

The Plattsmouth Journal.

REV. PFOUTZ MAKES PLEA FOR PEACE

METHODIST MINISTER URGES A GREATER EFFORT BE MADE FOR WORLD PEACE.

SHOWS WASTE OF ALL WARS

Special Musical Program Given in Connection With Special Armistice Day Services.

From Monday's Daily—

Last evening the First Methodist church was filled with a large congregation at the regular evening services to observe the passing of Armistice Sunday, the day when the churches of the nation in a prayerful and worshipful manner observe the anniversary of the signing of the terms that brought to a close the World War.

The services were impressive and in keeping with the spirit of the evening a number of the inspiring hymns were given by the choir of the church and the congregation and among these, "America," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The Beautiful," "God Give Us Peace" and "God of Our Fathers." The choir also gave a special anthem "The Better Land."

The sermon of the pastor, the Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz, was very forceful and logical and carried to the members of the congregation the necessity for the adoption of universal peace to check the cost and uselessness of war. The sermon, in part, follows:

Text: "Neither shall they learn war anymore."—Micah 4:3.

The last new day in the calendar of holidays for this country is November 11th. It was given to us in the year 1918 without proclamation or national sanction; it just came.

In one of our larger cities the noise of that first Armistice day sent a little lad to his mother asking what it all meant. The mother put him off with a reply, but the reply did not satisfy the little fellow. He came back and asked: "Mamma, does it mean that Christ has come to earth again?" And the mother, looking beyond the smiling and the weeping, saw a little white cross "somewhere in France," said: "I trust it does, my son." And the little fellow glowed as he shouted: "That means that the war is over, doesn't it, Mamma?" And may the lad's great vision be a realization.

There is a sort of propaganda abroad which brands every statement and argument for peace as unpatriotic and un-American. A word against this is timely. No voice is more positive for peace than the soldier who knows what war is; and only that individual whose conscience allows him to accumulate millions of dollars in armament ever raises the cry "un-American" when we talk peace.

The voice of peace is not too proud to go to war if war is the only means of maintaining a higher good.

We are not ready for disarmament. Not so long as any nation is likely to break forth over night and regard an international treaty as a scrap of paper worth less than the value of the sheet upon which the document is written. Just as we need officials to enforce the law and restrain the law breaker, we need sufficient protection in a national sense. "Mobilization day" was for just this very thing. Mobilization day was not a terror to peace, but a call to every man who lives in this country and enjoys the blessings and protection of the flag to come to the assistance of, and defense of, the great ideals for which this flag stands.

But this is not to say that we shall never be free from war. Anyone who argues so, is looking backward. He should remember that there was a time when one man could possess anything except that for which he fought, and that he could only hold it until some stronger man took it away from him. Yet little by little we acquired a system of laws and order came out of disorder, and now we have a system that guarantees the same rights to all the people. We will abolish war some day in this very same manner. What a day that will be! Then Micah's prophecy will have come true: "Neither shall they learn war anymore," for when we learn how to do a thing we must try it out, and we have been learning how to fight.

War is anti-social. This world is a social order and can only proceed as all the social forces work harmoniously. War is anti-progressive. It is a war relic of the middle ages, though as intelligence advances it becomes more horrible. Along with intelligence must come a sense of justice. War is anti-Christian. Christ taught that love would win while hate would destroy. And then war is anti-business. No legitimate business needs war to cause it to thrive. No business has a right to exist save

as it ministers to the human order, and any business that is such a business doesn't need war conditions upon which to build. This is the reason why the distillery business had to go.

Have you thought of the cost of the war? It is above your comprehension. Mr. Riley has given us facts which place the total debt of the late war for America to be \$44,173,948,225. (This includes a ten-billion dollar loan which is war cost.) This great amount of money would put a university in every state in the union and give each university \$20,000,000 as a permanent endowment, and there would be enough money left to send 5,000 students to each university, giving each student \$750 each year for their living expenses, and there would be enough money left to build four hospitals in every state in the union the size of our Methodist hospital in Omaha, equip each hospital with 100 nurses at \$5 per day, and 10 surgeons at \$5,000 per year and then give free service to 5,000 patients in each hospital and continue this for 10 years; and still there would be money enough left to build 25 libraries the size of our city library in each state in the U. S. and give each library \$5,000 per year for upkeep and continue this upkeep for 10 years; and then out of what is left adequate orphanage privileges could be provided for all the dependent children in America as we now care for them, for 10 years, and we would still have one-half the war debt left for good roads and park improvements.

