

UNCLE SAM WEAKER THAN DISHWATER

Henry D. Estabrook Says Nation is Powerless to Repel Any Attempt at Invasion.

WANTS BIGGER NAVY AND ARMY

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 8.—Henry D. Estabrook, a New York attorney, declared in an address before the American Bankers association here today that it would be better for the United States to scrap every gun and warship it now owned than to attempt to resist invasion by a nation prepared for war.

"No nation threatens us in so many words," said Mr. Estabrook, "but who is obvious to hints and intimations that speak louder than words. We boast our strength to repel attack when we know we are weaker than dishwater. While every other nation has been preparing for aggression we have not even prepared for self defense.

Surrender Would Be Cheaper. "I would heartily advocate Mr. Bryan's Quaker policy of non-resistance rather than a policy of half-preparedness. I had rather see every gun and warship we own scrapped if we were not to add to them. For if we were without strength to repel invasion we could claim at least the privilege of the weak and surrender without loss of life. Whereas, to fight inadequately armed and certain of losing would be nothing short of murder for which every taxpayer in the United States would be measurably responsible.

"To say that we are too big or too proud to fight in self-defense is absurd. To say that a mob of a million or so untrained citizenry would leap to arms and to fight the bullet-tested soldiery of Asia or Europe is perverse stupidity."

Mr. Estabrook strongly advocated placing the militia directly under control of the regular army, and at the same time providing adequate military training in all schools.

Quoted George Washington. The speaker said Washington's contention that a free people should be armed and disciplined according to some well adjusted plan was more true today than ever before. Mr. Estabrook held that the essential factor in defense for the United States was a big navy. He said it should at least be as large as any other nation in the world; should include all the latest and best naval developments and munitions for the year's campaign always in reserve.

Mr. Estabrook said a standing army of 150,000, which would be a "skeleton that could quickly take on flesh from the militia," should be sufficient in conjunction with a big navy. He declared a large standing army was frequently a menace to a nation, but that this was not the case with a large navy.

He urged that the seaman's act should be repealed; that officials and politicians should have disapproval from certain sections of the country and do everything possible toward the establishment of an adequate merchant marine, which would be a naval auxiliary.

RODEHEAVER IS HERE TO LEAD THE TABERNACLE CHOIR

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know that lots of you pastors have a bunch like that to deal with," he cried, turning toward the ministers and laughing. And the ministers laughed, too. An uproar had been excited over the pulpit. It is a convulsive affair that tends still further to improve the acoustics of the building.

The afternoon audience yesterday was at least one-third men.

Hymn books were for sale through the audience for the first time.

Miss Ginn's class will hold her first daily Bible study class on the rostrum of the tabernacle after the afternoon meeting today.

DEATH RECORD

Louis Aufdengarten. OGALLALA, Neb., Sept. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Louis Aufdengarten, aged 62 years, died at Oshkosh, Neb., yesterday and will be buried at Ogallala tomorrow.

He was one of the earliest settlers, coming here forty-eight years ago at the building of the Union Pacific railroad and opened a store. He filled the office of county clerk for Keith county two terms when the county was first organized. He had been in the mercantile business at Oshkosh for nine years.

The Day's War News

IN THE GERMAN AIR RAID on the east coast of England last night ten persons were killed and forty-six injured.

BERLIN ANNOUNCES the capture of the city of Wolkowysk by the Teutonic armies which have been engaging the Russians northeast of Hlatsk.

FRENCH AND BRITISH aeroplanes have bombarded the German aviation camp at Ostend and a French air squadron has dropped bombs on the aviation field at St. Medard.

GERMAN AVIATORS bombarded the Malesville plateau and the city of Nancy, in France, there being some victims of bombs in the latter place, Paris reports.

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS, who has been at the head of the Russian armies since the beginning of the war and directed their movements in the great campaigns on the eastern front, has been transferred by Emperor Nicholas to the Caucasus, where the comparatively unimportant operations against the Turks are in progress.

THE EMPEROR'S ACTION was taken when he assumed command of all Russia's armed forces on land and sea, it developing today that he had placed himself at the head of Russia's naval as well as its military forces.

GERMAN SUBMARINE torpedoed the French steamer Guatemala, of 5,515 tons, off Belle Island. The crew escaped in boats.

GUN FIRE, presumably from a German submarine, sank the 1,600-ton British steamer Douro. Its crew was saved.

SERBIAN ARTILLERY along the Danube continues its activity in efforts to break up Austrian fortifying operations on the left bank of the river.

No Substitute Will Answer for the True Religion of Jesus Christ

"Billy" Sunday Preaches on the Pharisee and the Publican to Draw a Strong Lesson.

