

Our Women and Children

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POSITIVE CHRISTIANITY

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DURING no period of the history of the Christian world since the fourth century, save perhaps during the sixteenth century, has the need for the propagation of positive Christianity been more imperative. Men's minds are being searched as never before. Men's hearts are being stirred as never before. We are being brought face to face with things and questions and problems beyond the ken of science, to which speculation can find no answer and which philosophy admits it cannot solve. Men are discussing, in moods the most earnest and solemn, the great doctrines of the faith; the immortality of the soul; the life after death; the problems of suffering and righteousness, sin, evil, vice, brotherhood. The cross is looming large in the thoughts of men. They are searching seriously for the vital meaning of Calvary and the empty tomb.

The world is groping for a meaning to all the seeming chaos of horror and sorrow and pain into which Christendom is plunged. And be it remembered that this groping, this yearning for a vision of interpretation, this seeking a tangible and positive conception of God, is the groping, the yearning, the seeking of Christians as well as those hitherto careless and indifferent.

A strong and vigorous propaganda of positive Christianity is the imperative duty of the Church today. Men are not satisfied with vague generalities. Neither are they won by a superabundance of mawkish sentimentality. The positive teaching of the faith of the Church will alone meet the demands of the times. What is the definite faith of the Church? That is what we want. That is what we need.

What is the Christian faith concerning baptism, the Holy Eucharist, the ministry, the marriage relation? What does the Church actually and clearly believe and teach regarding the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, prayer for our loved ones?

What does the Church believe concerning her Divine Founder, concerning herself? What does she believe and teach concerning God and His providence, love, mercy, holiness, power, justice?

What is the meaning of the cross? What is the blessing of the redemption which our Blessed Redeemer wrought thereon?

Now, it is not to be understood that the Divine mysteries can be so clarified that men may see into them as clearly as it is possible to see into many other things. Only God is able to comprehend His own mind fully. But the Church has clear and positive and unmistakable teaching and faith on and in the great facts of our religion, and we believe that the propagation of this positive faith will win men to Christ. Indeed, it is this faith which alone will bring the world into the Master's fold—the Church.

There is a Saviour, strong, mighty, willing to save to the uttermost; to save from sin, ignorance, weakness; to save to holiness, intelligence, power and love. This Saviour demands certain definite things of us—justice, kindness, honesty, loyalty, generosity, brotherhood. He condemns sin, cruelty, vice, meanness, uncleanness, injustice, lawlessness, exploitation of the weak, the ignorant, the unfortunate, the miser. Our Lord's condemnation of all these such things is stern and uncompromising; and men will not act as if they have taught them in unwavering measure the positive morality of the Church of Christ.

The gospel of the ages will save the world. The faith of the Apostolic Church will meet the needs of men. We need no new gospel. We need no new interpretation of the Church and her creeds. Rather we need a renewed emphasis, a new alignment of "the faith once delivered unto the saints"; an emphasis of the positive and practical faith and teaching of our Lord and His saints; an alignment to meet the pressing needs and yearnings of the world today.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHES GRADES OF WHEAT MILL FEEDS

In order to standardize the grades of wheat mill feeds in Nebraska and to get uniform feeds to purchasers in the state, Gurdon W. Wattles, federal food administrator for Nebraska, announces the following grades which Nebraska mills may manufacture. The order also applies to the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Jackson and Buchanan counties, Missouri.

The classifications include four strictly mill feeds and two screenings combination. Red Dog, a standard before the new milling regulations went into effect, is eliminated. Millers must follow these classifications:

WHEAT BRAN is the coarse outer coating of the wheat berry obtained in milling wheat that has been scoured and cleaned. It must contain a minimum of 14.5 per cent protein, 3.5 per cent fat and not more than 11 per cent fibre.

BROWN SHORTS or Standard Millings are the fine particles of the outer and inner brand separated from bran and white middlings. It must contain 16 per cent minimum protein, 3.5 per cent minimum fat and not more than 8 per cent fibre.

MIXED FEED or Mill Run Bran is a mixture of all the products, other than flour. It must contain not less than 10 per cent protein, 3.5 per cent fat and not more than 11 per cent fibre.

FLOUR MIDDINGS or Gray Shorts are that part between brown shorts and low grade flour and must contain a minimum of 14.5 per cent protein, minimum 3.5 per cent fat and not more than 6.5 per cent fibre.

SCREENINGS may be combined with either wheat bran or mixed feeds and must carry the same ratios of elements entering into the feed.

"Violations of these gradings will mean citation before the federal food administration for Nebraska," says Food Administrator Wattles.

WHITE MAN ANSWERS THAT JACK-IN-THE-BOX

Defends the Negro.