The total cost of the war to all nations in human life was 25,990,571. If the arms of men stood in a circle hand to hand as if they were going to play drop the handkerchief, the circle would reach around the world at the equator. If they stood in line along the railroad lines (New York Central, Northwestern and Union Pacific) from New York to San Francisco, there would be an armed guard of four columns of men on each side of the track, the men standing 5 feet apart. Or if they stood shoulder to shoulder there would be a column on each side of this railroad line. If they should march past this church corner eight abreast in avenues forty feet wide marching time, it would require just a few days less than two years for them to march by.

This brings the awful toll of the war down to understandable figures. It shows that we ought to give our time and thought to the creation of ways and means of preventing such awful loss.

The president of the United States in a letter to Mr. James A. Drain, commander of the American Legion, asks that Armistice day be devoted to the establishment of permanent peace and the outlawry of war. (See Plattsmouth Journal, Nov. 3, for his letter.)

Here are three principles which must be observed if any permanent peace is ever established. They are not original with me, but constitute the gist of the best thinking on how to establish peace.

First, we must set ourselves to create a will for peace. As the will is the whole mind active in the individual, and must necessarily precede any definite conduct, so there must be created a national will or there will be no peace.

Then, we must set ourselves to create conditions of peace. Environment has changed the life of many a lad. A national environment will go a long way toward establishing peace.

And in the third place, we must organize for peace. We see how organization is vitally necessary in our country if we get results. The last election is the best example of the value of organized effort. We organized to put over war work, and if we should just organize and execute with half the enthusiasm and efficiency for peace we should see great success. The trouble is we do not do things that way. We wait until conditions have gone to smash then we have to meet the emergency and that is always the most expensive way to proceed.

Lord Bryce, one of the keenest international minds of our day, said recently: "If we do not destroy war, war will destroy us." What if Lord Bryce has told us the truth? At any rate his words are worthy of consideration.

During the past year, the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Friends, Unitarians, Universalists and the Conference of Rabbis in their general conference assemblies have all gone on record as favoring the establishment of ways and means of permanent peace. If all the communicants and constituents of these great faiths would dedicate themselves and work for peace and seek to outlaw war, this generation would come to know the meaning of the ancient prophet's hope: "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. . . and they shall not learn war anymore."

Mrs. James Bellinger and Mrs. Floyd Bly Ohio, Nebraska, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McCreery, departed this morning for their home.

Read Wesco's Hour Sale bargains in big ad

JESSE B. STRODE DIES AT LINCOLN MONDAY EVENING

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SHERIFF STEWART TO BE ALLOWED FEES

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FARMERS SCOUR ISLAND SEEKING ROBBER LOOT

Hunt in Bad Lands South of Bellevue For Trace of Marauding Band of Robbers.

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A posse of a dozen farmers, headed by Sheriff Hugo Oldergo of Sarpy county, invaded what is known as "The Island," two miles south and one mile east of Bellevue, yesterday in search of a gang which is blamed for a series of robberies along the Fort Crook boulevard during the past three months. At noon the posse had visited shacks of half a dozen "squatters," but had found nothing that warranted any arrests.

"The Island" is "no man's land," so far as any county or city law is concerned. Chast aside by the vagaries of the Missouri river, what was formerly Mills county, Iowa, is left on the Nebraska side of the river.

The land is worth little for cultivation and is heavily overgrown with brush and small timber. During flood times, backwater of the Missouri may an island of much of the land and the "squatters" frequently are driven from their shacks.

The raids yesterday were organized after a Bellevue youth, hunting on "The Island" watched one of the denizens of the feds, load an auto truck from a clump of bushes. What he believed were sacks of loot, wrapped in blankets, were piled on a truck and hauled away. Searching the bushes afterwards, the hunter found an ivory clock and a smoking jacket.

The clock was identified as stolen from Camp Brewster and the jacket was claimed by Gilbert Campbell, whose home on Fort Crook boulevard was recently robbed of 7 hundred dollars worth of valuables.

Several stock pens of farmers along the boulevard also have been raided by the marauders and chicken thefts have been numerous.

The gang is blamed for the burglary of Wake Robin, home of Dr. R. F. Gilder, during the summer.

Sheriff Oldergo had not completed his search at noon.

ISSUES ELECTION CERTIFICATES

From Wednesday's Daily—

County Clerk George R. Searles now has the certificates of election ready to be issued to the newly elected officials in Cass county and which will soon be in their hands to permit them to qualify for the positions to which they have been named by the voters.

