

# Church Loses Power Unless Christians Bear The Cross

### Apostles Hadn't Enough Social Standing to Keep Out of Jail but They Had Power Because They Were Not Ashamed of a Gospel that Was Foolish to Wise

"The Apostles hadn't enough social standing to keep out of jail but they had power—power to turn the world upside down.

"Today the church has plenty of social standing, plenty of wealth, but mighty little power.

"The Apostles preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified and were not ashamed of a gospel that was foolishness to the worldly wise.

"Many of our modern preachers are afraid to preach such a gospel lest it be said of them that they are not scholarly.

"Science may tell us that only Jesus came to make the unit fit to survive. The reason why Methodists got somewhere in your Wesleyan revival is that you went after sinners—not the society crowd. Now you have got the society crowd and the Methodists are setting an odd and an indifferent as some of these orthodox hide-bound Baptists or these cold storage-bottled-in-bond-Prebyterians.

"I tell you God is sick and tired of this foolishness. He put us here to save the lost and we are doing everything else under the sun except what he commissioned us to do."

This was the burden of Evangelist Ham's message Tuesday night in his sermon on "The Cross in the Christian's Experience" and "a no previous service has the evangelist held his congregation so completely in his hand and carried it to such heights of feeling.

In way of illustration the evangelist recited a number of thrilling experiences through which he had passed in his evangelistic work, when he was offered personal violence or when his very life was threatened by angry mobs; and his hearers followed him in almost breathless silence throughout the recital.

A number of business houses were added to the list of those that are closing during the morning service at the C. H. Robinson Company, Stevens Jobbing Company, and Brock & Scott. A number of firms were inadvertently left out of the half page advertisement giving a list of the firms closing in Monday's issue of this newspaper, notably the firm of McCabe & Grice, which has been closing for some time.

Morning Attendance Increases  
The morning attendance is steadily increasing and it is the general verdict of those who are attending both services at the tabernacle that the morning talks are equally as helpful, if not more so, than the night meetings.

The tabernacle chorus, now serving of itself and thoroughly responsive to its director, is rendering inspiring music at every service. The musical program Tuesday night was featured again by an appropriately interesting duet "Why Not Turn Him for All," sung by Messrs. Ramsay and Rogers at the close of Mr. Ham's sermon.

Mr. Ramsay highly entertained the audience with characteristic comment and anecdote during the taking of the collection. "You hearers there," he cried as they were just on the point of beginning passing around the collection plates, "drop in something yourselves for a nest egg if you want the folks to lay to it."

It was announced that the Red Men of the city will attend the service in a body Thursday night and occupy a special section which will be reserved for them. They are expected to come several hundred strong for this service. "It is a good thing nobody is counting on men in this congregation and on this platform," said Chorister Ramsay in making the foregoing announcement.

When the evangelist took the platform he said his service, as in his almost invariable custom with prayer, and made specific mention of special cases in which the prayers of the congregation have been requested.

The Call to Cross Bearing  
The solemn last night following "If any man will take up his cross daily and follow me,"

"If any man is ashamed of me or of my words, the same is not my disciple, and of Him will I be ashamed before my father which is in Heaven."

The Bible does not indulge in repetition and when Christ spoke of being "ashamed of me or of my words," he was not repeating himself nor referring to things which could be construed to mean the same thing. Jesus left earth 3,000 years ago and went to heaven where He is today. To be sure we have fellowship with Him through the Holy Spirit, which dwells in us, but Christ Himself is absent.

However, we have His words here and He tells us that if we are ashamed of them we are not His disciples. Now in this word which he has left us we learn that we must take up a cross. It is this cross that every Christian must

## CASUALTY LIST TOTALS TWELVE

### Naval Experts Believed "Deteriorated Powder" Caused Explosion on The Cruiser Trenton.

Norfolk, Oct. 22.—Four more deaths last night and today were added to the list of victims of the explosion aboard the cruiser Trenton in Hampton Roads, Monday, bringing the total to 12.

Of the six surviving members of the turret crew on duty at the time of the disaster four still are thought to be in a critical condition.

All of those in the hospital are suffering from burns on the face and physicians fear they may have inhaled smoke or flames which would cause serious complications.

Several complained last night of hoarseness which was regarded as a particularly bad symptom.

Norfolk, Oct. 22.—The death toll from the explosion on board the cruiser Trenton reached eight when two more of the injured died Tuesday. Two others are expected to die.

Washington, Oct. 22.—"Deteriorated powder" probably will be found to be the cause of the explosion aboard the Trenton, according to some naval experts.