Osceola, Nebr.—To the Editor of the Bee: We note in your paper of April 5 that Mr. C. L. Nethaway desires to be enlightened as to whether there is a man running for city commissioner who believes in the segregation of the Colored population of the city? While we have no fears that there are gentlemen so running for city commissioner, we deplore the fact that regardless of the thunderous appeal for democracy, on the tongues of all true men in such grievous times as these, we have yet, among us a man who has no conception of what true manhood consists of.

We wonder if he is aware of the tremendous part the Negro has played in the destiny of this land—we wonder if he knows that a black's crimson blood was the first to stain the ground of Boston's common when this country fought for independence? We would know if he will follow us down through the pages of this country's history, and see those gallant black men bleed and die on the hills of San Juan? But wait and see those black sons-o-guns plunge into that hell trap at Carrizal! Do not pause, but consider Booker T. Washington, a recognized leader of 10,000,000 of this country's people (blacks, if you please), by whose death the world lost one of the truly great.

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C. T. WALLACE.

Pratt Hotel.

LOOK AT YOURSELF

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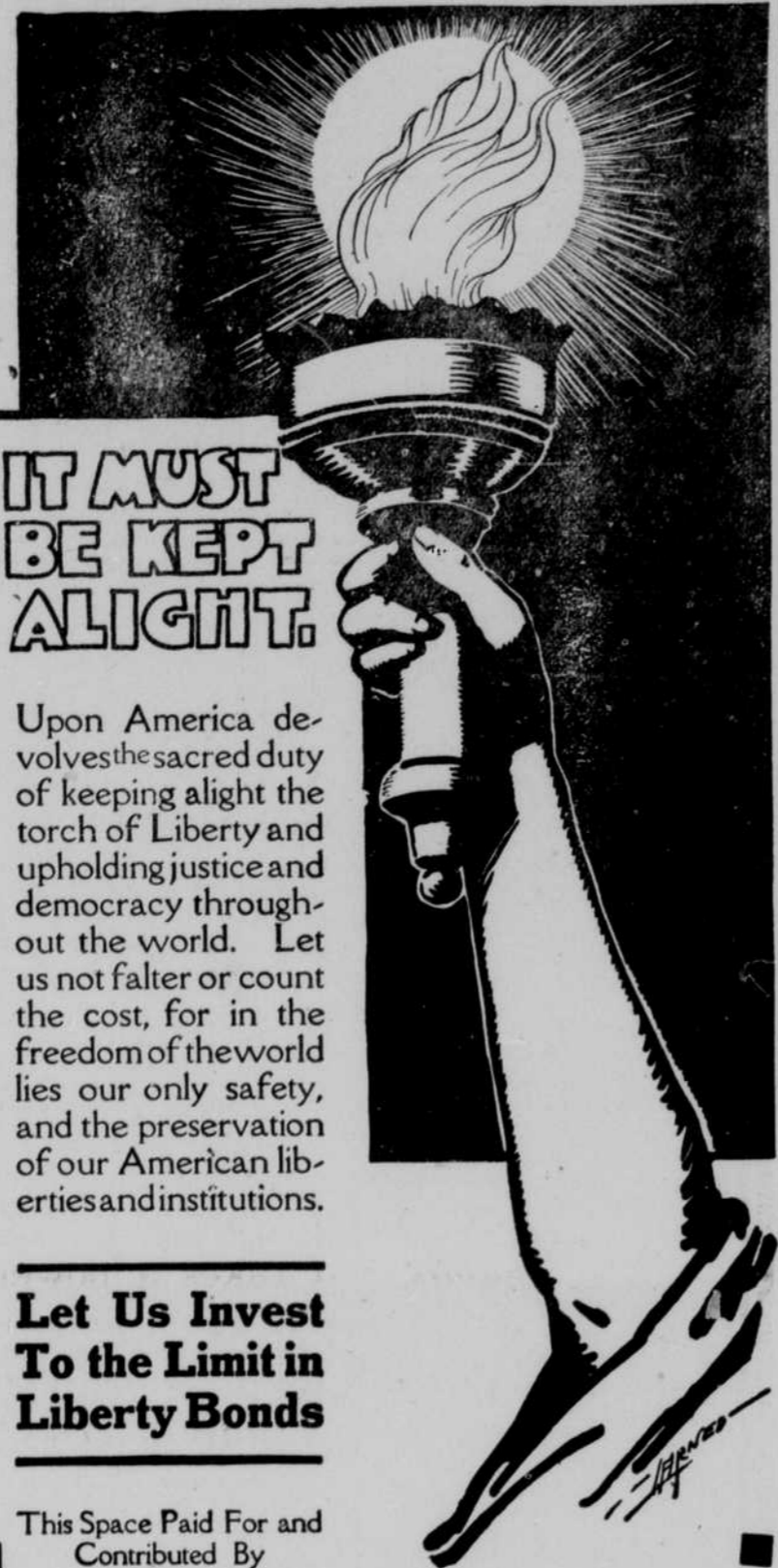
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