In the list of expense accounts filed, Earl Towle, for representative, shows the expenditure of \$88.75 and M. S. Briggs the sum of \$99 spent in seeking the office of county judge.

County Attorney-elect W. G. Kieck has filed in the office of the county clerk his official bond in the sum of \$1,000, the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. of Maryland furnishing the bond. As soon as this bond is approved, Mr. Kieck will take over the duties of his new office.

NEW SON BACK HOME

From Monday's Daily—

Yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Seiver and Mr. Sanford Short motored to Omaha where they visited the hospital and returned home with Mrs. Short and the little son who was born there some two weeks ago. The little son and the mother as well as feeling fine and the little man well pleased with the new home that he has come to live in.

SUFFERS SEVERE INJURY

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The Plattsmouth friends of William Coates, Jr., son of W. W. Coates, formerly of this city, will regret to learn of his serious condition at the Trinity Lutheran hospital at Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Coates is ceramic engineer for the Dixie Fireproofing Co., of Macon, Georgia, and was injured at their plant at Carrs Station, Georgia, four weeks ago. Mr. Coates, as soon as was possible, was hurried to his home at Kansas City and placed in the hospital there for treatment and has continued in serious condition.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

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Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tiekotter entertained very pleasantly at their home in the north portion of the city at a birthday dinner in honor of Mr. Fay E. McClintock. The afternoon was spent in games and music. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tiekotter, Sr., and son, Herman, Jr.; Bernard Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Fay E. McClintock and daughter, Marguerite; Lloyd Huddleston, nephew of Mrs. Tiekotter, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tiekotter, and son, Carl, Jr.

From 8 o'clock a. m. to 6 p. m., Wesco's offer each hour two very practical items as a very low price. Read their big Bargain Wednesday ad and save some money.

SLOWLY IMPROVING

From Wednesday's Daily—

The many friends of Mrs. E. C. Hill will be very much pleased to know that this lady is now slowly improving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hayes where she has been since Sunday, recovering from a sudden attack of illness. Mrs. Hill with her family came here to visit with old friends Sunday and while here she was taken down with what was first thought was an attack of pneumonia and since that time has been confined to her bed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes. The patient is getting over the threatened attack of pneumonia nicely but suffers a great deal from nervousness and shock but it is thought there is nothing dangerous in her case at this time.

PRISONER AT CASS COUNTY JAIL TAKES AN ABRUPT LEAVE

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Sometime last night, Matthias, alias "Jack Marvin," a prisoner in the Cass county jail, here, made his escape and the manner of his going or his destination are both wrapped in mystery as far as the jailer, Deputy Sheriff Rex Young was able to ascertain this morning.

The jail delivery was not discovered until this morning when the large array of prisoners at the jail were served breakfast and when the roll was called Matthias was not among those present at the feast but instead was somewhere in the far distance breathing the air of freedom and enjoying a relaxation from the months spent in the confines of the jail.

Just how Marvin made his getaway is not known as there were no bars pried off the windows or holes chopped in the walls and only one prisoner missing out of the large array that now populate the jail. The other prisoners have declined to shed any light on the matter or the manner of Matthias' going but the fact is self evident that he has went and taken with him the black satchel that he carried when he was brought to the jail several months ago.

It is thought by the jailer that Marvin must have escaped by crawling through a small space used to shove in the food to the prisoners as this seems the only possible way of getting out and that escaping from the cell room he had evidently watched his chance when the outer door of the jail was open to sneak out.

He is described as being about fifty years of age, weighs 160 pounds and is five feet, six inches in height. A reward of \$25 for the capture and return of the man is offered by Mr. Young.

DE MOLAY MEETING

The members of Cass chapter, Order of DeMolay, last evening enjoyed a very pleasant session at their lodge rooms in the Masonic temple and at which time the DeMolay degree was conferred on a class of several candidates. The initiatory work was carried out by the local chapter officers and was very impressive.

Unusual price offerings are made for one hour each in Wesco's Bargain Wednesday ad. Read it!

BURLINGTON BRIDGE IS GREAT PIECE OF WORK

New Structure Now in Service Over Platte River is of the Latest Type.

From Wednesday's Daily—

The new railroad bridge that the Burlington has placed across the Platte river north of this city and which is now in use, is one of the latest and modern type of railroad bridges and makes a great improvement on the main line of this great western railroad.

The bridge is all steel and concrete and in the construction of the bridge the old wooden piers were eliminated and the latest large type concrete piers used in the construction of the bridge and on these