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"UTTERANCES OF BISHOPS."

Following an unwritten law, the Methodist church, among the last to recognize industrial conditions as seen by trades unions and labor organizations, is rapidly becoming first in clear and ringing indictments of capitalistic abuses.

The Outlook for May 25 takes the late indictment of capital by the Methodist bishops in recent conference for its leading article. The utterance of the bishops, together with the comments of the Outlook, are as follows:

"We live in an age in which the vast enterprises essential to the progress of the world require the association of men of large means under corporate management. Out of this necessity has grown serious wrongs and consequent resistance.

"Organized capital stands indicted at the bar of public judgment for the gravest crimes against the public welfare. Among the counts in that indictment are such as these:

"1. Conspiring to advance prices on the staple commodities indispensable to the life, well-being, and progress of the people.

"Resorting to adulteration of foods, fabrics, and materials in order to increase profits already excessive.

"Destroying the competition in trade through which relief might be expected under normal conditions.

"Suborning legislation, and thus robbing the people of the first orderly recourse of the weak against the strong.

"These are sins against humanity. If God hates any sin above another, it must be the robbery of the poor and defenseless. Otherwise His love fails when it is most needed and might find its largest opportunity. There is no betrayal more base than that which uses the hospitality of a house to plunder its inmates, unless it be that form of treason which so perverts the purpose and machinery of popular government as to turn its power against the people who trust and support it. This is not saying that all corporations deal treacherously with the people. There are honorable exceptions. But enough is known of the heartless greed that fattens off of the hunger-driven millions to warrant the strongest protective associations on the part of the people.

"This passage, which was followed by a condemnation of lawless violence, the blacklist, the boycott, and child labor, is from the quadrennial address of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church. It was read by Bishop Cranston at the Conference now in session at Minneapolis. According to a statement made by Bishop Moore, Bishop Cranston is the author of the address. It was signed by all the bishops. The passage we have quoted is remarkable both for the beauty of its form and for the significance of its substance, both for what it says and for the way it says it. We recall no utterance that states with more clearness, with more cogency, and with more moral and religious feeling the verdict of enlightened consciences regarding the conditions created by modern industry. The questions that the bishops refer to in this statement are not merely political, economic, or commercial; they are moral, and, as the bishops clearly indicate, fundamentally religious. It has been said with much truth that the churches have been too much given to discussing and debating questions of theology and too little given to seeking the answers to the real questions of life. Hereafter those who say this will need to take into account this strong and classic utterance of the Methodist bishops. In making it the bishops have served their church because they have served all churches, and they have served all churches because they have expressed the convictions of the people. Like the prophets of Israel, the Methodist bishops have translated the truth of the Eternal into the terms of current life.

To be sure, no utterance from sedate churchmen could omit a depreciation or the ultra-militant and cold-blooded methods of the blacklist and the boycott, though both are the most natural and retaliatory methods of individuals as well as organizations.

Extending its comments dealing with the church and social conditions the Outlook of June 1 tells of further commendable movements on lines of social service by eastern churchmen and speaks as follows of the utterances of Bishop Lines:

"In his annual address to the convention Bishop Lines said many things which commanded the closest attention of his listeners, and sounded, as he always does, the note of leadership which belongs to the pulpit, but which is silent in so many pulpits. He warned his hearers against the indiscriminate attacks now being made on Socialism, and the confusion of ideas which prevails in regard to it:

"A good many people are joining in the cry against Socialism who know very little about it. No such movement can have strength and hold upon many people without expressing some need and some truth which right-minded men are bound to recognize. It is a means which a great many people in the harder places of life are using in their contention against privilege, and the wise course is for those who bear the Christian name to try to understand the movement, and to get into as friendly a relation as possible with those who are finding in Socialism their religion.

"There are great abuses from which the weakest suffer most in our communities, and the church is unfaithful to her trust if she does not cry out against them and demand that the conditions of life be made better. If men and women in our churches feel not the ills which come through tenement-houses, child labor, long working hours, dangerous trades, multiplication of saloons, unclean streets, false weights, loan sharks, corrupt officials, and if they object to hearing those who preach in Christ's name refer to

these things, let them give up their ease and correct the abuses, and make it no longer necessary to present these subjects in the pulpit."

COFFEE PRICES DOUBLE.

Washington.—A statement has just been issued by the commerce of labor department's bureau of statistics showing that during the present fiscal year the average import prices of coffee was 13c a pound, as against 11c in 1911, 8c in 1910 and 6 1/2c in 1903. Porto Rico and Hawaii are the only portions of the United States territory in which coffee is produced.

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