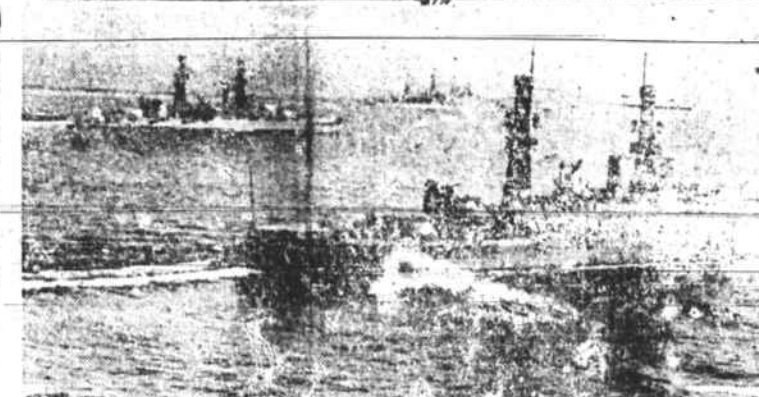
Contrary to some of the world's philosophers and so-called wisdom and preach God's word and the simple gospel. It is foolish to them. It contrasts that which appears reasonable and right to the world and it will bring down the censures and ridicule of the worldly wise. Paul went to Athens and spoke before the great philosophers of that great city and said in effect "I am determined not to tickle your ears with the vain philosophies of man, but I am speaking simply, in the language of babes, that I might preach unto you Christ as the wisdom of God." In Rome he preached to that great throng of thrusters after power and worshippers of physical strength, but he preached unto them Christ as the power of God and strength in weakness. Many of our preachers today are afraid to preach the words of Christ because it will endanger their standing as "scholars." That is the reason our religious conventions today will not sound out against the rationalistic tendencies which are sweeping our churches away from God. They are afraid of the opinions of their college professors and so-called scholars. They snuff at the simple gospel preaching. It is not scholarly, it is not reasonable; it is foolish. It is a cross to be called a fool by the scholars of the world, but the Christian must bear it. Jesus didn't have the approval of the wise men and scholars of His day. Neither did the disciples nor the apostles. "Where is your wisdom?" asked the apostle. "The world through wisdom didn't find out God."

The Foolishness of Preaching  
Then again, any who preach grace instead of works will bear a cross. While I was in Raleigh I made the statement that the vilest harlot and the lowest murderer in God's eyes than the most refined, cultured, respectable woman without Christ and some fellow who read the report of the statement in the papers took offense and wrote several articles condemning my preaching. He not deceived. The preaching of the cross is an offense to man. This man said my statement sounded "foolish." Certainly it did. God said it would. "The preaching of the gospel is foolishness to them that perish." Brother, we may have our degrees and stratas and sets of society, but not so with God. To Him we are all miserable degenerates and the best righteousness of the most moral and the best of us is "but filthy rags" to Him if we are not in Christ. You go to the world and tell them that the most religious, most cultured, refined, charitable, respectable, educated man is lost and without hope and without Christ has no standing before God and you will bear a Cross.

Then if you seek to serve as Jesus served, you will bear a cross. Go out after the great neglected masses and seek to save the social outcast and see if the world does not condemn you and force you to bear a cross. Jesus died on the cross as the atonement for every sin in the sole way of life and salvation. In other words, it is no longer the "sin question," but the "son question." It isn't a question of how good you are—the best of you are miserable sinners lost and damned if you do not believe on Christ unto salvation. Preach that, brother, and see if you don't suffer.

Are you ashamed of His words? Many are. Many have not the

## Pacific Fleet Indulges in Game of War



The Pacific fleet is staging its fall maneuvers at San Pedro, Calif. Here it is teaming past the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, the giant dreadnought in the foreground.

## SHOT BY HUSBAND OF STENOGRAPHER

Grand Rapids, Oct. 22.—Col. John Emery, former National Commander of the American Legion, was shot and slightly wounded as he sat in his office today.

Chedell Simpson, aged 44, husband and members have only condemnation for it. The only thing they have to offer the harlot is to offer the harlot in the police. The only remedy they have for immoral conditions is to run the miserable creatures out of town and send them over to some other place.

The Church and the Outcast  
I was preaching in a Kentucky city some years ago and one day a committee of ladies waited on me and was going to ask me a number of bad questions in the town that were ruining their husbands and sons and they wanted me to get in after the police and have the harlots run out of town.

"Are you ladies Christians?" I asked.

"Yes, we are church members," replied one.

"Have you ever tried getting these girls saved?" I asked them.

"They just looked at me with a questioning look as much as to say 'What do you expect us to mix with those miserable, loathsome creatures?'"

