

RADICALISM AND CHRISTIANITY

No-one claims that the United States is a Christian nation. Our constitution specifically makes religion a matter for the individual to decide and not a state concern. But still we must admit that the principles of liberty, equality, fraternity, upon which our government is built, are essentially Christian principles, and history has shown that the men and women who have held these principles as dear as life and built our country to the present stage have been Christian men and women or educated and brought up under Christian influence.

All the movements that have emancipated man and made manhood rather than riches the essential quality have been backed by Christianity. Workers have been lifted from the plane of slavery to the dignity of free labor through the tenets of Christianity which regards the producer of value as of the highest value. The principles of free labor are Christian principles.

Yet we find radical labor agitators, who demand the results of Christianity, but who want to crucify Christianity itself. We find labor agitators in one breath extolling the value of individual liberty, equality, fraternity, and in the next venom and hatred toward Christianity. You cannot gather figs from thistles. A tree cannot produce both good and evil fruit. A man cannot be consistent in demanding the good things brought by Christianity, and at the same time blaspheme it.

When you hear agitators talk so glibly about the rights of man and at the same time villify everything Christian, ask yourself about his real motives. Is he interested in your welfare or in his own graft? Always suspect the man that has been rescued from the depths, and who then strikes the hand that saved him. The viper will sting the breast that warmed it, but a real man is not so ungrateful.

Russia is trying to crucify Christianity. We have seen a few of the results. Do we want to throw our country back several hundred years in its development? Let us be calm and look for the truth. Let us take the "red" hysteria at its true value and refuse to follow it into the quagmire. We have the agitators with us, but let them prove their faith by their works before we follow them.

WHY HIS TAIL IS CUT

In Scotland the farmers are exempt from paying tax on their sheep-dogs, because of the help these dogs are. As a mark that the sheep-dog is tax-free, his tail is cut off. The Scots as a race are very thrifty, and the custom grew up among the people of the towns as well as those of the country districts to dock the tails of their dogs so as to make them look like sheep-dogs and thus escape the tax. The result is

that as generation has succeeded generation Scotch dogs have become well-nigh tailless, and the public revenue from the dogtax in that part of the kingdom is very small. We thus see that even the tail of a dog may have some effect on the finances of a nation. Many dog-owners in America and all over the world cut off the tails of their dogs, without knowing the reason for it. Custom is a hard master and it requires unquestioning obedience.

THE CALIFORNIA

The California, regarded as the most powerful warship in the navy, was launched a few days ago at the Mare island navy yard, Vallejo, Calif. Gov. Stephens was present and his daughter, Mrs. R. T. Zane, acted as sponsor.

The California represents the third electrically driven ship of her type to be added to the U. S. navy—the other two being the New Mexico and the Tennessee—and is regarded as the ultimate in fighting fitness. Her length is 624 feet, breadth 96 feet and depth over 47 feet. At her mean draught of 30 feet her displacement is 32,000 tons. She is equipped with 12 14-inch guns and her speed is estimated at 21 knots an hour.

Not only is she electrically driven but her guns, her ventilation, steering, supplying of power to the drive shaft, her laundering, printing, icecream freezing, cake-making and disk washing are all operated by electricity. Her huge turbines are of 28,000 horse power. She will carry a full complement of 58 officers and over 1,000 men. Her total cost is about \$15,000,000. As soon as she was launched work began on another great battleship, which will be christened the Montana.

HELD OUT

A man arrested for murder bribed an Irishman of the jury with \$100 to hang out for a verdict of manslaughter. The jury was out a long time but finally came in with the desired verdict. The man rushed up to the Irish juror and said, "I'm obliged to you; did you have a hard time?"

"Yes," said Casey. "A devil of a time. All the rest wanted to acquit you."

Some horses, according to the testimony of their keepers, never in their lives lie down to sleep but get their rest while standing motionless on their feet. The animals relax completely and often stand for hours without moving perceptibly, apparently resting quite as well as those which lie down to sleep. It has been suggested that they sleep on their feet because they are afraid of the mice and insects which often infest stables. The fact that they tend to lie down more when turned out in pasture seems to lend color to this explanation.