

Kountze Church Confirms Largest Class in History

246 Confirmed at Palm Sunday Services—44 Others to Be Received Will Increase Fold to 4,000.

Kountze Memorial Lutheran church, Twenty-sixth avenue and Farnam street, Sunday established for the 12th consecutive year a record in the United States by confirming a class of 246.

With these Palm Sunday accessions, the membership of the church, which claims for its home a pretty stone structure of medium size, climbed to 3,997.

Only two other Protestant churches, one in New York state and the other in Oregon, claim larger memberships.

In addition to the 246 to be received into the church in services at 11, another class of 77 persons confirmed elsewhere will be received Wednesday night by letters of renewal or transfer.

Pastor III. Rev. George Dorn, associate pastor, administered the rites of confirmation and was assisted by Rev. Fred J. Weertz, church school pastor.

No unusual condition is credited by Rev. Mr. Dorn for the success of the church. The building stands where Omaha's motor row and the Farnam street district come to an end. Its neighborhood ranges from good to impoverished wilderness.

"The answer is that there's nothing wrong with the church and nothing wrong with the people," Rev. Mr. Dorn said as he sat in his study scrutinizing statistics on the last five months of the church's efforts. "People want religious enlightenment and encouragement just as they did in the good old days."

Thousand Prospects. "We have succeeded because we have taken to individuals the opportunity to align themselves on the side of God. Here—"

He walked to a filing cabinet standing at a far side of the room and opened a drawer. "Here are some of more than a thousand prospects' names that we keep on file. Regardless of their religious leanings, we gather the names throughout the year. We may get them at a funeral, a party or a business house."

"In September and October we make an intensive campaign. Each of us three ministers has a quota of 500 prospects as far as 15 miles to see our prospects. We try to tell them what God and church hold forth and you might be surprised at how many immediately become interested. It is not true that the people are not interested in religion."

"Why, it's just like a big business, and you are salesmen, selling the blessings of faith," his interviewer suggested.

Not Salesmen. "No," Rev. Mr. Dorn replied. "We object to the word 'salesmanship.' We sell nothing—we give away opportunities."

Last fall the three of us interested 567 persons. And right there we began to differ from several other churches. We didn't rush these 567 to the altar and receive them into membership, but began teaching them better to understand the meaning and blessing of religion. Before they could become eligible to confirmation each had to attend five months of religious services to prepare themselves. Not all finished—in fact, only 246 remain, but every one of those to be confirmed realizes just what it means and is coming into the church to try to be a Christian."

"After they are confirmed some of them no doubt, as has been the case with others, will let their interest lag. But the constant membership of the church certifies that the system used is well founded."

Rev. Mr. Dorn then discussed the duties of the church to its members and expressed belief that people go to church to obtain helpful strength from God.

"We preach the Bible," he declared. "I believe some churches can trace their failure to sermons on science, politics, art and many other subjects. Appeal to some, but do not offer God's encouragement to all and make life's path easier to follow."

In Holland more than one-third of the total area of the country lies below the level of the sea, which is held back by means of dikes.

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Mary Garden (right) and her protegee, Mary McCormick, are shown above in an exclusive photo taken in their cabin on the Adriatic, on which they sailed for the Mediterranean.

The Business Barometer

This Week's Outlook in Commerce, Finance, Agriculture and Industry Based on Current Developments.

By THEODORE H. PRICE, Editor, Commerce and Finance, New York City.
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Every one is optimistic and every report and forecast published is cheerful, both as to the present and the future. It is therefore unnecessary to amplify upon the week's news of activity and prosperity. Iron is up 41 tons. The demand for steel exceeds the output which is still limited by the labor scarcity. Copper is now selling at 20 cents. The slight action of the American Woolen company in voluntarily raising its employees' wages by 12 1/2 per cent, indicates an expectation of good business throughout the winter and probably insures the higher wages demanded by the operatives in the New England cotton mills. Wheat has been firmer than for some time. Many believe that all the cereals are destined to sell higher. Cotton goods are in excellent demand, and although cotton futures are a shade easier the inherent strength of the statistics is relied upon to prevent any serious decline.

Sugar is Lower. Sugar is about the only commodity of importance that is distinctly lower and it has done so solely because the Department of Commerce, whose bullish outgivings started the advance, has now reversed itself and professes to have discovered that there is enough sugar to go round.

