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OLD GLORY AND THE CHURCH.

Will the flag be torn from the church, or the church from the flag, if in a great religious conference a resolution be adopted deploring war? Even if that resolution goes so far as to declare that the church is unwilling to engage in war?

This question is before the Methodists at their quadrennial conference. We feel very certain the church will adopt a resolution denouncing war in terms as round set as the Methodists are capable of. We feel equally certain that at no point will the great organization falter, should the unwelcome presence of war ever again be visited upon the United States. In harmony with the genius of the nation, the spirit of Methodism is for peace and concord, for unity among brethren and agreement dwelling throughout the world.

Such is the attitude of all religions with reference to war. Only Islam glorified war, and then only for the propagation of the faith and not for mere conquest.

Charles Wesley, nor John, held any admiration for war as such. Each was a man of peace, but each was resolute in his combat against what he held to be evil. That militant spirit is the characteristic of the Methodist church. It is engaged continually in a warfare, contesting for its faith, for its doctrines, its principles. Peace and good will are among the things it hopes to attain on earth, and for the accomplishment of these it earnestly strives. Yet only a righteous peace will satisfy the church. On this it stands as squarely as did Theodore Roosevelt.

Leaders of the church know full well that the day is not yet when nation will no longer rise up against nation, and there will be no more studying of war. They know that the seeds of war lie deep in human activities, sprouting in all human relationships. Envy and malice are among mankind's sins, covetousness, jealousy, deceit and guile have not yet been banished from man's nature. Selfishness afflicts a nation, just as righteousness exalts one. And knowing this, the leaders sternly set their faces against war, with its horrors, hoping by expressing their convictions of abhorrence they may persuade some others to turn the same way

The sorrowful fact is that peace is not to be established as a universal condition by the adoption of resolutions. Seventy-five years ago, Thomas Buckle, discussing the progress of peace, said that wars were not prevented by moral force, but by the developing intellectual strength of nations. He cited England and France, which for forty years had been at peace, not because of either church or state, but for the reason that education had opened the minds, and communication between the two countries had been greatly improved by inventions dealing with transportation.

We are not willing to concede the point to Buckle, although he does argue it well and at length. The moral force of nations develops in direct proportion to their intellectual growth, and consequently must have some influence in determining their course. And just now the moral forces of the world are united against war, and the intellectual strength of all nations is giving its support to the moral. So, if war is to be stricken from the list of afflictions men have to be eternally vigilant to avoid, now would seem to be a propitious time for accomplishing the great act.

Nothing is lost when a great central body, representing millions of adherents, declares in favor of a reform. The sought for change may not be brought about, but this does not diminish in any sense the worthiness of the effort. Let the Methodists pass their resolution, and then sincerely and earnestly seek to make it effective, and they will have the approbation of all.

As to the flag and the church, we can not think of a division. Old Glory is as sacred to one as to another of the denominations, and any or all of them are ready to defend that flag, because it typifies and symbolizes the best and holiest of their aspirations. If ever the nation is again threatened, there will be no lack of ministers who will imitate John Peter Muhlenberg, who told his congregation "there is a time to preach, and a time to fight." He was none the less a good Lutheran minister because he also was a good soldier in the cause of liberty. Muhlenberg's spirit is not extinct in the church, no matter what the creed.

STUMBLING BLOCKS IN MAN'S PATH.

"There is the perpetual difficulty of the small minority who will not play the game," said Herbert Hoover, addressing the United States Chamber of Commerce. He was specifically discussing the problem of government in business, emphasizing the need of some method for enforcing any code that business may adopt. His remark, though, has a wider

application. Most of the laws for the regulation of business have their origin in the refusal of a minority to play the game. Pure food laws had to be passed, because some dealers persisting in adulterating their products. Laws to govern other details of business come from this same source. If all dealers were scrupulously honest at all times, there would be no need for these laws.

In congress today the whole muddle is the result of a minority refusing to play the game. A little group has discovered that it holds the balance of power, and votes measures up or down as its memhers are moved by their own personal views, regardless of what others may think. Public service suffers, but this means nothing to the men who are

playing the game in their own way, just as did those dealers who brought on regulations of which business now complains.

