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Protection for American Rights.

That President Wilson will be granted ample power, to be exercised in his discretion, for the protection of American rights is plainly forecast by the action of the republican senators on Saturday. The minority members fairly anticipated the address delivered by the president yesterday, and the fall resolution, proffering his full support, is an earnest of the intention of congress, and The Bee believes fairly representative of the spirit of the American people. No demand for war exists in this country, but there is a strong determination to resist the invasion of our rights at sea.

In addressing the congress on this topic President Wilson very temperately expressed views of the situation that are in accordance with the sentiment of his countrymen, as well as having support in reason. It is not alone for the rights of Americans he stands, for in this instance the injury is far greater than that to any one country or people. It is for the common right of humanity, without which, the president says, civilization cannot exist. The ruthless subsea warfare that destroys all afloat, regardless of its character, goes so far beyond the justifiable procedure of war as to become a common menace to all the world.

That Germany fairly understands the sentiments of Americans, as well as other neutrals, on this point cannot be doubted. The question was too long discussed and held in abeyance to leave room for misunderstanding. Explanations emanating from Berlin in connection with the sinking of the Dutch ships at the entrance to the English channel makes clear the purpose to stop all world commerce if possible.

Armed neutrality, as proposed by the president, does not mean war, any more than does the cessation of diplomatic relations. It is formal notice of the readiness of this country to protect its citizens and their commerce against unwarranted invasion of their rights. That peace may be preserved and the issue of war averted is the fervent hope of the president, as it is of every right-minded citizen of the United States. However, the nation is standing firm behind Mr. Wilson in his efforts to protect Americans.

Need of a New City Jail.

The grand jury only confirmed what has long been known when it recommended that a new city jail be provided for Omaha. The present structure long ago outlasted its usefulness and for several years has been a disgrace to the community. On several occasions the city authorities have considered the submission of a proposal to issue bonds to erect a suitable building for jail purposes, but always the project has been laid aside to give right-of-way to another of public or popular concern. Expansion of the city has brought new factors into the problem, and the city jail that is to be built must be designed now as the central headquarters for the police department of the larger city, with reference to at least two substations in addition to the one maintained on the South Side. While haste is not required, serious consideration must be given the subject and plans laid for a city jail that will fill the bill.

Mexico's New Constitution.

Mexico has just been given a new constitution by the Carranzista organization, and an election for president is called for March 11. No doubt seems to exist as to whom the choice for the office will fall on, although two candidates are said to be in the field against the first chief. This does not concern the world outside so much as does the fundamental law of the country, on which whatever of government it is to have must rest, for the time at least.

Principal attention will be given to the provisions relating to foreign residents in Mexico. Carranza has secured the embodiment in the constitution of his peculiar views as to foreigners and has completely reversed the Diaz policy, which invited outsiders to make their homes in the land of the Montezumas. Persons not of Mexican birth or adoption may not acquire title to real property, but the state may grant concessions to aliens, subject to revocation at pleasure of the state. Foreigners seeking concessions must forego any protection of their own government and submit themselves to the laws of Mexico and the acts of the Mexican authorities. Nor can any concession within 100 kilometers of the land borders or within fifty kilometers of the seacoast be granted to or held by foreigners.

That complications will arise from this provision is certain. European governments as well as the United States are concerned, because practically all the development done in Mexico under the Diaz regime was financed by foreigners. Hundreds of millions of European money are invested there, while it has been estimated that American holdings across the border amount to more than a billion. If Carranza plans to confiscate this property or to change the conditions under which it is held, he will very likely find himself with a much more serious situation to face than any Villa ever provided for him.

War and the Price of Food.

A report made by a New York commission, dealing with the food conditions in that city, says the emergency is not so grave as the recent demonstrations might indicate. However, the commission adds, it is a serious problem for the wage earner drawing no more than \$800 a year to provide for a family at present prices, and that with additional advances in price of foods the suffering may become actual instead of apparent. Real shortage in food supply is greatly aggravated by the abnormal exportation, incident to the war, and on this the commission rests the blame for the rise in prices. This much has been admitted from the beginning, and entirely to be expected. What the public would really like to know is how much of the advance in the cost of living is due to market manipulation that could be controlled. Inquiries that go no deeper than the hastily arranged affair just over in New York are of little service. The experience of the present winter may be continued, if indeed it is due to controllable conditions. We are falling short of our claims to be leaders of civilization when we permit hunger to prevail in a land that teems with plenty, as does ours.

Apologies of the latest tricks of the weather, it might be in order to hold an investigation of the machinations of the newest combination—the groundhog, the coal man and the meteorologist. One or all of these might be amenable to a true bill with plenty of stokers ready to pile coal on the fires of punishment.

The first touch of spring, even though short-lived, merrily wig-wags the joys sure to come.