Rubber, coffee and jute have also declined slightly because either our own government or another has issued some report or taken some action whose effect has been to make buyers hesitant. For instance, has discovered that its earlier estimate of the jute crop was too small. The Brazilian government is said to have been selling the unused remnant of the said crop, and this has been checked by the outgivings of some Washington bureau which protects its own producers, as does the United States, has decided to challenge Great Britain for pursuing a similar policy in protecting the rubber planters within the British Empire.

But these surface changes in the market have not affected the underlying business in this country which is so large that it takes the capacity of the railroads in the utmost and is swelling their net revenue to record figures.

Security Market Black. With such a background it is surprising that the security market has not showed more buoyancy and that it has in fact been dropping. They have touched the lowest figures of the calendar year, and the bond market generally has been seen confident of the future. A further movement of sole leather in Boston indicates a considerable quantity, and shoe factories are taking deliveries of backs and uppers in a satisfactory way. With the completion of Easter orders, however, the expected lull in footwear business has appeared.

Active Dry Goods Distribution. The past winter, despite its frequent frosts, was a successful one for the dry goods distribution, and indications point to a favorable spring season. Some questioning is being done as to the ability of retailers to secure the higher prices forecast, shadowed by advances in primary articles, but most dealers still have considerable merchandise to offer at comparatively low prices. It is believed, therefore, that the pronounced price rise will occur in consuming channels until initial spring business at least, has been completed. Announcement was made this week of wage increases in woolen mills, and there is continued agitation for similar action in cotton manufacturing centers. In some divisions of the industry upward revision already have been forced by a scarcity of skilled workers. Despite labor drawbacks, production remains very large, and many cotton goods plants are fully booked through September.

Fiscal Cotton Ginnings. It has long been known that the 1922 cotton crop was of moderate size, but the final returns showed an even smaller total than had been generally expected. At 7,741,317 bales of 500 pounds weight, the ginnings fell about 268,000 bales short of the government's December crop estimate, which was 8,009,000 bales. Except for the yield of 1921, which the census bureau placed at 7,927,441 bales, the 1922 production is the smallest reported for many years. The official ginning statement had little effect on cotton prices, the market declining rather sharply by under pressure of speculation. A catching of interest from the old crop months to the new crop positions was one of the week's features, there being disposition to sell May contracts and buy October. The decline in the latter option, therefore, was less pronounced than that which occurred in the nearer delivery.

Return From Colorado. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Wymore, Neb., March 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rischke, former residents of Wymore for many years, have arrived here from their homestead in eastern Colorado, making the trip from Wray to Wymore, a distance of 400 miles, in a covered wagon. It took 20 days to complete the trip. Mr. Rischke at one time was a railway conductor out of here.

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With the breaking last week of the dullness that had prevailed in the domestic market since early in January, several further sizable gains have developed. Several hundred thousand shares have been changed hands in the clearance trading, and sellers obtained prices on branded securities that were equivalent to an advance. Large buyers, it is interesting to note, are the mainstay of the market, and outside packer bids in about all sections of the country. While upper market leaders have been slow to purchase war material suitable for their own use, the other hand, have bought freely and

Inquiry in Status of Gun Ranges Sought by Navy

Clarification of 5-5-3 Clause of Arms Treaty Held as Hope for Removing Suspicion Between Nations.

By GEORGE F. AULTHER, Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Washington, March 25.—American naval representatives, while officially silent, today privately insisted that the safety and security of the United States demands a formal inquiry made upon Great Britain and Japan as to the exact status of their gun ranges. They believe, also, the interpretation of the clause of the treaty governing changes of this kind, should be clarified. Without this, the 5-5-3 ratio established at the arms conference, it is feared, will become dissipated in a maze of international suspicion. The published opinion, expressed today by Vice Admiral Lacaze, former minister of marine in the French government, commenting on the debate between England and the United States relative to respective ranges, that it was possible under the treaty to increase ranges, met with favorable reaction here.

The Lacaze statement called attention to the fact that the British and French versions of the treaty differ in this respect. The British version says "no alteration in side armor, in caliber, number or general type of mounting of main armament" is to be made. The French version provides merely that the general type of "installation may not be changed."

