

"DAMN FOOL" LABEL HELD UNPASTORAL

Dr. McElveen's Appellation to Churchman Criticized.

SAN FRANCISCANS DAZED

Pastor and Other Dignitaries Declare Portland Minister Used Tongue Indiscreetly.

BY EDWARD BAGDEN. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—(Special.)—A man may be a "damn fool," but it is not for a minister of the gospel to label him as such.

This speaker, representative San Franciscans who, at the breakfast table a few days ago, were enraptured when they read a story from Portland, Or., that Dr. W. T. McElveen, pastor of the First Congregational church, burst into print thuswise:

"If a minister thinks a man is a damn fool, he has as much right to say so as anyone else."

From the quotation it appears that the Oregon divine not only referred to a member of his flock as a "damn fool," but sturdily defends his right to say so, regardless of his ecclesiastical status.

But those San Franciscans I talked to not only condemned the Portland minister's forcible description of the nameless parishioner, but scorned his right to say so.

Clergymen Dreadfully Coy. Clergymen throughout San Francisco with whom I conversed were dreadfully coy in an official way but a number of them unofficially named Rev. Dr. McElveen for his unbecoming designation.

Rev. William Orris Fisher, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church of San Francisco, was willing to be quoted.

Here is what he had to say: "I don't think the Portland clergyman or any other divine has a right to call another man a damn fool. In fact, no man has a right to call another man a damn fool; that is, if he stops to think a minute or so."

"In other words," I pursued, "no man will call another man a damn fool for fear of incriminating himself."

"Something like that," the pastor of the First United Presbyterian church of San Francisco replied.

Curious as to what a woman thought of a minister's right to call a man a damn fool, I got in touch with Mrs. Frederick G. Sanborn, president of the board of education of the city and county of San Francisco.

Woman Quotes Scripture. Said Mrs. Sanborn: "I think a minister of the gospel assumes a very great deal to call another man a damn fool. Certainly it doesn't comport with the dignity of the ministry. There might be room for the Portland pastor's forcible description of the man whose headwork he scorns, but I, for one, would be unwilling to join his class, unless, of course, I first applied a severe mental test. If you will turn to the 15th chapter of Proverbs and read the second verse, you will know what I think of the Oregon pastor who called a member of his church a damn fool."

"Did you remember the verse off-hand?" I asked.

"Yes," Mrs. Sanborn replied. "shoot," I asked.

"The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright, but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness."

And then I got in touch with Joseph George Jacobson, the composer-pianist.

"Anyone, and especially a clergyman, surely entitled to call a man a damn fool when he refers to another man as a 'damn fool,'" Joseph said.

"Of course, a minister has the same right to say what he thinks of any one else; but when it comes to designating a man as a 'damn fool,' I am sure he might have indulged in choicer language."

"Simp" or "Sap" More Dignified. "For instance, the Portland pastor might have referred to the man as a 'dumbbell,' or a 'simp,' or even a 'sap,' but it is not to think that a spiritual adviser admits and defends his right to call a member of his church a 'damn fool.' There is no excuse for such language from a man who is supposed to be a spiritual educator."

And McKenzie Gordon, the tenor, simply replied by quoting the 21st verse of the 12th chapter of St. Mark: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

"Draw your own conclusions," McKenzie added.

Having obtained expressions of opinion from a minister, an educator and a couple of musicians, I looked up the legal end of the business.

Henley Booth, Southern Pacific attorney, obliged. "If you will turn to 'As I understand it,'" Henley said, "a fool is a person lacking in common sense or judgment; one who acts without reason, a stupid or silly person, a simpleton. Logically, a damn fool is a grade or two worse than my understanding of a plain or garden variety of fool."

Don't Be Too Harsh on Pastor. "Still, the Portland minister should not be too harshly condemned for designating one of his parishioners as a 'damn fool.' A dog is entitled to one bite before he can be designated as a vicious dog, you know."

Other widely known San Franciscans were perfectly willing to discuss their views of the Portland divine's declivity grammar as applied to the church member, but balked on my printing their opinions.

One young church member said it was hard to judge what aggravation egged Rev. Dr. McElveen on, but, off-hand, he would say that instead of calling the church member a damn fool, the Portland pastor might have gotten by by referring to the parishioner as a sap who packed a skull, the sutures of which were completely solidified.

"Depends on the congregation." But, the young church member remarked, a minister calling a church member a damn fool was talking too much like a soft-boiled zany, and a man like that should be frowned upon by polite society.

The last authority I consulted was Harry Annan, assistant manager of the Palace hotel, and perhaps the most inveterate wearer of white carnations this side of Greenland.

I asked Harry point-blank: "Do you think any minister has a right to call a member of his congregation a damn fool?"

"Depends on the congregation," Harry replied quickly.

PORTLAND BANKS GAIN

Improvement in Business Is Considerable Over Year Ago.

