

Daniels Asks For A Permanent Peace Plan

The opening of the Methodist Summer Assembly at Lake Junaluska is always marked by welcome from the people of this county. In accordance with a long custom, the address at "Haywood County Day" was made by a part-time citizen and home owner, Josephus Daniels, editor of The Raleigh News and Observer. His subject was "The Church in a Changing World." The Rev. Dr. W. A. Lambeth, president of the assembly, presided, and introduced the speaker, who has nearly always made the opening address when he was in North Carolina.

"No native of Haywood is prouder than your part-time citizen," Mr. Daniels began his address, "that Haywood County has lived up to its traditional patriotic devotion to good causes. It is a matter of congratulation that this county has contributed, in proportion to its population, more men and women to the armed service than any county in America. We rejoice also that its sons volunteered so rapidly in the early days of the war that it was 11 months after the Selective Service Act went into effect before the first man was drafted. More than 3,000 from this patriotic county are now wearing Uncle Sam's uniform. In addition, thousands of skilled men and women from Pigeon River to Balsam and the Great Smokies are engaged in war production at home and in shipbuilding and in munition plants in other sections, and on the rich lands of the well-tilled acres the farmers have increased their products so greatly as to win high recognition from the authorities at Washington."

Turning to his subject, Mr. Daniels asked: "When the firing ceases will we go back to the world we knew before an alleged master race believed it was born booted and spurred to ride on the backs of mankind? Or will we be lifted into a new world with a new order? Will we measure up to the heights envisioned in Wilson's Covenant of Peace and the freedoms promised in the Atlantic Charter? In 1919 we ascended almost to the mountain top where the vision of Lasting Peace entranced and beckoned us. And then—we, or some of us, turned back to the fleshpots, or were denied the realization of the vision splendid by those whose creed was, 'Let Europe stew in its own juice,' and 'We will look out for No. 1.' Will history repeat itself? Will we again repudiate the Bible truth, 'No man liveth unto himself,' which applies to nations as well as to individuals. Will we again crucify the saviours of peace on the altar of a selfishness that was fraught with ruin and that made possible the holocaust that now curses the world? Twenty-five years hence will some later-day prophecy be fulfilled because of the laches of this generation, as we now recall the prophecy Woodrow Wilson made in 1919? In this hour of anxiety for our loved ones in peril on the sea and on the land and in the air, and in our planning for the days ahead

when victory is won, it is well for us to recall the predicted destruction by the war engines now employed, Woodrow Wilson said; 'I do not hesitate to say that the war we have just been through, though it was shot through with terror of every kind, is not to be compared to the war that we would have to face next time.' The whizzing of new engines of destruction at this very hour is proof that Wilson was a prophet. If any doubt that it was given to Wilson to look into the future let us recall what he said:

"I can predict with absolute certainty that within another generation there will be another war if the nations of the world do not concert the method by which to prevent it."

"Soon the church will be face to face with its duty toward securing and undergirding peace. Will it repudiate what followed the World War as it has been compelled to make an about-face in its attitude as to this war?" Mr. Daniels said:

"In 1919 most religious bodies and Christian leaders hailed the League of Nations as the fulfillment of the prophecies of Micah and Isaiah, and the doctrine of the Prince of Peace. But when the crucial hour and the supreme test came, how many permitted political affiliation to send them to the ballot-box and vote for a party rather than for peace? How many evidenced that they had given but lip service to the only covenant ever drawn by man that would have perpetually outlawed war? Certainly enough voters and many Methodists and other Christians voted to elect as President a man who, promising an association for world peace, stood by while his pledge and that of other leaders was broken, thereby assuming partial responsibility for the curse of this war."

"Will Christians—Methodists among others—again trust peace to its enemies? Will they again listen to the counsel of able men who put party above peace, as they did in 1920? Politicians will, after this war as after the last, prefer party victory to lasting peace. Will the church be so militant for peace now that its members will turn a deaf ear to the same sort of appeals to put party and sovereignty above the covenant of peace? The issue will be the same now as in 1920. The Lodges in the Republican party and the Reeds in the Democratic party will again promise peace by destroying the only method offered of obtaining it. Will Christians be again seduced by promises that will be made to the ear and broken to the hope or will they follow the course advised in a resolution adopted by the Methodists in the Raleigh District Conference last month? That resolution reads:

Order we need to vote for, as well as pray for, candidates for public office who will work for a just and permanent peace. Also, let us vote for candidates

who will work for real temperance.

"It will need a theologian skilled in exegesis to reconcile, if it can be done, the prophecy of Micah that swords be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks with Joel's command in reverse to the Israelites that plowshares be converted into swords and pruning hooks into spears. If it be heresy to question whether the blood-thirsty prophets spoke for our day, I confess to that much skepticism. I prefer in this dispensation to hope the prophecy of Micah will be fulfilled in our generation as all prophets of a better day predicted the coming of the Prince of Peace whose doctrine and actions presaged the outlawry of war."

