

President contained a detailed criticism of the sending of the guard to the Mexican border and said it was "utterly and absolutely inadequate for the defense of the country."

Afterward it was made clear at the White house that the President's remarks were not to be taken to mean that he had made up his mind in opposition to universal military training. He is waiting to examine the details of the bills to be laid before him before reaching a decision.

**A FIRST-CLASS WHISKEY POEM**

The saloon is sometimes called a Bar—that is true.  
 A BAR to heaven, a door to hell;  
 Whoever named it named it well.  
 A BAR to manliness and wealth;  
 A door to want and broken health.  
 A BAR to honor, pride and fame;  
 A door to grief and sin and shame.  
 A BAR to home, a BAR to prayer;  
 A door to darkness and despair.  
 A BAR to honored, useful life;  
 A door to brawling, senseless strife.  
 A BAR to all that's true and brave;  
 A door to every patron's grave.  
 A BAR to joys that home imparts;  
 A door to tears and aching hearts.  
 A BAR to heaven, a door to hell,  
 Whoever named it named it well.

The author of the above lines is only one of the many thousands in the great penitentiaries of our country serving long sentences for offenses committed in the great majority of cases when under the influence of liquor. — Guardian of Liberty.

**THE CHURCH AND THE WAR**

The attitude of the Christian church toward the European war is interestingly illustrated in the statement of Rt. Rev. Herbert Edward Ryle, dean of Westminster, when, in his Christmas sermon, he attacked President Wilson for daring to suggest a basis of peace to the warring nations.

In declaring that President Wilson has "either, in a fit of mental aberration, sent the wrong note, or he has entirely misapprehended the European situation," he makes attempt to show that the purposes of the belligerents are as far apart as the poles. This may be true, if, as he indicates, it is the Allied purpose not to stop until Germany shall be crushed to her knees. For it is equally the purpose of Germany to thwart such crushing as long as she has a man and a gun.

Bishop Ryle's statement, which might almost pass for an official declaration of England's purpose, comparable as it is to Premier Lloyd George's demand for restoration, reparation and security, will at least be accepted as a statement of the attitude of the Church of England toward the European conflict.

The church in Germany stands likewise with the German government. It may pray and hope for peace, but would scarcely any more countenance a peace at variance with the imperial will than would the Church of England seek a peace in smallest discord with the British purpose.

Only in the United States and her associate neutral nations do we find the church urging and praying for the restoration of peace upon the broadest and highest grounds. Their prayer is not that peace shall come when one or the other of the contending parties has gained overwhelming victory or been whipped to its knees, but that they shall cease fighting now, end for all time the bloodshed and destruction and con-

pose their differences around the conference table.

Like nation, like church; it is a story as old as humanity. We find the Church of Christ, the Prince of Peace, as widely and irreconcilably divided as are the nations themselves. It is small wonder, therefore, that the church should be rather an impotent factor in the ending of the war.

President Wilson, in his note to the several contending powers, has simply put in businesslike and diplomatic terms the thought and hope of the Christian people of the United States. In the Church of England it meets with the same rebuff it received from the mouth of the British government. The church in France, in Germany, in Austria, views it doubtless each from its government standpoint, as if the church were part and parcel of the nation.

We draw no indictment, but the simple facts seem to tell a story of churchmanship that puts patriotism ahead of Christianity. — Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.

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