Wars spring from the same root. Great nations have refused to play the game, and have deluged the world in blood. Churches have split for the same reason, organizations of all sorts have come to disaster, and all the interests and movements of life are controlled by the small minority who selfishly refuse to play the game.

It is any man's right to decline to go along with others, to take advantage of what is personally profitable to himself. When one moves on that principle solely, however, he is retarding the progress of all, and he has no right to complain if the big majority protects itself by passing a law.

AN OLD-TIME INSURGENT.

Insurgents, that is those who do not care to go along with the regular order of things, have a comparatively easy time today. All they have to do is to declare themselves, and very soon they will have a following and frequently much more of prosperity than would have been their lot had they remained "regular." It was not so in the time of George Fox, the 300th anniversary of whose birth falls on May 28, or Wednesday of next week. Religion was a very serious matter in those days. So, too, was politics, and the two were fairly well mixed.

Fox as a boy witnessed the persecution of the Presbyterians by Laud, and he knew what he might expect were he to undertake any form of preaching that did not have the approval of the authorities. He felt, he says, the urge as early as 11, and determined to keep himself pure and free from wanton ways. At 19 he became a solitary wanderer, and at 24 he began his missionary preaching which occu-

pied his time until his death in 1691. Fox knew the jail life of England from the inside, for he was many times locked up because he persisted in preaching his doctrine. Cromwell offered him a captaincy in the army that overthrew King Charles, but did not make religion free in England. Fox was already opposed to war, and spent some time in jail because he would take no part on either side in this struggle. His imprisonment gave him the opportunity to write, so his many tracts and volumes are the fruit of his enemies seeking to suppress him by locking him up.

His friendship with William Penn is a classic in America, and out of it grew a visit from Fox to the new land. He preached in Barbados, Jamaica, at Oyster Bay and other places in what is now the United States. Quakers carried his teachings throughout the world, and the sect found many adherents. One of the unpleasant chapters of American history tells of how the Quakers were persecuted in this country. Two men and a woman were hanged in Massachusetts as late as 1658 for being Quakers.

When Fox preached in this country in 1671 the seed of his faith had taken such deep root that no From the New York Sunday Times. seed of his faith had taken such deep root that no further efforts were made to disturb the sect.

The case of Celia Cooney against plain that responsibility rests with a modern civilization is not quite so number in this land 106,548, and practice in its purity the gentle religion taught by their founder.

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IT SIMPLY CAN'T BE DONE.

Prosperity can not be restored by standing around and whining about inequality of opportunity.

Law enactment can never take the place of industry and thrift as potential factors in permanent prosperity.

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possible without the backing of public opinion. This country can not waste and have; it can not stand still and go on to perfection; it can not de-responsible in any particular case, ing of a drunken father into court. for good or ill. stroy and keep; it can not build from the top down-

ward. There are some things that simply can't be done.

HE TOOK THE COVER OFF RUSSIA.

George Kennan, who died last week at the age of 79, did more than any other one man to really open the eyes of the world to the weakness of Russia. His was a peculiar experience. A telegraph operator, in 1864 he entered the service of the Russian government, and for several years was engaged in exploration of Siberia and Kamschatka, extending lines of communication, and paving the way for what was to be a great international circuit, crossing Behring strait and coming down through Alaska to the United

This gave him an intimate contact with the official life of the empire. His earlier writings on the Russian system of government, its constitution and administration, gained him much favor at Petrograd. Animated by what he thought to be a misunderstanding on the part of Americans, he conceived the idea of investigating the exile system. It was his thought, so he admitted, that the Nihilist movement was entirely wrong, and that the government was condemned by those who did not know the conditions. Going to Petrograd, where he was well known, he was given a card that opened every door in Rus-

Armed with this, he traveled over the empire. visited prisons, sat in courts, watched the police at work. Then he traveled with convict trains into Siberia. Here he visited every camp, even to the coal mines at Kara. Long before he got home he had changed his mind. When his articles began to appear in the Century magazine in 1891, they excited tremendous discussion. But Mr. Kennan was and at last accounts the British government was still waiting for an anfortified with proof that could not be denied.