I told them I would see what could be done. I called up those houses and told the girls there was a move on foot to run them out of town and I wanted to help them and was going to come out and hold a service with them. I called the oldest preacher in town, Brother Southgate, an old and greatly loved Methodist minister, and got him to go with me. We went out and held a service in one of the houses where all the girls had gathered and had a great meeting. All the girls confessed Christ as their saviour and said they were ready to give up their old life if we could get them homes where they could be cared for. One poor little creature, only a slip of a girl, cried out as the tears rained down her face "Oh, Mr. Ham, if I could just die right now and go on to heaven, I am an outcast to society. Nobody believes in me. There is nothing for me to do. Nobody would even let me scrub their doorstep. Oh, if I could just die and go on to Jesus."

I went back to town and called these ladies and said:

"Now ladies, all these girls have been saved and we have arranged for their protection while we are locating homes for them in St. Louis and now tomorrow I am going to have a special service for women and I want some of you good mothers in Israel to go out in your carriages and bring these girls in to the service."

"Well, indeed they won't ride in my carriage," said one.

"Well, sister," I said, "I expect they have already been riding in it with your husband or son driving it. If what you told me is so."

Now wouldn't that woman have been a pretty spectacle in heaven when she met one of these creatures there, I suppose she would say "Well, I don't see what the Lord means by bringing such cattle as that up here. I didn't associate with them on earth and it is certain I won't up here."

Christ Received Sinners  
In Palestine, Texas, a certain harlot was converted and said she wanted to join a certain church and the pastor came to me and said he was about to lose several of the "best" women of his church, because they refused to be in the same church with such a creature.

"Well," I told him, "if they do get out, you will be getting rid of some pretty sorry cattle."

That night I preached from the text "This man receiveth sinners" and I paid my respects to the spirit these women had displayed. The pastor never heard another word.

But that has been the attitude

## SUBPOENAED FOR CAMPAIGN PROBE

Washington, Oct. 22.—Subpoenas were today issued by the Senate committee investigating campaign expenditures of William Knox, president of the American Bankers Association; Charles Hilles, former Republican National Chairman; and George Simmons, vice president of the Mechanics and Metals Bank of New York.

They were asked to appear tomorrow.

KEEPING QUIET ABOUT WALLACE  
Washington, Oct. 22.—No formal comment was available at the White House today on the recurring report that Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture is planning to retire from the cabinet in the near future. The secretary himself is in a hospital here recovering from an operation.

FETITIONS DENIED BY COMMISSION  
Washington, Oct. 22.—The petition of the Southeastern Express Company to suspend the order of the Interstate Commerce Commission for restriction of express rates in Zone Two, and the petition of the American Railway Express Company and Pullman Company for an order reducing class rates in the West and South were today denied by the commission.

COTTON SPINNING SHOWS INCREASE  
Washington, Oct. 22.—Cotton spinning activity showed an increase in September as compared with August and July, according to the Census Bureau's monthly report today.

Active spindle hours in September averaged 179 per spindle in place as compared with 143 in August.

POLICE USE TEAR GAS TO ROUT MOB  
Detroit, Oct. 22.—The police last night using tear gas and a mob of from 7,000 to 10,000 persons gathered before the hall in which Aldrich Blake, former secretary of Jack Walton, deposed the Oklahoma governor, spoke. The police were sent for when a mob was preventing persons from entering the hall.

JUDGE RAY DEAD  
Asheville, Oct. 22.—Judge J. B. Ray of Burnsville, Superior Court judge, died Tuesday a day at a Baltimore hospital, according to word received here by relatives.

LEACH NOMINATED  
Fall River, Mass., Oct. 22.—Robert Leach of Shattuck was yesterday nominated Republican candidate to fill the unexpired term of the late Congressman Willis Green.

PRINCE HAS CHILLS  
Montreal, Oct. 22.—The Prince of Wales suffered a slight chill while riding to headquarters at Ottawa Monday and postponed his departure for Hamilton, Michigan, until Wednesday night.

REVIVAL SWEETS TOWN OF FLYING  
Plymouth, October 22.—Plymouth is in the grip of one of the greatest religious revivals that has ever been held in this city, which is being conducted by the Leaman-Coston evangelistic party.

The meeting has been in progress just a little over a week, but the influence it is having on the town is noticeable by the number of stores which are closing each morning for the morning service, which lasts one hour. Not only are the stores closing, but the school has also closed its doors for one hour each morning in order that the school children might take advantage of the opportunity to hear the evangelist.

