AMERICANS CALLED TURBULENT PEOPLE

Pastor Says Nation Is Close to Frontier of Civilization.

CRIME WAVE DISCUSSED

Dr. W. T. McElveen Declares That United States Police System Has Broken Down.

"We Americans are a turbulent, undisciplined people. Many in our midst turn very easily to violence and to lawlessness. The fact is, we haven't got very far away from the old frontier civilization with its vigilance committees and its lynching 'bees.' Even our courts often hold the law in contempt. Judge Anderson and Judge Charles Hughes insist that the attorney-general of the United States ordered illegal invasions of homes and illegal seizures of property in its attempt to put down the I. W. W. hysteria."

Thus said Dr. W. T. McElveen in his sermon last night at the First Congregational church in discussing the question, "Is America Going to the Dogs?" and commenting upon the crime wave.

"This crime wave," he said, "is the logical aftermath of the war. The war gave men's animal passions a chance to express themselves, and it familiarized them with guns and the killing of men.

Police System Fails.

"Our police system has broken down. Policing is a science. It is a profession. Criminals have developed a kind of technique in the performance of their crimes. To catch these clever criminals the police must be more clever than they. Raymond Fosdick, in his informing book, 'The American Police System,' gives some appalling statistics that show that while this crime wave knows no geographical boundaries, it is worse in America than any place else.

"In 1916 there were 9 murders in London and 105 murders in Chicago, yet Chicago is only one-third the size of London. There were 20 more murders in Chicago with a population of 2,250,000 than there were in all England and Wales with a population of 38,000,000. In 1915 New York had 11,652 burglaries, London had 1459. There were more automobiles stolen in five large American cities last year than would be necessary to move the whole city of Geneva to another site, if the league of nations so decreed.

People Are Blamed.

"This does not mean that the American police are inactive. They break the world's record for arrests. In 1917 there were 32,520 more arrests in Boston than in London, and there were 111,874 more arrests in New York than in London. But with all their activities in arresting, the rate of crime does not diminish. Sometimes our police 'strain at gnats and swallow camels.' But the American people are to blame. Even decent people break minor laws. If we would all behave ourselves for a couple of weeks perhaps the Portland police could catch 'shadow'."

PASTOR SPEAKS OF DIVORCE

Rev. G. H. Bennett Declares Society Must Solve Problem.

Marriage and divorce were discussed by Rev. George H. Bennett in his morning sermon yesterday at Patton Methodist church on "The Mistakes of Jesus."

"The law of marriage and divorce mentioned by Jesus, is pointed out as a notable example of his unwise treatment of this problem," said Dr. Bennett. "The Catholic and Protestant churches, following the teaching of Jesus, declare divorce lawful, either not at all, or only on the ground of adultery. The objector says such a dogma might be expected from an unmarried zealot, who knew nothing of the problems of marriage from personal experience.

"It is known the world over marriage is a lottery, in which a prize is not always drawn. This law of Christ, the critic declares, presupposes all men and women to be wise, to know all the mental, moral and physical qualities of the person selected for wedlock. But as people are not all wise, and have but a superficial knowledge of others, such a law is void.

"He says, the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath—and likewise was marriage made for mankind, and not mankind made for marriage. Wedlock is not intended to be a curse, but a blessing to the race. If divorce be denied, or be granted on the one ground only—then marriage becomes a curse in many instances.

"Many homes have been turned to a hell upon earth by cruelty, drunkenness and incompatibility. And does God require men and women to endure such conditions, and be robbed of a true home, because their judgment proved unwise? Wedlock does not carry any such penalty, morally. The objector thinks also, if people were all wise, they would never marry unhappily—but since many do marry unwisely and unhappily, it is a demand of nature and of reason that such ties be severed.

"Every person is entitled to a happy home—unless by lawlessness he forfeits that right. The critic denounces the law of Jesus, and the churches, as contrary to nature and reason, the enlightened world so regards it, and 46 of the 48 states in the union so regard this law.

"Society was left to work out these principles in laws, politics and rituals. So the world now lives under the golden rule, and laws of justice, prudence, temperance and mercy. Basing their laws on these high principles, 46 states have chosen a middle ground between the extremes on divorce, recognizing certain crying evils sufficient for divorce. If churches fail to see this, it may be because 'the children of this world are wiser in their generation, than the children of light, as Jesus said."

LIFE'S OBJECTIVES DISCUSSED

Dr. E. D. Kohlstadt Says World Is Facing Moral Issue.

Dr. E. D. Kohlstadt, executive secretary of the centenery area of St. Paul, Minn., filled the pulpit of the Sunnyside Methodist church yesterday morning, and preached a sermon on "Life's Objectives." He said in part:

"As I travel from city to city and state to state, I find days of joy and days of tears, times of rejoicing and disappointments, and so it is in life, but in the blending of all these experiences, combined with a faith in God, the great rules make the successful life.

