BY CHURCH CHARGED

Inter-Church World Movement Conference Hears Discussion of Tendency for Inactivity.

Warning Is Issued.

Some of the churches of this country are getting to the point where they specialize in irrelevancies," declared Dr. Raymond C. Brooks, one of the leaders in the interchurch world movement conference now in session at the First Methodist church in this city, yesterday. Dr. Brooks is pastor of the First Congregational church of Berkeley, Cal.
"I don't smoke and I don't know

how to dance and I wouldn't know what to do with a deck of cards, and most of you ministers are probably in the same position, yet we're tied up with those things. It's an astounding thing to say, I know it, but it's time we realized there is bigger business for us to be dealing with than spend-ing time on things like this."

The speaker pointed out that the church has been subject to much criticism recently and took up the three main objections he had heard volcod. The first was that the average church member does not exemplify the type of character upon emplify the type of characte: upon which the institution was founded. "If it be that a church has become the gathering place of the morally indifferent, the spiritually stupid and the intellectually lazy, the sooner that church closes its doors the better." Another of the criticisms enumerated was that the church is said actually to stand across the path of social progress and that in the level of the criticisms.

progress and that in the last 20 years social welfare workers have found it necessary to perform many of their tasks without the sympathy and co-operation of churches. His third point was that in many quarters church members are not consistent with intellectual or spiritual ireedom and that those most interested in the welfare of Christianity have not found the church their proper instru-

Thereases Held Insufficient.

"Oh, now." Dr. Brooks replied. "Td spell that with a few less letters. As compared with the high cost of living your increase doesn't show up much. Even yet it is true that two-thirds of the ministers in the United States are not receiving a living wage and one-half of the Protestant of the Insufers in the United States are not receiving a living wage and one-half of the Protestant of the Insufers in the United States are not able to pay a living wage. The increases have not always gone to those who in the pastore who were often organized in opportunity instead of the yellow of the state showed that among the students of the Insufers in the United States are not receiving a living wage and one-half of the Protestant of the Insufers in the United States are not able to pay a living wage. The increases have not always gone to those who in the pastore whom the projects. At the town of Wren, he pointed out, the church was put on the edge of the cemetery so that the people would have a place to bury their dead. It is practically abandoned. One minister was found supporting a family on \$400 a year and the peatore and out, the church was put on the edge of the cemetery so that the people would have a place to bury their dead. It is practically abandoned. One minister was found to pastore and the peatore and out, the church was put on the edge of the cemetery so that the people would have a place to bury their dead. It is practically abandoned. One minister was found to pastore and the peatore and one the first as one of the strong men of the state and the peatore and one of the peat

Dancing Held Unthinkable.

"It is unthinkable that the churches sould conduct dances," replied Dr

Inability to Cope With Social
Problems Discussed.

Br. C. BROOKS SPEAKS

Smith "The young people themselves would not want to come to church for dances for they have other ideas of what the church should do and the spiritual message of the church would lose its power if the church did countenance dancing. It is my lidea that the churches should become such social centers, however, that the young people would rather go to the churches for their social life than to the dances where the moral influences too often are not what they ofight to be."

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among the things suggested to make the churches social centers was a baseball league for the young men, a mock house of representatives or senate where the young people would have a chance to get familiar with parliamentary procedure and a class to study the dramatic presentation of bible and missionary pageants.

W. J. Bryan, George Harvey, W. F. McCombs and Lindley M. Garrison Quit Executive.

the Wilson administration, carrying on his attacks chiefly through the columns of Harvey's Weekly.

LANSING DENIES SPLIT President Never Disagreed on Mexi-

can Policy, Secretary Says.

Many Officials and Advisers

Break With Wilson.

Washington, Dec. 1L—There is not now and never has been any difference of opinion between President Wilson and the state department on the handling of Mexican affairs, Secretary Lansing said today.

Mr. Lansing was discussing published reports that the president's attude on the Fall resolution requesting a break with the Carranza government was a reversal of the policy adopted by the department.

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MISHAP FOILS DEBATER Broken Bicycle Chain Figures in Plans Drafted at Spokane Session

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—A broken bleycle figured in the outcome of the

THREE PROMINENT WORKERS IN INTER-CHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT HERE TO ATTEND CONFERENCE.



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with intellectual or spiritual irreadom and that those most interested in the found the church their proper instruction at are standing apart from it.

Waste is Poisted Out.

"We have been talking about conservation, co-operation and the like while we are wasting men and money incredibly," he continued, "The city is underwherbed and the country will and the country will be underwherbed and the country will be under

greater degree than it is now," said Dr. Corbin. "It is the suggestion of the movement that every church precede its work with a house-to-house canvass so that no one in any community will be overlooked. The hope of the leaders is that thousands upon thousands of persons will be received into the church as a result of the evangelistic work and the enlistment of intercessors."

Prayer Week to Be Observed.

Prayer from January 4 to 11 and that a possible 25,000,000 persons will be general observance of the week of prayer from January 4 to 11 and that a possible 25,000,000 persons will usher in the new Year with prayer either in their churches or at their own family altars.

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All the advanced movements of the co-operating churches will be supported by a barrage of publicity through the advirtising columns of the newspapers, according to A. G. Fegert, formerly a newspaper man of Chicago, who is a member of the team of speakers conducting the conference in the nortwest states. In his address, yesterday morning, Mr. Fegert urged church leaders to advertise the "broad of life" as extensively as the breakfast foods are advertised.