Rev. George P. Peters

"My First Sermon"

"I had an earnest message for needy men and women, and so I just talked"

My entrance into the ministry was out of the conventional order. I did not come to the pulpit by the way of the theological seminary, or the college, or even the high school. In fact, I just broke in, or perhaps I would more properly say, broke out. It came about in this way: I had taken Horace Greeley's advice and had come west to grow up with the country. While in the employ of a wholesale dry goods firm in St. Joseph, Mo., I became a Christian under the preaching of Rev. M. M. Goode, then pastor of the First Christian church of that city. I entered at once into the activities of the church, teaching in the Sunday school, superintending a mission Sunday school, organizing an Endeavor society, but without any thought further than the present sort of usefulness. After about two years of this sort of work, it happened that the pastor was holding a meeting at a mission point in the north part of the city, and being compelled to be at his own services on Sunday, and desiring not to leave his meeting without some kind of a service on Sunday, he gravely announced on Friday night to the astonished audience that Brother Peters of the First church would preach on Sunday night, and turning to one of the men on the front seat said: "Brother Johnson, you go to his place of business tomorrow morning and tell him so." Imagine my consternation on being informed on Saturday morning about 9 o'clock that I was to preach the next night, when I had not the skeleton of a sermon or even a text. I suppose my pastor thought of me as the old Scotch carpenter thought of his journeyman to whom he said, "Ay, lad, ye hae the gift o' gab; if ye lo'de the Lord ye'd make a preacher." That was before the days of "gospel teams" when laymen became accustomed to holding gospel meetings. It was also the days when clerks worked until 6 o'clock every night, the first part of Sunday had to be given to that work, so that my time for study was very brief. But I was game. I determined not to disappoint my pastor and the people.

My first task was to choose a text. After some deliberation I decided upon Matthew 27:22. "Pilate saith unto them, 'What then, shall I do unto Jesus who is called Christ?'" and I called my theme "Pilate's Question." Several years later when I was a student in college studying this gospel the professor remarked one day to the class of student preachers, "Boys, when you have been preaching for several years and have confidence that you can handle the subject, this would be a good text for a sermon." I was entirely oblivious to the difficulties that would have confronted an experienced preacher, but grappled with the subject with all the ardor of youth. There was small opportunity for privacy, but I remember that during intervals of my work and on my way to and from meals I prayed and meditated, for I believed if God wanted me to preach that sermon He would make it possible for me to do it. After having selected my text I tried to remember everything I had ever heard or read about it. By Saturday night I had a sort of outline in mind and I began to write out what I was going to say. I had only one book besides my Bible that dealt with my subject in any way and it was a commentary I had inherited from my grandfather. As I wrote the introduction and the practical, I paid no attention to doctrinal questions. I very soon found, however, that my sermon was not going to last more than ten minutes. My pastor usually preached thirty-five or forty minutes, and I felt that it would not do to cut the service down to ten minutes. So I began to elaborate. By midnight I had developed a larger outline and a nervous headache, which lasted me through the next day. I succeeded in going through with superintending my Sunday school and then went to bed for the rest of the day. And still that sermon was not done—and it was not finished that day. I wrote the introduction and the practical, and I had to write the rest, and then outlined the rest, and depended upon the moment to carry me to a finish. Although it was not finished that day, it became the foundation for a sermon that was afterwards preached many times with good effect.

I had expected to have for an audience a small group of people who were accustomed to gather for Sunday school on Sunday afternoons in a hall next door to a saloon. I was quite surprised, therefore, on coming to the place to find a goodly number of the members of the First church, the pastor having very graciously announced at the morning service that I would preach at the mission that night. Chief among them, occupying the front seat, were the leaders of the Endeavor society, with whom I had been working for two years. You can trust Endeavorers to be loyal to one another. But I confess that I felt a bit nervous because I had to do just an Endeavor talk—it was to be a sermon. I have no recollection of the opening or closing exercises. I do not know who made the prayer. I think it was the leading elder of the First church, a most lovable man, who had come out to encourage me by his presence. I recall with what thankfulness I looked upon that book of notes. At least I could read what I had written and then quit if I could not think of anything more to say. I made no attempt at oratory. I was not skilled in declamation. I knew nothing about its rules. I had an earnest message for needy men and women, and I felt that I must deliver it in an earnest way. And so I just talked. How long I do not know. When I got through I quit, a rule that I find quite as serviceable today as it was then. My pastor was in the habit of closing every sermon with an invitation to people to accept Christ as their Saviour, and so I closed in the same way. I am sorry that I cannot say that the whole congregation accepted the invitation because they did not, nor did a single individual. We closed in the usual way with a benediction.

My first sermon was more valuable to me than to anyone else. The people were very kind in their expressions of appreciation. They always are—very few are coldly critical. But I was not deceived. I had begun with misgivings and I had closed in the same way. But it did one thing for me. It settled a conviction that had been growing in my mind for some time. It fixed the determination that in spite of every obstacle I would be a preacher of the Gospel. In less than a month I had found a church that was willing to listen to me and pay my railroad fare for coming, and in six months I resigned my business position and devoted my whole time to preaching. So my first sermon proved to be one of the largest factors in determining my future career.

Geo. L. Peters

Pastor North Side Christian Church.
(Next—"My First Sermon," by Rev. Fred J. Clark.)

On a Perpetual Joy Ride.

The Brooklyn Eagle gives editorial space to the high living activities of one H. C. Pannill, a helpless cripple, without money, who put up at a swell hotel and issued an appeal for assistance "as will enable me to continue in this life." Six years ago Pannill was a prosperous business man in Oklahoma, a brother Elk of high standing. Paralysis crippled him. Since then he has circled around the country, refused to live at the Elks national home, puts up