He literally tore the cover off official Russia, exposed the corruption that existed in high official circles and permeated even to the lowest. The brutal horrors of the secret police system were disclosed. and the unspeakable conditions forced on those who had been exiled by secret administrative process was | Paris. made plain. No more terrible arraignment of a civilized government ever was published than Kennan's "Siberia and the Exile System." It was soon forgotten in other matters, but those who read it were prepared for the story that came out from Russia in March, 1917, and in some way to understand the

horrors of the early months of boleshevism. Kennan did much other work that was really worth while, but his expose of the Russian police system was the crown of his productive effort. It deserves to be read, even today.

Nicholas Murray Butler started something which may grow if enough men spunk up courage sufficient to voice their deep-seated views.

Nebraska music teachers are welcome, but they should have been here last week, to have noted how Omaha is going in for music.

And it is also possible for a man to keep his ear to the ground so long that it takes root and holds him down in the mud.

ooks like the weather man had joined the radi

SUNNY SIDE UP That sunrise never failed us yet

FAITH.

know that just beyond life's grief and parting. Beyond its days of toil and bitter pain;

Beyond the heartaches and the teardrops starting, My loved ones I shall meet and greet again. I know that life would be a vain endeavor If at the end it meant eternal gloom.

But faith brings knowledge that I shall live forever Beyond the dark around the sullen tomb. I know that time so brief for love and living Upon the earth, is but a fleeting sign

Of greater love and life He will be giving
When from the dark He leads with hand divine. I know the hope within man's heart implanted Will not be vain, but reap reward well won; That wish to see love's lost ones will be granted

If at the last life's duties have been done Dearly beloved, turning this morning to Matt. 6:30 we

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith.

Are you of the too great number moaning and groaning about the decadence of public morals, and plumly prophesying the downfall of the republic? Are you of the great army whose membership is cocksure everything is going to pot? If so, grasp the above scripture to your hearts and take new hope. It won't do you a bit of good to sit around and pray for better things. After you get up from your knees, having said your amen, you'll have to get out and hustle. Have faith in ourself and faith in the Almighty's promise-but don't forget the work part of it.

And dearly beloved do not overlook the fact that there is a great difference between religion and Christianity. A lot of people who think they have religion are only victims of mental dyspepsia. If you are a real Christian your neighbor will know without your telling him. It will be reflected in your daily walk and talk. If you go around with your face long enough to eat oats out of a churn, and throw shuddering fits because you just know everything is going to the demnition bow-wows, the thing you've got isn't religion at all.

Ever hear the story of the old negro preacher who explained his faith by saying that if God told him to go out and butt his head through a stone wall, he'd simply start to butting "Buttin's my business; gettin' through de wall am God's business," he explained.

Renew and strengthen your faith daily by communion with God. It is not enough that you go to church once a week and listen to the preacher and choir. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from That's not a Sunday business, but an every day in the week business. We will now stand and sing that good old song of Zion:

"How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord Have laid for your faith in His excellent word." And may each and everyone of us sing with the spirit and understanding.

WILL M. MAUPIN. the understanding.

Society and Celia Cooney

some quarters. When people speak of society's responsibility for the infraction of society's own laws, the degree of responsibility should be stated. In some measure society is obviously responsible for everything that occurs within its confines. The existing curs within its confines are some that this aunt degree as can a regulation of the products. The second, co-operative marketing, can only improve handling methods. Where a surplus is produced which must sell in the same manner and to the same degree as can a regulation of the products. The second, co-operative marketing, can only improve handling methods. Where a surplus is produced which must sell in the same manner and to the same degree as can a regulation of the products.

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The second, co-operative marketing can only improve handling methods. Where a surplus is produced which must sell in the competitive markets of the world it is impossible to improve the products. Waste may not be indulged in without the dan- girl bandits. But the very same peo- of Celia Cooney, but of her father and agriculture in distress. ment until they have been made demonstrable facts.

