the lot of the disabled former service men.

As regards the railroad situation, one element in Congress is expected to oppose any effort to amend the transportation act, which in the opinion of most railway executives, should stand as it is. Other groups, however, have served notice that they will support moves to compel consolidation of carriers, repeal section 15A of the act which provides for a "fair" return to the roads, abolish the Railroad Labor Board, restore to state commissions jurisdiction over state rates or to make additional changes in the law.

The farm bloc is expected to make a determined effort to provide relief for the farmer, and a wide range of solutions for the country's agricultural ills undoubtedly will be put forward. Coupled with this program it is expected that a demand will be made for action on Muscle Shoals. Southern members of the Senate and House intend to press for acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for the project. Chairman Madden of the House Appropriations Committee has prepared a bill to provide for the construction of a steam power plant to replace the one sold to the Alabama Power Company.

Expiration of the present immigration law will make action on that question imperative. The House Immigration Committee has begun work on a proposed new law.

It is expected that during the session the international situation will come to the fore on more than one occasion, especially in the Senate, which was asked by the late president Harding to sanction participation in the World Court.

Domestic issues which are expected to engage much attention include prohibition, proposals to limit the powers of the Supreme Court, forestation and the question of embracing more banks in the Federal Reserve System.

An element of uncertainty is injected because of the great majorities of the Republicans in the Senate and House. Party leaders admit the danger that Republicans who are members of the Progressive bloc will swerve from the administration on various propositions, thus, perhaps, jeopardizing the majority's program.

Under no statutory requirement to adjourn March 4, the session Senators and Representatives generally predict, will continue well into next summer. A determined effort will be made to obtain adjournment before the Presidential conventions in June, but some leaders think it more likely that the end will not come until just before the November election.

MESSAGE IS READ FROM LADY ASTOR

Richmond, Dec. 3.—"The world of this century does not believe in the past, but in the future, loyal to the past in the light of present and future needs," Lady Astor said today in her message, read at the International Centennial celebration of the Monroe Doctrine.

"Our forefathers had great and bold ideals for the South and it is in being faithful to the spirit of their love for the South that we can most worthily commemorate them."

THE LAST HOUR BRINGS UP A NEW QUESTION

In "The Last Hour" the picture playing today at the Alkrama theater, there is a scene where the governor of a state upon being questioned denies the privilege of a chief executive to pardon a man once he had been convicted of manslaughter by a judge and jury. Later when a concrete case is put before him the governor refuses to meddle with justice even though the convicted man once saved his son's life in France.

There have been cases like this in actual life when chief executives of our states refused pardons to men who may have done them very noble service in the past. But they refused to alter their beliefs in the inviolability of the rendered legal decision.

In this connection it is interesting to remember that Lincoln often altered the decisions of his generals in death penalties imposed on Union soldiers. He felt that there was a higher law than that of man.

Milton Sills and Carmel Myers take the leading roles.

Cotton Market Breaks

New York, Dec. 3.—The cotton market broke 74 points shortly after the opening today. March contracts were down to 35 cents or \$5.50 a bale.

Increased crop estimates by private authorities caused a general unloading movement following weakness in the Liverpool market.

ARE NOW REHEARSING FOR ELKS MINSTREL

The first rehearsal for the Elk's Minstrels, 1923 edition, will be held Monday night in the Elk's club at 7:30. With only two weeks time off before the show, the entire cast will work hard to fulfill the promise of making this year's show the best ever staged by local talent.

All the newest song hits are used in the shows this year and are handled in such a manner that one would little suspect that this is an amateur production. The opening act of this year's shows will be different from the usual opening act of a minstrel. This act will consist of a scene of nothing but girls, twenty of the town's prettiest and most capable girls being on the stage at one time in a show all their own. Needless to say this novelty will not only be pleasing to the eye but will have several humorous situations as well, with several musical selections for those who like music.

The first tickets will go on sale within the next few days and these tickets will be exchangeable for reserved seats at a later date. The best insurance for a good seat is to buy tickets early for the Elk's Minstrels are always popular here and good seats are at a premium before the first curtain.

LOCOMOTIVE UNION WILL PAY PENSIONS

Cleveland, December 3.—The board of governors of the Pension Association of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has arranged to put the Widows' Pension into effect December 5. On that date 281 widows will be placed on the pension list and commence to draw a fixed amount each month. In addition there will be paid to them an aggregate sum of \$89,650 in back pay for pensions from the date of their husbands' death.

Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood, referring to the widows' pension, said:

"Perhaps one of the most historical events that ever happened in the annals of organized labor occurred when the board of governors of the Pension Association decided upon putting into effect the Widows' Pension."

"We believe we are the first of the railroad labor organizations, if not of any of the labor organizations, to pension the widows of the pension members for life, and we think it marks a distinct step forward in the history of organized labor, and one that will perhaps have a more far-reaching effect than any other single action of the many activities of the brotherhood."