"The pessimist with his prophecy of despair is abroad everywhere, proclaiming that the world is getting worse, but he is vastly in the minority, and we find that while wrong is in the land, it does not rule; that while the devil walks up and down the land, he never owned a homestead, but is a squatter, and that just as long as sunshine keeps chasing shadows, cheerfulness displaces gloom, and God is in the land, wrong will never rule.

"The spirit of brotherhood is abroad and is growing. Men are waking up to the fact of these wrongs and the need to right them, and are willing to make the sacrifice and pay the price to advance civilization.

"While the world seems upset and conditions discouraging, the church is building a programme and raising up leaders to right these wrongs. The need of our own country is to Americanize and Christianize our people, to instill in their minds the necessity of a brotherhood founded on the golden rule."

Dr. Kohlstadt outlined the world centenary programme being carried out by the Methodist church, and told of its accomplishments in assisting this world need. He quoted Babson, the barometer of the business world, who says "The integrity of any community is better than its stocks and bonds. Business safety is due to churches and Christian principles. The issue confronting the world today is a moral issue."

DISARMAMENT IS DISCUSSED

Dr. Joshua Stansfield Declares United States Should Lead.

At the First Methodist church last night Dr. Stansfield, in speaking for international disarmament on a sliding scale and upon international honor and agreement, urged that the United States should take the initiative and a bold leadership in this most urgent and necessary movement.

"America is the greatest world republic of a free people and representative government, founded upon the 'rule of reason' and human rights," said Dr. Stansfield. "True to her best self, America should lead for the 'rule of reason' and not 'force' in the life of the nations.

"Further, America is today the richest, ablest and best equipped and resourceful of the nations of the world and with a smaller national debt and military burden than any of the leading nations.

"Yet America's debt is menacingly large today and the estimates recently presented to congress for maintenance of the army and navy for the next fiscal year amount to more than $5,000,000 for every working day of the year. Our naval estimates for this year are nearly $700,000,000.

"The increase or continuance of present armaments would be a suicidal policy, for it drains the people excessively by taxation and diverts the productivity of the nation, and the burden and draft will be intolerable. As Major-General Bliss, America's representative in the supreme war council, well says, 'Disarmament is the only means of preserving the world from bankruptcy and civilization from ruin.'"

LAYMEN'S DUTIES DISCUSSED

Rev. Joseph Boyd Issues Call for Congregation's Help.

The value of laymen to the modern church and their peculiar responsibilities were discussed by the Rev. Joseph Boyd at Church of Christ yesterday morning.

"Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only is the call to Christian laymen," said the pastor. "Laymen must place the church in relation to human conditions and needs. They must help the church escape the dangers of hesitation, helplessness and unfruitfulness.

"Laymen need to think about others and not of themselves. If they will, laymen can change the church from a field to a force. Instead of demanding time and attention from the ministry, they can place their own time and efforts at the disposal of the church. Instead of being exacting in their demands of the church, they can be liberal in their own service for the church.

"Laymen need to help a cause and not merely enjoy a ministry. Laymen alone can determine whether the church shall be a 'religious club with a private chaplain,' or a church ready to give itself as a ransom for many. The demand of the day is that the church serve the needs of the community, and not merely live off of the resources of the community."

STUDENTS HEAR SERMON

Baccalaureate Services Are Held in Three Churches.

Baccalaureate services were held yesterday in three Portland churches for the graduating classes of the Washington, Franklin and James John high schools, who will be presented with their diplomas Friday night.

The largest class, that at Washington, attended the First Presbyterian church in the morning in a body. Dr. Harold Leonard Bowman, the pastor, delivered the sermon on "Solomon in Serge."

The Franklin graduates last night heard Dr. Harold H. Griffis speak at the First Christian church on "Believing a Lie." The class at James John attended the University Park Methodist Episcopal church in the morning. The pastor, Rev. H. T. Atkinson, delivered the sermon.

LEGION CONCERT TONIGHT

Dr. Emil Enna, Pianist and Composer, Will Be Heard.

Dr. Emil Enna, pianist and composer, assisted by a group of other artists, will give a musical concert in the clubrooms of the Portland post of the American Legion in the Filtiron building tonight. This will be the first of a series of educational entertainments to be given for the legion men.

In addition to the concert there will be a short talk by A. G. Clark, manager of the Associated Industries of Oregon.

Dr. Enna is planning a large community sing in February for the benefit of the Portland post.

Salem Armory to Be Inspected.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Annual armory inspection conducted by regular army officers from Camp Lewis will take place in February, according to the tentative schedule received here. The first inspection probably will take place at Ashland on February 7, followed by similar inspections in other sections of the state.

Indian Timber Confab Called.

