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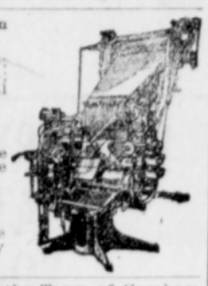

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THE CHURCH'S INFLUENCE.

The frequent clarion calls from clergymen all over the country from day to day in the newspapers suggests an immense war resource which ought to be utilized to its full capacity—the American church. We refer to no denomination, but to the church in its broadest sense.

One of the necessities for the maintaining and directing of national sentiment is intelligent organization. Societies for this purpose are springing up throughout the land. Leagues of all sorts are being formed and are doing excellent work. Here, ready at hand, is a tremendous organization, or group of organizations, capable of being put to work at once.

The American church, considered now as a separate congregation, is a social unit fitted for concerted work upon a given object. It is a business enterprise in constant operation, and is accustomed to organized endeavor. It is capable of being aroused to fine enthusiasms. It has at its disposal many auxiliary organizations—clubs, guilds, brotherhoods, leagues, sodalaties, associations of all sorts for men and women, young and old. All these things are just so much machinery that could be put into the great business of the state and nations—the business of removing from the path of human progress the thing that has drenched this world with blood and filled it with hate.

The whole body of people needs to be held steadily to right ideas concerning national responsibility. The ministry can help do that.

There is need that the duties of enlistment, of cheerful contribution to the costs of the war, and of extra labor that the food supply may be maintained, be constantly and convincingly set before our people. Where can this be done better than in the pulpit?

As we get into the war, the Red Cross work becomes increasingly important. In the churches are women's organizations, active, energetic, accustomed to unselfish endeavor, which might well become Red Cross branches in their entirety.

The theme is a fascinating one. The possibilities are practically endless. Enough has been said, however, in this brief outline, to suggest them. The tendency in the churches in recent years has been in the direction of social service. Here is an opportunity for service of first quality and upon a large scale.

THE FOOD SITUATION.

The recent campaign of Mayor Albee, in Portland, to release about 80,000 sacks of potatoes held for speculative purposes, shows that hoarding of food supplies is largely responsible for their high cost.

For a people who have gone to war for an ideal, Americans are doing a considerable amount of worrying and talking about the food situation, and for the best reason in the world, according to the report of the congressional committee that has been investigating the price of food. This committee reported that, as far as it was able to determine, much of the price increase in this country is unwarranted and due, to a large extent, to inefficient transportation and speculation.

If found that "the shipments of foods to belligerent countries have not affected prices of potatoes, eggs and onions." This is a startling disclosure, which can mean that either the commission was misinformed or that the public has been hoodwinked by a group of speculators who have shouted "war" so often in response to protests about the rising costs of living that consumers have finally come to believe them.

Why, if there are plenty of potatoes and onions in this country, as the committee reports, have consumers been paying famine prices for these? This is a question which the government, having, in effect, asked, cannot allow to go unanswered.

Every observer knows that there are legitimate reasons for some of the price increases. Hoarding is one of them, and that is the fault of the consumers. Hoarding of potatoes on an extensive scale has been going on in Portland. But there are spasmodic outbreaks among consumers, having little real effect on the great upward surge of prices. The boycott on eggs was one of them.

The government must see the thing through. England has a prison set apart for gentry that boost food prices without reason, and perhaps the United States will have to profit by England's experience, losing no more time about it than it is losing about the army plan.

ANTI-BOND ISSUE EXPLODED.

In an attempt to array different counties against the $6,000,000 road bond bill, opponents of the measure are maliciously alleging that few counties will be able to avail themselves of the bond measure for the reason that the cost of preparing roads for hard-surfacing under the terms of the bond bill will exceed the acutal cost of hard-surfacing and, therefore, be greater than those counties can afford.