Portland's banks show considerable improvement in general business as of September 6, over a corresponding period for one year ago. It is shown

as a result of a simultaneous call for statements by the controller of the currency for national and by the state bank examiner for those under his charter. Both calls came yesterday morning. All institutions were found to be in excellent condition.

Liquidation of loans has been fairly good, the amount aggregating \$14,485,388 since last June, or nearly 15 per cent over the period named.

Deposits total more than \$2,000,000 since last June, but are still below the average prior to that date.

The following table shows the condition of Portland banks at the date of call and as compared with the other dates named therein.

RESOURCES. September 6, 1921.....\$122,782,050 June 30, 1921.....122,104,004 September 8, 1920.....177,218,201

DEPOSITS. September 6, 1921.....\$27,340,111 June 30, 1921.....25,018,902 September 8, 1920.....146,849,605

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS. September 6, 1921.....\$ 93,433,119 June 30, 1921.....93,230,096 September 8, 1920.....105,733,944

CASH AND EXCHANGE. September 6, 1921.....\$ 30,236,712 June 30, 1921.....33,871,732 September 8, 1920.....35,264,652

GERMANY RIGHTS ITSELF

Wife of University Professor Says Conditions Are Improving.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Conditions are righting themselves in Germany, according to information received in a letter from his wife by Dr. W. A. Allen, president of the department of religious education at Pacific university. It is still difficult to get the best of food, and work is not easy to procure, but times are changing rapidly in the former German empire.

Mrs. Cook will sail from Hamburg for Forest Grove next month. She has been spending the summer with her parents in Hamburg, accompanied across the Atlantic by her daughter.

The Berlin police continue to make raids on the "nude" dancers, said recently.

"In our favor it must be said that the best patrons of the natural ballets are foreigners, especially the French, who take a lively interest in the beauty ballets. But it is disgraceful that 12 and 14-year-old boys and girls are permitted to see these performances. The parents of children should at least refrain from taking them with them."

INCOME TAX IS FOUGHT

School Programme Depends on Decision of Government.

HONOLULU, Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Upon a request from the internal revenue bureau in Washington by the trustees of the Bernice O. Bishop estate, the success of the proposed reconstruction for the Kamehameha schools projected by the trustees.

Trustees of the estate are determined to fight to the supreme court, if necessary, to have the Bishop-estate declared a trust, inasmuch as the funds derived from the estate all go to support the Kamehameha schools, an educational institute for Hawaiian children, and the Bishop museum. The estate wants the United States government to refund \$642,000 paid in income taxes in the past three years.

ZIONISTS PLAN COLONIES

Methods for Settlement in Palestine Discussed.

CARLSBAD, Czechoslovakia, Sept. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Methods for colonizing Palestine and various land allotment systems were discussed by the world's Zionist congress today. Delegates from Palestine took a leading part in the discussion.

Among the propositions advanced was a plan to send a commission to Palestine to make a first-hand study of problems there. In this connection, it was disclosed that a California expert would be sent to visit the Zionist farm colony and prepare a detailed plan for future agricultural developments.

AUTO DEALER MURDERED

(Continued From First Page.) of detectives had first sent to Wisconsin to bring back Church.

H. W. CHURCH ARRESTED

Suspect Is Accompanied by Mother When Taken Into Custody.

ADAMS, Wis., Sept. 9.—Acting on instructions from Chicago, police late today arrested H. W. Church as he drove into Adams in an automobile. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Edward Church, who also was detained.

Church is wanted in connection with the finding of the body of B. J. Dougherty in the Desplaines river at Maywood, Ill.

When taken into custody Church steadfastly denied knowledge of the murder. He admitted, Chief of Police Paulsen said, that he was acquainted with the murdered salesman.

Church's father, Edward Church, recently purchased a farm near here and young Church said that he had driven his mother here for a visit.

It is expected that Church will be returned to Chicago tomorrow morning.

Noted Educator Given Job.

HONOLULU, Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Dr. Frank F. Bunker, widely-known American educator and until recently director of federal school surveys, federal bureau of education, Washington, D. C., is to locate in Honolulu permanently as executive secretary of the Pan-Pacific Union.

Alexander Hume Ford, founder of the union, remains as director and Dr. Bunker will be associated with him in the work.

SHIPS' SAFETY IS OBJECT

FURTHER STUDY OF OCEAN CURRENTS ADVISED.

Mr. Sinnott Recommends Use of Devices to Inform Vessels of Locations in Heavy Seas.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Representative Sinnott, at the request of the Marshall chamber of commerce, has recommended to the coast survey that a more complete study be made of ocean currents along the Pacific coast. He has recommended to the lighthouse bureau the installation of lighthouses along the Pacific coast of the device recently developed jointly by the bureau of standards and coast survey which will enable lighthouse stations in heavy weather to inform ships at sea of their exact position.

These improvements are recommended primarily as the result of the recent wreck of the steamers Alaska and San Jose.

Representative Sinnott today recommended the establishment of a star route from Granite to Greenhorn, Baker county, to serve 38 families who will be utterly without mail service during the winter unless this route is established.