NESPELEM, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Lee Muck, supervisor of forests on the Colville Indian reservation, left here a few days ago en route to Washington, D. C. He and several other supervisors have been called to Washington to confer with Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs, about timber on the reservations and forest fire prevention.

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Salesmanship, the will to go to the builders and big consumers of lumber and substitute products and convince them that lumber meets their needs, is the surest means of bringing the premier industry of the Pacific northwest back to its feet, declared E. T. Howson, western editor of Railway Age, in an address at the banquet tendered the visiting delegations of the Mountain States Lumber Dealers, American Wood Preservers and National Tie Producers' associations by the West Coast Lumbermen's association at the Portland Saturday night.

Lack of effective salesmanship to combat the inroads of steel and cement have cost the lumbermen millions of dollars of business in the railroad industry alone, Mr. Howson declared, quoting statistics bearing out the decline of lumber used in freight car and bridge construction.

Mr. Riley Gives Lecture.

Lumber interests also should work to overcome the impression that timber is almost depleted, for the impression only acts as a spur to the manufacturer of use substitutes, it was asserted.

Frank Branch Riley delivered his illustrated lecture on the great northwest, placing special emphasis on the forest scenes, lumber manufacture and transportation.

Howard Andrews, Nashville, Tenn., of the National Tie Producers; C. M. Talmadge, Elizabeth, N. J., American Wood Preservers; R. D. Mundell, Denver, Mountain States Lumber Dealers; E. B. Humphreys, Raton, N. M.; John Foley, forester of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Mrs. O. H. Ellison, Grand Junction, Colo., were called upon as representative speakers.

Mr. Talmadge spoke of Chester J. Hogue, in connection with the New York office of the West Coast Lumbermen's association and the work he is doing in the eastern markets.

R. W. Vinnedge, North Bend, Wash., president of the West Coast Lumbermen, presided as toastmaster.

Highway Trip to Be Taken.

The delegates were guests on a trip over the Columbia highway and at dinner at Crown Point yesterday. They left last night for San Francisco and other California points.

The visitors passed Saturday at various points of interest adjacent to Portland. Producers and preservers visited the Clark & Wilson Lumber company plant, the Charles R. McCormick company plant at St. Helens and inspected logging operations and log booms and rafts along the Columbia. The Mountain States party visited the Eastern & Western plant following their arrival from Grays Harbor. Earlier in the tour the 34 members in the party visited at Spokane, Seattle and Aberdeen.

TAX REPAYMENT PROBLEM

Treasury Controller Wants Law to Prevent Duplication.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Congress has been asked by Controller of the Treasury Warwick so to amend the revenue laws as to prevent double or triple repayment of taxes erroneously collected. Many cases of actual duplication of repayments have arisen, he declared, and have been discovered with difficulty.

The controller pointed out that under the present law three separate claims might be filed by a taxpayer, one for remission or abatement of the amount assessed, another for actual refund in cash and the third for credit for such amounts on a current tax return. Millions of dollars in overpayments have been made by taxpayers, but it was said that the internal revenue bureau was unable to estimate the full amount which must be refunded.

GERMANS HINT AT DEAL

Supposedly Inspired Newspaper Is Favoring Indemnity Bargain.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Daily News' Berlin correspondent Tuesday wired that apparently inspired statements in tonight's newspapers, notably the Berliner Tageblatt, suggest that the German government is ready to accept the entente's proposal not to fix the total indemnity now, but to agree to payment in five yearly installments. Consent to this proposal will be given only if the entente makes six concessions, as follows:

One, Upper Silesia to remain German; two, property confiscated by allies to be restored; three, the armies of occupation to be reduced; four, freedom of commerce to be guaranteed; five, the restoration of certain shipping; six, the indemnity to be definitely fixed as soon as possible.

Estate Valued at $18,000.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lucinda Patterson left an estate valued at approximately $18,000, according to papers filed with the county clerk Saturday. Two-thirds of the estate is in Nebraska, where Mrs. Patterson lived before coming to Marion county. Mrs. Patterson died here recently.

Promotion Asked for Liggett.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Promotion of Major-General Hunter Liggett to lieutenant-general is proposed in a bill introduced Saturday in the house.

Councilmen Quit Jobs.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—J. L. McCoy, who recently disposed of his business interests in Pe Ell, and Frank Rhyne have resigned as members of the Pe Ell council. Rhyne to accept an appointment as city marshal. John Fear and T. W. Hockett have been appointed to fill the respective vacancies.

Noted Civil Engineer Dead.

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 23.—Luther W. Burt, 73, civil engineer, who had been connected with many railroads in his professional work, died Saturday.

Whitcomb Funeral Today.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hannah A. Whitcomb, who died suddenly last Saturday afternoon, will be held at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the East Side Undertaking parlors, 414 East Alder street. Dr. W. T. McElveen, pastor of the First Congregational church, will have charge of the services.

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