Meeting this misrepresentation, the State Highway commission at its recent meeting in Salem re-iterated its previously announced policy on this subject. All that will be required of the counties under this policy will be the preparation of grade of the roads to be hard-surfaced. This means that a country will merely need to bring a road to grade and drain it before the state applies the hard-surfacing. The rock base is considered a part of the hard-surfacing and will be built by the state, assures the Highway commission.

Only nine more issues of the Outlook before Chautauqua begins, and every issue will have something to say about it. From present indications the entertainments will surpass those of last year and leave us with a desire to have another Chautauqua next year. The local association is working on the plan to bring the cost of admission down to meet the pocketbooks of everyone.

Postponement of the session of the Oregon state grange until after June 4th will relieve State Master Spence from any embarrassment that might overtake him if the grange should refuse to endorse his stand against the road bond issue. There are good indications that the delegates might endorse the measure and take the state master to task for his action in the matter.

We feel sure that General Joffre, if he has the opportunity to express himself, will say: "I regard it is extremely unfortunate that my duties render it impossible to visit Portland on this trip, but I will try to be there when the after-the-war celebration is pulled off, and I've always wanted to take a side trip out to Gresham."

Completed copies each of the senate and house calendars, of the recent legislative assembly, together with the election laws of the state, have been received at the Outlook office from the secretary of state. They will be kept on file for reference by those who are interested.

If every housewife in the country will just remember that the high cost of living has about cut her husband's wages right through the equator, purchasing power considered, she will understand why he gets wild-eyed occasionally and accumulates a few crow's feet on his map.

A Portland young man who got married a few weeks ago to dodge military service appeared in the recruiting office last week with a black eye and a knot on his bean. He wanted to go to France where the fighting is not quite so hard.

It is said May 20 is the date fixed for the outbreak of a new revolution in Cuba. That will be regarded in Oregon as a grateful tribute to the new laws that will be enforceable, passed by the last legislature, on that date.

Gresham is proud of the Eastern Multnomah strawberry acreage, and equally proud of the berries produced upon it. The price of flour never distresses the Gresham soul in shortcake season.

Bryan didn't mention their destination when he said that a million men would spring to arms over night. A lot of them have certainly sprung into a maiden's arms by way of the marriage route.

A local artist offers to make our portrait to be placed on exhibition, but we want a portrait of a sirloin to be placed on our dining room wall. What sweet memories it would awaken.

The recruiting records indicate that those easterners who have been howling for war want the kind of men that the westerners have—those who know how to fight.

When a Portland consumer pays four dollars for a sack of potatoes that an Eastern Multnomah grower sold for $1.65 it is hard to tell which is more annoyed.

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The record of this state in this respect is about the same as that of other states. Almost all fires are due to carelessness. Many are easily preventable, and it is to this class that attention should be directed at this time.

Fires due to dust explosions in granaries, and by steam threshers on the fields are almost always preventable, and this summer they should be very rare.

The people should be more careful in the handling of inflamable materials, more considerate in the construction of buildings, and more practical in the handling of fire extinguishing equipment. The loss of the Gresham cannery building last fall was an object lesson in this latter respect.

An educational campaign should be commenced and its attention called to everyone, especially farmers, by every newspaper which circulates in the rural districts. It is as important that the war crops be conserved as that they should be raised, and the two campaigns go hand in hand. Grain and produce handlers will do well to heed the injunction.

We will soon be suffering from mosquitoes, and judging by reports from Berlin on the food situation the Germans would welcome a bite of anything.

Owing to the high cost of spuds and onions we would be very grateful to the guy who will tell us why they put the rot in carrot.

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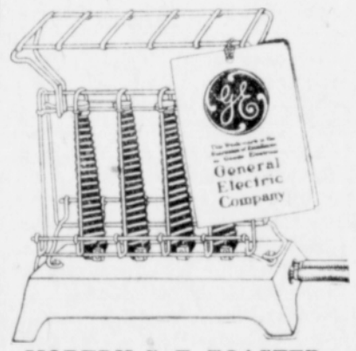

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