American naval officers say it would not be necessary to change installations to bring about the changes desired in order to permit the American ships to throw a projectile 20,000 yards. Without this change, it is claimed by American naval experts, Great Britain will retain an advantage of 3,000 yards in range, giving her an advantage estimated at approximately 20 per cent. This, they claim, destroys the 5-5-3 ratio, putting the American navy in second place.

Looking forward to a possible alignment of the British and Japanese navies in certain contingencies, despite the scrapping of the Anglo-Japanese treaty which will be accomplished when the conference treaties are ratified, the American situation would be decidedly unfortunate.

The only official information permitted to escape from the Navy department today on the subject was that no changes are being made and it is assumed none will be attempted until President Harding and Secretary of Navy Denby have returned.

No information was obtainable from the office of the Navy department as to whether the latter branch of the government is taking steps to discover just what the situation is as to range limitations in the British and Japanese navies.

While there is no disposition to question the accuracy of the British statement that no changes have been made, it is believed in official quarters that it would be proper to ask both British and Japanese how they interpret the clause in the treaty governing changes in the direction of "modernization."

In view of the frank and sportsmanlike manner in which Secretary Hughes retracted his statement upon the authority of the British government, it is believed the British government might well meet this attitude half way by placing American naval authorities in position to determine the facts of the case.

Hogs Attack Farmer. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Broken Bow, Neb., March 25.—While driving hogs to a loading chute, C. M. Forsythe of Anselmo was thrown down when attacked by several of the animals and sustained a dislocated shoulder.

Food Index Slightly Lower. Brokers' Food Index, based on the wholesale prices per pound of 25 articles used for food is 25.40, compared with 25.45 the last week. For the week's number shows a loss of three-tenths of a cent from last week, but a gain of 1/2 cent over the like week of last year.

Increased. Flour, wheat, spring; corn, oats, barley, rye flour, hams, butter, lard, beef, live lamb, beef, pig iron, Bessemer, cast iron, pig iron, Philadelphia, steel scrap, Pittsburgh; cast iron, Chicago; linoleum, copper, spelter, Adirondack spruce, rubber.

Decreased. Wheat, red; short ribs, lard, sugar, raw; sugar, refined; coffee, eggs, live hog, live New York, cotton, hides, hay, lead, antimony, tin.

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Financial

By BROADBENT WALL, By Universal Service.
New York, March 25.—Speculative Wall Street starts the new week with some hesitancy, due to the scheduled conference Monday of the federal reserve board. Although this is the regular semi-annual gathering of the body, the street is inclined to look for some statement from it relative to the credit situation. In fact, it would not be surprising if the financial district if another warning against inflation was given the nation.

General expectation is that the federal reserve board will discuss a policy to be pursued the next six months with regard to rediscunt rates, which are the chief instrument used to prevent dangerous expansion in loans.

The general stock market is in strong technical position. The short interest is unusually large. It is a buying power that must be counted on.

Outlook Less Optimistic. Some of the more ardent supporters of transportation shares are less optimistic than the Interstate Commerce commission has asked, the common carrier to furnish it with statements showing the federal reserve system about a slight increase in invested capital, under the transportation act. This step is considered as indicating a desire by Washington to give consideration to demands for freight rates. Such action would not be a long way toward offsetting a stock market influence the good earnings of the railroads.

The recent advance in the cotton market is being followed by a decline in the smaller takings by mills, the falling price of raw cotton is being followed by a decline in the new crop which is being planted.

The bond market is down an average of slightly more than 3 points from the high level reached on September 21, 1922. The continued softening of money rates is expected to be accompanied by a further decline.

Farmers' Union Notes

Copies of "Uncle Reuben in Washington" a book from the pen of Charles S. Barre, president of the Farmers' Union, have been received at state office here for the coming year. The book deals primarily with the legislative activities of farmers in the national capital. It is a valuable source of information regarding the new crop which is being planted.

Deplore Political Wrangling. A resolution deploring the political wrangling in the legislature and requesting Representative Orr and Senator Johnson to help Governor Bryan carry out his pre-election promises was adopted by the Hart County Farmers' Union meeting here last night.

Drive for Members. A campaign is being made to recruit the membership of the Farmers' Union in Saline county. It began March 15 and will continue until the next quarterly convention of the Saline county Farmers' Union, which will be held at the home of the Farmers' Union State exchange in Omaha.