"Eventually we hope that some plan will be worked out whereby not only the widows of the pension members, but also the widows of all members of the brotherhood will be pensioned from the date of their husbands' death."

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mays returned Sunday from Washington where they spent Thanksgiving.

SIX HUNDRED ARE DROWNED

Hundred and Thirty-seven Bodies Recovered from Mud and Water—Thousands are Made Homeless.

By The Associated Press
 Bergamo, Italy, Dec. 3.—One hundred and thirty-seven bodies have been recovered from the Bergamo Valley country, 600 of whom are believed to have been drowned when the great dyke impounding the waters of Gleno Lake collapsed Saturday.

Troops and civilians worked throughout the night in the mud and water seeking the victims of the deluge over an area of 50 square miles and endeavoring to give aid and comfort to thousands who have been made homeless by the disaster.

Three villages were destroyed and 50 square miles were made desolate. Thousands are mourning for relatives whose bodies lie in Bergamo Valley, where until the breaking of the dyke they lived, but where now they lie in a veritable lake of mud and water.

REFUSES INCREASE IN EXPRESS RATES

Washington, Dec. 3.—New bases for application of interstate express rates were today laid down by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the decision which refused the American Railway Express Company the right to make the general increases which it asked.

The express companies were ordered to establish new schedules on or before February 21 next, incorporating the changes.

The Interstate Commerce Commission also refused the demand that it reconsider all of its work in the physical valuation of the country's railroads. The petitions making such demands were dismissed.

GLAD WELCOME FOR THE PHIPPS FAMILY

Rev. W. T. Phipps, Mrs. Phipps and Miss Eleanor Phipps have arrived and are making their home at the parsonage on Ehringhaus street. Mr. Phipps, the new pastor of the Pasquotank Circuit, comes to Elizabeth City from Winfall, where for two years he has served most acceptably the Perquimans Circuit. Elizabeth City is glad to welcome such to its midst. Mr. Phipps will serve the five churches which constitute the Pasquotank Circuit: Halls Creek, Mt. Hermon, Union, Newburg and Epworth.

NO LAWYERS' SPEECHES AND COURT SESSION WAS BRIEF

Little more than an hour was required for Monday's session of the recorder's court. There were a number of cases, but as the defendants were not represented by counsel, little time was required to dispose of them. All the defendants, except R. G. Gilliam, taxed with costs for operating a motor car without proper license, and J. B. Venters, taxed with costs for violation of the city parking regulations, were negroes.

Lonnie Alexander and B. Smith were fined \$10 and costs on a drunk and disorderly charge. Smith was held pending word from Norfolk, where he admits an attack on his wife with deadly weapon, some time ago, with intent to kill.

Will Nixon was fined \$5 and costs for operating a motor vehicle with a defective muffler.

F. A. Crank, indicted for carrying concealed weapons, for assault with a deadly weapon, for illegal possession and operating a motor car under the influence of liquor, for illegal transportation of and receiving liquor, asks for a jury trial in each case, and four juries have been drawn to try the cases against Crank on Wednesday of this week. The outlook is that the trials will occupy several hours of Wednesday's session of the recorder's court.

The charges against Crank grow out of a wild night ride up the Newland Road on Thanksgiving.

MONROE DOCTRINE SAVES FROM WARS

Richmond, Dec. 3.—Declaring that by the operation of the "Monroe Doctrine American republics have through a hundred years been comparatively free from the wars which have drenched European countries with blood, William Jennings Bryan speaking here at a mass meeting in celebration of the centennial of the Monroe Doctrine urged that this nation extend further help to Latin American countries by enabling them to obtain financial credits without payment of "exorbitant" rates of interest.

COTTON MARKET

New York, December 3.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 37.15; January 36.55; March 36.60; May 36.80; July 35.80; October 29.30.

New York, Dec. 3.—Spot cotton closed quiet with 90 points decline. Middling 36.75. Futures closed at the following levels: December 36.25, January 35.67, March 35.89, May 36.02, July 35.15, October 28.60.

TAX COLLECTIONS LESS THIS YEAR

Washington, Dec. 3.—Tax collections of the Internal Revenue Bureau during the year ending last June 30, were \$2,621,745,227, or 18 per cent less than those of the previous year, according to an announcement made today by Commissioner David H. Blair.

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners of Pasquotank County were in regular session Monday.

Up to the time this paper goes to press only routine business had been transacted. All members of the board were present.

DEATHS INCREASE FROM AUTO CAUSES

Washington, Dec. 3.—Death of automobile accidents in the census registration area of the United States numbered 11,686, representing an increase of 1,498 over the year previous, according to Census Bureau estimates.

LEROY-COARD

Miss Elizabeth Coard of Accomac Court House, Virginia, and Mr. Fred Eugene LeRoy of Port Eustis, Va., were married Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. F. H. Scattergood at his home on Elliott street.