Never has Plymouth seen such a religious awakening as is taking place within the city. Daily prayer meetings, street meetings, are being held, and are being held by John C. Cowell, Jr., of Fayetteville, young women are rallying under the leadership of Mrs. Leaman. Store meetings began today and will be continued by the evangelist himself. Although the evangelist has not extended an invitation to any, some have already been converted and have testified to the fact when an opportunity was given at the tabernacle last night ago.

The choir, under the leadership of J. C. Coston, is increasing nightly in number.

KILLED WHEN AUTO TRIPS TO CLAMB TREE  
Salisbury, Oct. 22.—J. O. Sprinkle of Charlotte was killed and three men were injured yesterday when an automobile hit a tree near here.

## ANNUAL APPEAL FOR ORPHANS

One Day's Wages Is Asked from Everybody as a Thanksgiving Offering to Little Ones.

Washington, Oct. 22.—"One day for the Orphan" is the slogan adopted for the drive for funds for the benefit of the various orphanages of the States, according to an announcement made public here today by Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman, who is chairman of the publicity committee.

Approximately 7,000 envelopes for the purpose of returning funds have already been sent out to the State and various counties' officials, and civic organizations as the first step in the campaign for this year. Accompanying the envelopes in full explanatory information regarding the purpose of the collection and the plan.

According to Mr. Shipman, the committee is asking that everyone give one full day's income to this cause. This, it is felt by the committee, is practicable with most people, but in cases where such is not the committee is asking for a smaller sum to be given.

The Sunday Just before Thanksgiving Day has been designated as "Orphan Sunday" and an effort will be made at that time to complete the collection of the donations.

Participating in the benefit of the fund will be 23 orphanages of every denomination both white and colored situated throughout the States. The funds will be divided upon a budget system, according to the needs of the institutions in comparison with each other.

In speaking of the request for one day's income, Mr. Shipman said, "Many persons, men, women, and children give liberally every year to the cause of the homeless and parentless children in this State. An annual Thanksgiving season has long been noted for numerous gifts to those in need and especially to the orphans. We feel that our undertaking this year should not only be a reminder to the public that there still remain those who are unfortunate children that their own, who are looking to them for help, but that they may be encouraged and brought up as citizens of this State. That they may in years to come be worthy citizens of this State. The gifts to some charities is debatable but this to the orphan is not."

DAVIS WARNS OF WRONG METHODS  
Louisville, Oct. 22.—John W. Davis speaking here Tuesday night cautioned the methods employed to collect political campaign funds.

He called upon Kentucky voters to remember "if one governmental function can be bought you have no guarantee that others may not also be bartered."

LADY ASTOR SEEMS TO BE AGAIN WINNER  
Plymouth, Oct. 22.—Prospect of Lady Astor, who is standing for re-election to Parliament in Fulton Division of Plymouth, are regarded as particularly bright and her supporters are confident that the Laborite candidate, Captain Brennan, whom she defeated last year, has no chance.

Lady Astor is talking to large audiences and Brennan's meetings also are well attended but interest seems less keen than before.

DENIES CLAIM OF THE BOSTON POST  
Washington, Oct. 22.—The Democratic National Committee has denied the Boston Post's claim for \$1,000 reward by Chairman Charles E. Sawyer, who can produce no evidence of error or suppression in its recent statement regarding the past President Coolidge's played as a Massachusetts senator in the Boston police strike.

WALTER WESTON, hardly 16, was held for Superior Court by Trial Judge George J. Spence Wednesday on a charge of kidnapping.

Beals, Depe County, simply drew the usual penalty of \$5 and costs.

SPRING MARKET  
New York, Oct. 22.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 54.25, up 1/4 from 20 points. Futures closed 54.25, up 1/4 from 23.90, Dec. 23.90, Jan. 23.90, Mar. 23.37, May 23.62, July 23.20.

New York, Oct. 22.—Cotton futures closed at the following level: 23.15, January 15.17, March 15.17.

CHORUS FOR REVIVAL  
The following firms have been added to those who are closing from 10 to 14 for the Ham-Ramsay Revival:

Jennens Brothers, Spence-Holmes Company, N. Howard Smith, Aycock & Owens, Brock & Scott, and R. C. Abbott.

## GIRL USED AS BAIT BY BOSTON LAWYERS

New York, Oct. 22.—Helen Penrose, aged 24, who was arrested in a Jersey City laundry where she was employed as a sorter, has confessed that she was the lure by which a Boston blackmail ring of lawyers extorted \$60,000 from Albert Victor Searles, millionaire artist, according to detectives.

She also confessed that she was the bait in other plots that netted blackmailers more than \$500,000.

She is being held for extradition to Boston where she is wanted on four indictments charging conspiracy and other offenses.