REASON FOR JOINING CHURCH

Billy Sunday's sermon at the tabernacle yesterday afternoon on "The Pharisee and the Publican." He spoke as follows:

"I want to talk to you this afternoon on true religion and not the sham substitute which some people call religion. There are some people with whom formalism seems to make up for true religion, like the Pharisees.

"In every community there are people like those carrying critics as in the days of the prophets. The Pharisee's religion was a religion of forms and observations, of forms and rituals. They made a great hubbub. Christianity does not consist of forms and rituals, do not forget that for a minute. There are a lot of people who never had religion of the heart; they never had a religion experience. You did not have a religion experience if your religion is reduced to a lot of forms and rituals. I am going to show you today the two purposes of God in his parable. "First—To show some people who think they are religious that they are not.

"Second—To show why the prayers of some people are answered and some are not. Some people are omniscient when they go on their knees. The prayers of some are never answered, they never know what it is to have a prayer answered, from God.

"A parable is a photograph, a picture. It is a picture of two things that contrast. I hold up my thumb, and you say, 'I see it in size and location.' I hold up my finger and you say, 'I see it in size and location.' I hold up my thumb and finger and you take it in. It is two things, opposite in character and form, directly opposite in every way.

You Get What You Look For. "So these two men came to the temple to pray—both received what they came for. You always get what you are looking for—anything you want. You are not disappointed. You always get what you are looking for. If you are looking for a scrap, you get busy and you will get what you came for this afternoon. Did you come with your pride puffed up like a poisoned pup, or did you come to hear something that will make you better men and thought I might say something you didn't like, and then you would go out and talk about it? They, by the help of God, sister, you will get what you are looking for. If I have to go out of my way to give it to you, you always get what you are looking for in this world.

"So these two men came to pray—the first was the Pharisee. He was nice and smooth, and his attitude was nice and smooth, and he seemed to say: 'If you want to know how to do it, ask me, for I'll show you.' There are lots of Christians like that today, and if you want to see one, look in the glass and you will find one of them when you go home.

Pretty Nice and Smooth. "So you will notice his attitude while he was praying, was pretty nice and smooth, that reminds me of a minister whom I met in Chicago, and he didn't say this to criticism; he was a good man, but he said to me, 'William, I have listened to you preach and pray, and I am interested in you, and I would like to make a few suggestions to you that I think will increase your effectiveness.'

"I said, 'Thank you, doctor. I am willing to stand on my head in a mud puddle if you can give me something that will increase my power to save sinners and get them to follow Jesus Christ. If you've got anything to offer, go ahead.'

"He said, 'When you pray make an acrostic on the words Acts. I always do that.' He said, 'The letter "A" stands for Adoration, and when I pray I adore God. "C," I think, stands for Theology. "D," I said, 'Doctor, we'll part company right there. I know no more about theology than a jackrabbit does about ping-pong or an elephant about crocheting.'

"He said whenever I pray to make an acrostic on the word Acts. I said, 'The Lord bless you, doctor; you are all right if you can follow a form like that, but if I should I would not get any higher. Can the gas jet. You fight the devil your way, and I'll fight him my way, but don't growl at me because I don't fight your way, because if I did I would not be any better than you are,' and if I preached as your preacher preaches, I would not be any better than your preacher is."

Length of Some Tongues. "You can't thank God with one breath and turn around and run down and vilify and assassinate somebody's character with the next. You can't thank God with one breath and gossip about your neighbor with the next, you hang over the back fence, with a shoe on one foot and a slipper on the other, and 'Oh, have you heard the latest?' Their tongues are so long they can sit in the parlor and lick the skillet in the kitchen.

"If you read the first seventeen chapters of Luke, and, by the way, you ought to read them before you read the eighteenth. Don't read the Bible like you read a novel—the last chapter first. And I want to say to you if you read a novel the same milk-and-water, elder-and-chickadee way you read the Bible, you would get just as little out of it as you get out of the Bible.

"The Pharisee was the church gang of that day, the churchy gang in the days of Jesus. Every church, so far as my experience goes, is cursed with three or four men who want to run the business. You go to the devil! You have no more to say than that fellow that sits by your side. You can't tell the preacher what to do, and here is one that won't let you tell him what to do.

Religion All Right. "Lots of people go to church to add a little to their social standing; lots of people join the church for the same motive that a man blows up a safe; for what he can get out of it.

"I used to play ball. I used to fire on the railroad. I have been an athlete, and I have loaned thousands of dollars, and I can say thousands, to ball players, actors and actresses, and all the money I have ever been beaten out of in my life I have been beaten out of by church members.

"Religion is all right. Christianity is not at fault, it is the hypocrites who profess it that are at fault.

"We are going daffy over culture. It is all right in its place, but it is all wrong when you make it take the place of Christianity. America needs a tidal wave of religion; a cyclone of redemption and culture in the world won't educate anybody out of hell.