Pensions have been granted the following Oregon applicants: Frank Henderson, Portland, \$12 per month; Aristab Howell, Albany, and Sarah S. Whitney, Dallas, \$10; Solomon Leakes, Clifton, \$20; and Walter D. Matheny, Marshfield, \$18.

The following fourth-class postmasters were today appointed in Oregon to fill vacancies caused by resignation: Welle C. Griffin, Arago, vice C. Robinson; John M. DeMoss, DeMoss Springs, vice Amon Thompson; Ernest J. Malone, Holley, vice Charles L. Malone; Lawrence A. Preston, Imbier, vice George T. Ferguson; Otto M. Murphy, Marquam, vice James C. Marquam; George T. Eisey, Merlin, vice Mattie Deane James Bell; Pioneer, vice Margie E. Bell.

The following postmasters were appointed: Henry C. Smith, Fortson, French Hill, vice Herman L. Funk, Holston, vice Mathew Morrison.

ARTIST AT HOOD RIVER

Edward Hill May Do Landscapes for Oregon Exposition.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Edward Hill, nationally known artist, and brother of Thomas Hill, the latter for many years a figure in San Francisco art circles, having received from Senator Stanford a commission of \$4000 for painting the "The Driving of the Last Spike," commemorating completion of the Union Pacific highway, which is in the museum of Stanford university, has arrived here to spend the winter and to engage in landscape painting.

Mr. Hill, who has been in Portland and more recently at Oregon coast points, was here ten years ago for a time, and a number of local home have given paintings executed by him a place of honor.

Mr. Hill's friends here will endeavor to persuade him to paint some typical scenes of the valley for exhibition at the Oregon 1925 exposition at Portland.

WOMAN TRICKS ROBBER

Safe Opened, \$6000 Swept Into Lap, \$900 Handed to Intruder.

WINDSOR, Ont., Sept. 9.—George Allen is \$6000 richer today because Mrs. Allen had the nerve to perform a feat of legerdemain with an outlaw's pistol pressed against her head. Kneeling before a safe in her home at the robber's command, with a pistol at her head, Mrs. Allen opened the safe and swept \$6000 into her lap. Then she handed the robber \$900, with which he escaped in an automobile.

TORNADO IS DISASTROUS

Reports From Creedmore, Texas, Say Several Injured.

AUSTIN, Tex., Sept. 9.—Reports received from Creedmore, a small village south of Austin, state that several persons were seriously injured and several thousands of dollars' property damage was done today by a tornado.

Telephone communication was cut off entirely.

3d Division Ordered to Camp Lewis

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 9.—Orders were received today for the transfer of the third division from Camp Pike to Camp Lewis, Wash. The order is the result of the decision of the war department to abandon Camp Pike. It will affect about 30 officers and 1200 enlisted men.

Rugs Valued at \$57,000.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9.—Rugs valued at more than \$57,000 were taken by burglars last night from the store of Patterson & Co., decorators, according to reports made to the police today. It was believed the rugs were taken away in an automobile.

JAIL LIFE WELL LIKED

Beach Combers of Hawaii Fare Like Lords in Prison.

HONOLULU, T. H., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Honolulu is truly a paradisa for the old type beachcomber. He can always get arrested and get a fine bed and good treatment at the county jail. It costs but 40 cents a day to provide food, clothing, shoes and medicine for each prisoner at the county jail, and the prisoners are so well treated that many of them prefer to relinquish liberty in order to enjoy this comfortable life.

Beach Combers of Hawaii Fare Like Lords in Prison.

Many a man, on completion of his



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COURT DOMINANT TOPIC

WORLD JUDGES TO BE ELECTED NEXT WEEK.

League Assembly Still Considers Elihu Root Candidate for Tribunal Membership.

GENEVA, Sept. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The international court of justice, on which the hope of the league of nations seems now largely to be centered, was foremost in the preoccupations of delegates of the league assembly today, and likely will remain so until the judges of the court are elected next week.

The time limit for nomination of judges closes Monday, with 89 candidates put forward by 35 different states.

No direct word has yet been received from Elihu Root, and the league council still considers him a candidate.

The American group of judges at The Hague court allowed the time limit to expire without sending in a nominee. The delegates here generally agree that an American must be elected to the court and that he will be Mr. Root, if he does not officially decline, in which case probably John Bassett Moore will be chosen.

The bill is before congress now and action on it is expected as soon as the recess is over.

BILL TO HELP HAWAII

Labor Relief Measure Has Assurance of Congressional Aid.

HONOLULU, Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Word has been received here that Senator New and Representative Kahn will both work for the passing of the Hawaii labor relief bill, a bill permitting the bringing in of Chinese labor for the sadly depleted sugar plantations.

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Advertisement for Jerry Reed's Orchestra and Hazelwood Candy. Includes details about the orchestra's performance schedule and the candy's special price. Also features an advertisement for S.S.S. medicine.

Advertisement for Bennet Walker Business College. Promoting a night school opening on Monday, Sept 12. Includes contact information and enrollment details.