Law enactment is the simplest step towards curing of evil conditions, but law enforcement is iming of evil conditions, but law enforcement is im- be a help toward sounder thinking- charges of drunkenness and neglect and perhaps toward truer feeling- Therefore society did try to do som if people said, more definitely, that thing for Celia by anticipation.

Reckless Debtors

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

The Jugo-Slav debt funding delegaever such priority exists. In other eys. But college presidents now tell words, "no second liens" will be ac us that prohibition is a crime in itself cepted from nations which incur fresh and the fruitful mother of crime. debts in addition to what they owe Perhaps that is so. But in this case

France.

Jugo-Slavia. Poland and Rumania last year obtained heavy armament loans from France. The extent of their new indahier loans from the loans fr loans from France. The cheir new indebtedness Great Britain, and the British government made formal inquiry as to how the security for old loans is af fected by later additions. was made a few months ago,

There is no evidence of any effort to halt the process of piling up Roumania, believing herself threatened with war by Russia, last week made an effort to place another loan on the occasion of the visit of the king and queen of Roumania in How the smaller nations ever ex

pect to get back on their feet is beond comprehension. being they are merrily gliding along the down road to ruin

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(Seel) Notary Public sible. For the neglect it seems pretty try with an extremely short food sup-

clety is 10 per cent, or 20 per cent the effort went beyond the mere hal this country was actively With some such arithmetical criter on a constructive program for dealing ion we could then attempt an assession with drunken fathers. It set out to ment of the Cooney case. It is the eliminate drunkenness. Social workstory of a childhood of poverty and ere know that next after sickness the neglect. For the poverty let us concede that society was, in part, responnot social workers have also known it. The great driving force behind this movement that outrages President Butler has been precisely the knowledge of what a vast amount of demestic misery, of neglected childtion was informed at Washington hood, and of consequent crime, came that the United States insists on retaining priority of its claims wher-

the question of social responsibility This warning calls attention to the tendency of the smaller European nations to plunge deeper into financial chaos instead of making efforts to extricate themselves from the load of foreign obligations.

The second responsibility is obviously a very mixed one.

And finally there are the millions of poor mothers who do not abandon their children, and the millions of girls who grow up in poor homes without taking to be notice. of foreign obligations.

Europeans continue to borrow money wherever they can get it chiefly for the purpose of increasing armaments. The world war debts of the smaller nations are rapidly being buried and forgotten under new obligations.

The United States and Great The United States and Great Britain, as the chief war time creditor.

Britain, as the chief war time creditor and the heroism of the millions who Britain, as the chief war time creditor nations, are in danger of seeing their keep an unfavorable environment at cent armament credits extended by seem that there is nobody like the

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- "Overproduction" and the McNary-Haugen Bill

sure to raise the cry "overproduction."

An improper and unjust argument. it only gives to the surplus portion An improper and unjust argument. It only gives to the surplus portion
The farmer is entitled to operate his business as other business is operated and that is at a reasonable capacity.

It only gives to the surplus portion Earth's brawn and brain!

Earth's brawn and brain!

As Laddie laved in wooden trough basis of cost of production in Amer-He is entitled to the privilege of pro ducing the requirements of our domestic market and securing therefor a price in keeping with the American

thereby through economic action forcing the price to higher levels. associations on the pooling plan, there. surplus produced.

surplus from the domestic, providing for the sale of the surplus at the world's price and the domestic at a fair price on an equal basis with all other commodities.

The first method means untold dis
to them.

2. It would mean a loss to flour mills and the packers of their entire export business.

3. It would drive every exporter out of business, as there would be nothing to export.

The first method means untold dis-

The first method means untold dis. nothing to export. permit a part of their lands to lie idle.

If the price were improved by this economic structure though the court of seek the world. rary to the principles of good busi- itable enterprise, but to do so

By GEORGE C. JEWETT.

General Manager American Wheat Growers Associated, Minneapolis, Minn., and Portland, Ore.

tains the principles employed in the McNary-Haugen bill, and beyond question the sound thinking man will of field on field.