"A little while ago, before the dogs of war were unleashed, the leaders of the Christian churches were preaching pacifism and telling us that the followers of Jesus must not wage war. They based their position on Christ's example and His saying: 'All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.'"

"Today, in pulpits and Christian conferences, we are admonished that 'God has a stake in this war,' and it is the high duty of Christian citizens to buckle on the armor and hasten to join the armed forces who are battling on every continent. If all wars are to be condemned, how can Christian men fight or uphold their government when it goes to war?"

"Some years ago Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, quoting the unquestioned teachings of Jesus against war, called on Christians to make it known in the most positive way that 'the church will never bless another war.' He was voicing the feeling that actuated the Methodist General Conference in 1940 when it officially declared that the 'church will not endorse, support or participate in war as a church.' Most preachers and many laymen followed that declaration and when our government applied the draft to induct the youth into the Army, thousands of sincere young men refused to respond to the draft. They held that their religion would not permit them to fight. The number of conscientious objectors was not large, but there were enough to raise a question which civil and religious authorities could not ignore. Some of them said they preferred to obey God rather than man and were sent to jail as violators of the law. Others have been given work behind the lines. From Methodist homes—and the homes of Christians of other denominations—other youths were fighting in a war declared to be essential if the dignity and equality of man, based on the teachings of Christ, were to survive. With their sons fighting and dying for a cause they—and their country—deemed holy, could the church continue to declare 'we will never bless another war' or participate in one and let the brave boys they loved go unblest as they crossed the seas and looked death in the face? The Methodists, as others, were face to face with the hardest decision of a century. When their representatives met in the General Con-

ference this year the fathers of men in uniform demanded that the church go in spirit and in communion with their sons as they patriotically offered their lives on land and sea and in the air. There was division. Those who believed that under no circumstances would Jesus bless a war, opposed retracing the steps taken in 1940 and wished to stand by the official declaration. Young men who had suffered censure by registering as conscientious objectors and their sympathizers felt they had followed where their church and Jesus led, and it should not reverse its position and turn its back upon them."

"After serious debate of serious-minded men the conference by a majority vote made this declaration: 'The church maintains that it is well within the Christian position when we assert the necessary use of military force to resist aggression which would overthrow every right which is held sacred by civilized men.'"

"This change of front is not so great as has been accepted. It does not endorse war per se. It opposes war. It hates war, but it recognizes that when the question is whether 'aggression' shall 'destroy every right which is held sacred by civilized man' or by taking up arms preserve the home, civilization and democracy, the church takes its stand against the aggressors. And it does so in the spirit of Luther's 'I can do no otherwise, God help me.'"

Mr. Daniels warned that the Christians must either face war in every generation or militantly fight for universal and effective League of Peace as the only substitute for war. The challenge is: War or a Peace League? "Under which king, Benzonian, speak or die." He said: "Nothing happens in God's world. All forward-looking men who are followers of the Prince of Peace must throw the full weight of their influence for organized outlawry of war and be ready to take enough of sovereignty out of cold storage to bring about the long-cherished dream of a warless world."

Mr. Daniels counseled against the suggestion that the churches demand to be represented as such in the shaping of a world organization that must be open to all nations, great and small. "The church's mission is spiritual. The worst thing that happened to the early church," he said, "was when

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By Mrs. D. N. Rathbone

Mrs. N. C. James was hostess to a canning demonstration given by Miss Graham, assistant home agent, at her home last Wednesday afternoon. The demonstration was given for the benefit of the women of the nearby section. Miss Graham discussed the use of three types of new jar caps and their care, she also gave helpful suggestions to the type and care in selecting vegetables for canning. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to those attending.

There will be preaching service conducted by Rev. Parker H. Hager at the Laurel Hill Methodist church July 16, at 3 p. m., at which time he will begin his revival meeting. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Rathbone and Mrs. J. P. Haynes, mother of the latter, who have been residing in Mullica Hill, N. J., for the past 18 months, are spending a 2-weeks vacation on Fines Creek with friends and relatives.

Zeb Clark of the merchant marines, arrived Saturday from his fourth journey to and from foreign ports.

Mrs. Dola Rathbone, better known as "Aunt Dola," is critically ill at her home here.

Miss Hilda James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. James, and also their grandson, Master James Ferguson, are much improved after a tonsil operation.

Jerry—The human colon is 12 feet long.

Harry—I would have said six feet.

Jerry—You are thinking of the semi-colon.

Constantine with his legions took it under the protection of the state," adding: "And every union of church and state has been the enemy of true spirituality. 'The men who write the peace will need the prayers and the support of the church and it must be mobilized spiritually if the hopes of Christendom is to be realized.'"

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