"When you get right down to facts there is nothing wrong with people, but the devil is there.

"When I started in to preach I said the trouble with the people is in the head."

you have got to show them, and I had as fine a sermon as you ever heard, all ready (it's in the waste basket now). I got the Encyclopedia Britannica and Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, and got some words and sentences long enough to make the jaw of a Greek professor squeak for a week afterward if he tried to pronounce some of them, but one day I said to myself, 'Lord, I got this thing doped out wrong, there is nothing the matter with anybody, but they got the devil.' I got out my old gun and loaded it with ipecac, dynamite, rock salt and railroad spikes, and I pulled the trigger and the gang has been hunting their holes and the feathers have been flying ever since.

Personality, Not Clothes. "God is not anxious about your clothes, or whether you come in a limousine or on hoof, he wants your personality; you can't place a little money on the collection plate on Sunday and then go to the devil the rest of the week. He doesn't want you to come to church today and let your boys and girls run the streets all hours of the day or night the rest of the week.

"If you want to break up a church don't come. If you do come, always come late. If it's too wet, or too dry, or too cold, or too windy, don't come at all. The preacher can't be eloquent with dry and varnish. Don't imagine the front seats were intended for you; people might think you were conceited.

"You don't know I used to fire on a railroad, and we used to put the loaded cars in front and the empty cars behind—to pull easy. When you do come, come bound to find fault, and don't for the world ever think about the pastor or church; you will help him if you do. Don't sing; just sit around like a bump on a log. Good music will give the devil cold feet. I suppose that is the reason so many scraps start in the choir loft. Don't attend prayer meeting, and if you do, don't take part. You can always justify yourself by saying: 'Paul says that women should keep still in meeting.'

Telling Facts. "Well, that doesn't apply any more to you today than wearing sandals on your feet. Don't encourage anybody to be sure to tell his facts to everybody at meeting. If his sermons help you, never let him know, but if he says something you don't like, be sure to tell him about it. If you see a stranger in the audience don't shake hands with him; if you do he might come back again. Give him the icy hand, the marble heart and a Klondike stare.

"Don't try to bring anybody to the church. The church might be filled that way. Let the mail, specifically speaking, be nothing special to do. Preaching is a plenty; he has nothing to do, only two new sermons to get up every week, run prayer meeting, marry people and bury them, make church calls, pray for the dying, take the church subscriptions; nothing to do but just wait on you and what he encourages to everybody at meeting is always behind. He doesn't have to eat like the rest of you. God sent the ravens, and he's got plenty yet. If he doesn't visit you as often as you think he should, treat him coldly. He has nothing particular to do but call on you. If there is anybody that is willing to carry on the work of God, be sure to find fault with them and call them bold and forward.

In Your Own Home. "Don't be particular how God's church looks. Be sure and have your own home fixe with Persian and Axminster rugs, bric-a-brac, candelabra and everything of the finest. Be sure and have your own home fixe. Don't care what God's house looks like. Don't care if it looks like a rummage sale or a junk shop. God is entitled to a church that can be built. I don't believe in worshipping God in a little chicken coop.

"You will spend three or four thousand dollars for an automobile, and I don't begrudge you that—I wish everybody had an automobile that can afford it. But you won't put anything in the collection box. You women spend more for a hat than you would give to the cause of religion in a lifetime. I don't begrudge you the hat, but when you sweep down the aisle with a \$500 hat and a \$200 dress and put a plugged nickel in the collection box I do begrudge you that.

I want to tell you God don't stand for that kind of thing, either.

"Insist on your vote being adopted in all things; don't give in to the majority. This government is ruled by a majority government. We run this government by majority, and I would like to run everybody that way, too. But the church isn't run that way. Let the tail wag the dog."

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SUNDAY BOOSTS FOR MAYOR JIM

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between a grumble and a chuckle as he rose and swung her into his chair and seated himself on another chair beside her.

"You ought to've been here to watch him," said Mathews. "He's just been surrounded by pretty girls with their arms up over his shoulders—getting teased by the visiting nurse in the joke. But Billy didn't enter into the joke.

Stalled the Girls. "Well, I waited for you," he said, "thirteen minutes after it. I stalled 'em off that long."

"Ma" pulled her chair up in front of her husband to take a close look at his shirt and tie which he had selected without her help, since she had already gone to Council Bluffs before he was up.

"Why that just looks fine!" she exclaimed, and Billy was as pleased as a boy with a pocketful of marbles.

"The go all right with this shirt, does it, Helen?" he asked.

"Just fine," she said.

"Which is the best newspaper in the city," Helen's husband wanted to know.

"The Bee," said "Ma," smiling at the representative of that great moral daily and freemid companion.