Whose vibrant tossing—morn-vealed—
Was fragrant with the dewy yield question the sound thinking man will of field on field. Every attempt to help the farmer sedegree the problem of overproduction. With home and barn and wind-turned ure higher prices for his products is This method does not encourage the

Under the operations of the Mc-Nary-Haugen bill the unsatisfactory Enrapt and whistling afterward results of the production of a surplus Through bloom-starred dell he drove standards of living. He is further entitled to the privilege of using his facilities to produce for the export market if, in his opinion, he is able to compete in the markets of the world.

This policy is not new in American life. It has been followed for ages by industry. Many important American manufactured articles are sold cheaper in foreign countries than in our own country. This is considered good business on the part of industry, and there should be no complaint if the farmer engages in like activities.

Increased prices encourage product.

Increased prices encourage production. Sonable capacity production means ion. This is true in any producing cheaper production. If production is cheaper production. If production is cheaper production. If production is true in any producing cheaper production. If production is the grave's green sheath! activity, but better farm prices must reduced to domestic requirements it be secured. A wise policy is to con- means higher cost of production per In ancient state of moss-grown rot sider the ways that better prices may unit. The aditional operations in A church befriended the sad spot; be secured, and select the one that volved in reasonable capacity produc. It wafted solace on the air, will operate to the best advantage, tion do not as a rule involve additaking everything into consideration, tional lands or equipment; therefore Assuaging there.

Including overproduction. The folit may be properly argued that the And southward—high above the lowing methods are suggested by surplus portion is cheaply produced slough— and can be profitably sold in the com. Wild plum and grape and berry grew; 1. Reduce production to the requirements of domestic consumption,

Another point of serious national And heaven blown. concern would be the loss of business now carried on in the handling of the

tress and great injustice, as it can 4. It would complicate the question In dreams he saw sky-scrapers tall only be brought about through the of foreign exchange, as we would have And lights that lure and beck and play of economic forces driving farm. nothing in food products to sell abroad.

further production, with the result that we would have cycles of good years and cycles of bad, which is con-The conclusion seems clear—that we As mate again on Wheat Field Bay!ness and economic operation. Fur must enact legislation that will give thermore, any attempt to limit pro- them a profitable market for their doduction to domestic requirement is mestic production and at the same likely to prove serious through climatic or other conditions destroying the limited acreage and leaving the countries available.

The thir method enumerated con- young thing brightly .- Tit-Bits.

"Laddie"

Beloved by Laddle was his day, On golden wheat field's balmy bay, vibrant tossing-morn-re-

Observe he was-with Nature's thrill,

Like fleets detached at anchor lain, In harbor held with might and main-

basis of cost of production in Amer-ica, is not a profitable price. Where working horses came to quaft, There blew from humble dining hall, With fragrancies exceeding all,

The breakfast call.

For Laddie each fruit had its own Delicious flavor sereph sown

How proudly Laddie sweat his brow-The furrow found his arder true-

by securing command of the product sufficient to force the price to higher to the railroads of approximately 25 per cent, a matter of serious concern to them.

There would be a tonnage loss Yet, mother's mid-day noodle stew— Yet, mother's mid-day noodle stew— Per cent, a matter of serious concern to them.

callers from the farm and compelling oth. which now operate as a medium of They beckoned him, too, and he broke

If the price were improved by this economic structure through the elimination of an important national achaire a distinct tendency to encourage tivity.

-Alta Wrenwick Brown.

Should Have Heard Him. Lady (calling the electric light plant)—The lights in my house have Lady Superintendent-Yes. Madam. A par-

rot got caught in the dyname.
Lad—Oh, how shocking!
Superintendent — You'd have "Yes," said the mean man, "thrift thought so if you'd heard what he wonderful thing."

A Proud Record. "You here again after only eight months?" snorted the judge. "Didn't I give you a year the last time?" "Ye did, yer honor," assented the prisoner, puffing out his chest, "but had lots of time taken off for good

behavior."-Exchange.

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