Profit on Stock. Grand Island members of Sand Krag local of the farmers' union shipped 38 carloads of livestock last year through the Farmers' Union elevator. These shipments consisted of 2,429 hogs, 1,024 calves, and 1,024 lambs, a net return of \$54,184.21.

Record of Week's Failures. A large increase in the number of failures reported to R. G. Dun & Co., Inc., in the week ending March 23, 1923, is reported. The total for this week is 217, as against 211 for the same week a year ago.

ONE OF OURS

By WILLA CATHER. Famous Nebraska Author.
(Continued From Saturday.)
Claude Wheeler, lying on a Nebraska ranch with his parents and a younger brother, Ralph, has to quit Temple College, a denominational school in Lincoln, at the end of his third year to take care of the home place while his father, Nat Wheeler, and Ralph, spend most of their time on their Colorado ranch. Claude's older brother, Erlich, runs an implement store at Frankfort, while in Lincoln, Claude has become an close friend of the Erlich family. Mrs. Erlich, a motherly widow with five sons, having made the shy boy feel at home on his numerous visits.

CHAPTER XVIII. Claude's bedroom faced the east. The next morning, when he looked out of his windows, only the tops of the cedars in the front yard were visible. Hurriedly putting on his clothes, he ran to the west window at the end of the hall. Lovely creek and the deep ravine in which it flowed had disappeared as if they had never been. The rough pasture was like a smooth field, except for humps here and there. Claude's father had snow had drifted over a post or a bush.

At the kitchen stairs Mahalley met him in a gleeful mood. "Lord, at mercy, Mr. Claude, I can't get the storm door open. We're snowed in fast!" She looked like a tramp woman in a jacket patched with many colors, her head tied up in an old black "fascinator," with ravelled yarn hanging down over her face like wild locks of hair. She kept this costume for calamitous occasions; appeared when the water pipes were frozen or burst, or when spring storms flooded the coops and drowned her young chickens.

The storm door opened outward. Claude put his shoulder to it and pushed it a little way. Then, with Mahalley's help, he forced the door open. Dan came tramping in his stocking feet across the kitchen to the door. "You ain't goin' to let that good hawg meat go to waste, air you, Mr. Claude?" Mahalley pleaded. "They didn't have no sickness nor nothing else. You ain't goin' to let that good hawg meat go to waste, air you, Mr. Claude?" Mahalley pleaded. "They didn't have no sickness nor nothing else. Only you'll have to get right at 'em or the meat won't be healthy."

"It wouldn't be healthy for me, anyhow. I don't know what I will do with them, but in mighty sure I won't butcher them." "Don't bother him, Mahalley," Mrs. Wheeler cautioned her. "He's tired and he has to fix some place for the live hogs."

"I know he is, nam, but I could easy cut up one of them haws myself. I butchered my own little pig onct, in Virginia. I could save the

haws, anyway, and the spare ribs. We ain't had no spare ribs for ever so long."

"What with the ache in his back and the chargin' at losing the pigs, Claude was feeling desperate. "Mother," he shouted, "if you don't take Mahalley into the house, I'll go crazy."

That evening Mrs. Wheeler asked him how much the 12 hogs would be worth in money. He looked a little startled.

"Oh, I don't know exactly, \$300 anyhow."

"Would it really be as much as that? I don't see how we could have prevented it, do you?" Her face looked troubled.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

Lithuanian Cabinet Quits.

London, March 24.—The Lithuanian cabinet has resigned, said a dispatch from Kovno tonight.

AS QUICK AS AN EGG

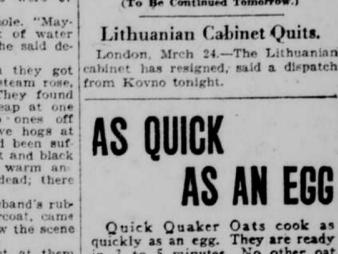
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The roof was a flat thatch, and the weight of the snow had been too much for it. Claude wondered if he should have put on a new thatch that fall, but the old one wasn't leaky, and had seemed strong enough.

When Dan got back they took turns one going ahead and throwing out as much snow as he could, the other handling the snow that fell back. After an hour or so of this work, Dan halted on his shoes and said:

"Well never do it, Claude. Two

They will if we don't get them pretty quick. Run to the house and tell mother Mahalley will have to milk this morning, and get back here as fast as you can."

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