Co-operation Held Necessary.

Co-operative effort on the part of the churches to make the community a better place to live in was said to be a necessity in the address of Dr. Edward Lincoin Smith, corresponding secretary of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions in the course of his presentation of the topic of "Christianizing the Community" Considerable discussion followed his presentation of the topic of "Christianizing the Community" Considerable discussion followed his presentation of the topic of "Christianizing the Community" Considerable discussion followed his presentation as to the extent the church should go in proving the considerable discussion followed his presentation of the topic of "Christianizing the Community" Considerable discussion followed his presentation as to the extent the church should go in proving the considerable discussion followed his presentation as to the extent the church should go in proving the considerable discussion followed his presentation of the county court.

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Bruce B Corbin

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IN SELLING WHEAT

for Incorporation of Warehousing Organization.

Washington and Idaho which closed its annual convention here today. A tentative plan for the organization of a selling association and a warehousing corporation was discussed, and President A. A. Elmore was authorized to name a committee of 15 from the three states which will perfect a plan to be submitted to the farmers in the three states.

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As outlined, the plans call for a selling association which will handle the stock and receive grain from the farmers, and a warehousing organization which will be incorporated with common and preferred stock to be sold for the purchase or construction of elevators and ware-

Farmers to Get Loans

Every wheat grower who joins the association will pledge himself for a term of years, to be determined later, to sell his wheat to the association. The association will receive the wheat and in turn deliver it to the warehouse corporation, taking in return receipts for the grain. These receipts will then be taken to the banks and an amount equivalent to their face value will be borrowed upon them, this amount in turn being paid to the farmers. When the wheat is finally sold the farmer will be paid the difference between the loan value which he has received and the final selling price of the wheat. 4 Middleman Is Hit.

The tentative plan, which received the unanimous indorsement of all the

Loses Life Fording Swollen Stream-Marshfield Communications Cut Off.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 11 .- (Spe-PHARMACISTS' HEAD HERE

J. S. O'Callaghan, Grand Presidence of the state off from outside communication for 36 hours. Only trains between here and Eugene brought news. Damage totaling thousands of dollars was caused by the high wind lars was caused by the high wind and the floods of water, while one man lost his life in trying to ford a swollen stream. There was no teleof the American Registered Pharma-cists' association, was guest and speaker at a special meeting of the Portland branch at 325 Morgan build-

in an address on "Spiritual Dynamics," given at the Oregon three-day conference of the movement, held in the First Methodist church Tuesday.

"All the denominations co-operating in the programme of the Interchart the spiritual resources should be developed and conserved to a greater degree than it is now," said Dr. Corbin, "It is the suggestion of the movement that every church precede its work with a house-to-house canvass so that no one in any community will be overlooked. The

No One Can Forecast to What Heights the Prices of Clothing Will Go

before a sufficient volume of imports come in to balance actual require-

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GRAY'S VALUES WILL TELL

R. M. GRAY

366 Washington at West Park

sea for several days.

Today none of yesterday's Port-land papers came through and no mail has been received from Call-fornia. Trees fell across the Willamette Pacific tracks in the district between the Umpqua and Siuslaw-rivers, but today conditions there

were better. The snow began to melt Tuesday night, only a sprinkling being left this morning. The temperature was 35 above zero tonight. Tonight the Coquille river at Myrtle Point was reported bank-full and a freshet was xpected during the night, Marcus Brown, a resident of Mc-Kinley, a neighborhood in the vicin-ity of Brewster valley, was drowned this morning while fording a creek in that locality.

Fire Thaws Pipe-Dies. HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 11 .-- (Speal.)-Charles Smith, Heights resident, was thawing out a frozen water pipe with a torch today, when pine needles at the side of the house were

ignited. The side of the building was

soon burning merrily, and Mr. Smith,

GULTTARD Ground or Calce

into port Wednesday forenoen at 10:38, to right her cargo and patch fied. After turning in an alarm, he with pressure restored he was able the leaks. She will not be ready for While thus engaged heat from the den bose.

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-A timely arrival from New York brings to Portland's eager holiday shoppers an array of silk undergarments, new, varied and immaculate.

-Washable satin and crepe de chine camisoles, all sizes. 98¢ to \$5.50

-Washable satin and crepe de chine envelope chemise and Teddy Bears at \$1.50 to \$12.95 -Satin or silk crepe de chine bloomers, special at

\$1.50 to \$6.95 -Satin or silk crepe de chine gowns \$8.95 to \$12.95

The Coat Sale -The talk o' the town-Peterson's coat sale, at \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$49.50 -Bolivia, sparkle tones, tinsel tones, velours, plush, broadcloth.

Trimmed Hats \$3.95

-Mark you! -Choice of all trimmed hats in the house, regardless of former worth-\$3.95 if you buy this week. Later, all gone!

Continuing the Sale of DRESSES AT \$79.50

-Response to this very special dress sale has been more than we anticipated. Dresses have sold briskly since we made the first announcement. We are keeping the lot attractive by the addition of more and in some instances better dresses. You will be surprised at the values

-Dresses of serge, satin, crepe meteor, taffeta, georgette; all sizes in the lot-very smart models-good colors. -(No exchanges; no refunds.)

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