But Billy, full of earnestness, exclaimed: "They're all good, just fine. They're doing wonderful work. They're running neck-and-neck. Whenever I send any away I have to send all three."

LEADING MEN OF LETTER CARRIERS' CONVENTION MEETING HERE



John T. Mugavin, Chief Clerk National Sick Benefit Association of National Association of Letter Carriers.



M. T. Finnin, Assistant Secretary of National Association and Member of Executive Board.

LETTER CARRIERS ELECT OFFICERS

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being to collect mail from the box is nevertheless a carrier, and the law fixes the salaries of carriers. Roper has chosen to make this distinction without warrant of law, and he is getting by with it, and reducing a lot of good men in pay under his arbitrary classification."

He attacked him further for his ruling on the matter of the rural carriers. He denounced the two-horse requirement of Roper for rural carriers as not being a requirement of the law. The law merely says that a man carrying on a standard rural route of twenty-four miles shall receive \$1,200 a year. Mr. Roper has made a ruling to the effect that he must carry given amounts of mail, specifically specified, and that he must have two horses for the service.

Congressman Lobeck of Nebraska made a short address.

Content Ends in Convention. Although the fight for the presidency of the convention never got on the floor of the convention, a contest was in progress from the time the delegates got to Omaha Sunday until the nominating committee finally agreed upon a set of men and reported them upon the floor.

Then all was harmony. A dead calm fell. Not a nomination for an important office was made on the floor. The report of the committee was abided by as though the storm had never struck.

Ed. J. Cantwell, present secretary, let it be understood that he was against Gainer for re-election. He let it be understood, also, that he had no ambition for the office, but that if it were necessary to beat Gainer, he might enter the race. In other words, he had no particular man for the presidency that he had pledged himself to.

All Tharp of New York wanted the office, and the New York delegation wanted him to have it. But there were not enough other delegations that were of the same opinion, so he could not be reported out of the nomination committee.

C. B. Henton of Boston was talked of for president, but it was soon clear there would not be support enough to make it worth while to push his candidacy.

Gainer Stays In. Charles Duffy of Chicago was in the race, so far as caucus work went, and he and his friends were hoping that when a good fight should be precipitated on the floor he could be galloped in as a dark horse to carry off the prize.

John T. Mugavin of Cincinnati was also enthusiastically talked of for the presidency, especially when for a time it looked as though Gainer must step down to pacify Cantwell. Gainer stubbornly refused to get out of the way because Cantwell wanted him to, but finally said the only man he would get out of the way for would be for Mugavin.

For a time it looked as if this would be the program, but when the caucus was unable to find a good office to give the retiring Gainer, it was decided to drop the Mugavin idea again and to stand by Gainer, despite Cantwell's threats of not serving as secretary.

Dallas, Tex., was chosen as the next convention city.

W. H. Maher of Omaha was elected member of the executive board.

Cottons Gaining Report. WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Cotton of the growth of 1915 gained prior to September 1 amounted to 4,857 bales, counting round as half bales, the census bureau today announced.

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Homer Rodeheaver

WILSON CALLS ON SECRETARY LANSING

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tions of American munition plants. The ambassador explained that his government had instructed him to give widest publicity to a decree making it a criminal offense for any Austro-Hungarian to be concerned in the manufacture of munitions of war for his country's enemies.

So far as was known the ambassador did not disclaim his action nor did he disclaim having reported on the project to his home government in documents which were found on the American correspondent. The State department takes the view that there is no precedent to cover his case, but it regards the use of an American passport for messenger to one of the belligerent governments as serious.

Secretary Lansing heard all Dr. Dumba had to say and let it be known that he would present the ambassador's explanation to the president. It is known that officials regarded Dr. Dumba's statement.

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that he had acted on instructions of his government as making the situation more grave, as they previously had assumed that he was acting for himself.

President's Return Trip. After spending fifteen minutes with the secretary, the president started back for the White House. The State department corridor by that time was thronged with the clerks eager to get a glimpse of the president on such unusual occasion. No attempt was made to keep them back and as the president moved on he was surrounded by correspondents who asked him about his talk with the secretary.

There is nothing new at all.

President Wilson was asked if there was anything new in connection with Ambassador Dumba's case. "Nothing at all," he said. "The secretary is handling that."

Later it was learned that the papers which President Wilson took to Secretary Lansing included a copy of the letter Dr. Dumba had sent to his foreign office and which was found by the British secret service men. Photographic copies also had been sent to the State department by Ambassador Page in London.

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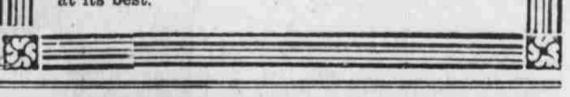
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