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## PASSION PLAY CHRISTUS SAD; NOT GOD'S WAR, HE SAYS

By CARL W. ACKERMAN, in Milwaukee Leader.

OBERAMMERGAU, Bavaria.—"This is not God's war; it is man's war. So long as there are armies and so long as nations prepare there will be war."

So spoke Anton Lang, Christus in Oberammergau's world famous Passion Play, Monday, on the saddest Yuletide the little Bavarian village has ever known. Or her 1,500 population. Oberammergau has given \$50 to the army, including Alfred Bierling, the St. John of the play, who is now an artilleryman in the German army.

Through the United Press, Lang desired that greetings be sent to his friends in America and that denial be made that he had joined a machine gun company.

"Never Saw Front," said this bearded man, whose face most nearly resembles the features of the saviour. "I am still alive. Please tell my many American friends that for me."

And then Lang showed me his visitors' book with the names of thousands of his friends signed thereon. One signature was that of the king of Roumania.

"Fifty of our people have fallen," Lang continued sadly. "How shall it end? I see no end. I see another spring of fighting, bloodier than ever. And if neither side is defeated—then more fighting with millions being killed and millions of others working so other millions of others shall be killed, with some of those millions becoming rich in the war."

Recalls Christ's Words.

"I recall Christ's words—'Who takes the sword shall perish by the sword.' That doesn't mean Europe shall perish by the sword, but I interpret the phrase to mean that he who starts war shall perish."

"I would be glad if there were no militarism in any land. Shall poison always be used to destroy poison? Isn't there another method? Can not all militarism be destroyed by international agreements? Can not America take the first step?"

Lang was told how some of Roumania's soldiers said they did not believe in God any more, because God wouldn't permit such murder as the great war has brought about.

Lang replied slowly:

"Yes, I know. I receive similar letters from the front. But I reply this is not God's war; it is man's war. Nowhere in the Bible are nations told to murder—on the contrary, the Bible says, 'Thou shalt not kill.' But I know how the feeling is growing among soldiers, and I fear the war's had effect upon religion."

War Necessary Evil.

"Sometimes I think the war is a necessary evil. The world seems to learn by experience."

"I hope America is never threatened by such a war. As long as there are armies and as long as nations prepare, there will be war. Until all unite and agree to limit their armies and navies to mere police forces, war will continue. Fifty or sixty years after this war ends there may be another. This is the saddest thought today. Why has England the largest navy? Why has Germany the largest army? Because of world trade."

"How sad it is to see Christmas—and no end to war."

Lang was dressed in his Red Cross uniform when interviewed, and had just returned from a cemetery where he had buried an officer. The face of the famous Christus was placid—a picture of patience—but his words revealed his own suffering.

## ANOTHER CASE OF "TOOLEY TAILORS" IN TAXING LAWS

Modern Version of Incident Being Staged by Association of Railroad Employees.

DENVER, Dec. 28.—Once upon a time, the story goes, three tailors convened and signed a protest against the then existing conditions. It was resolved that "We, the people of England."

The modern version of this incident is now being staged in this city where six men, styling themselves the National Association of Railroad Employees, notify President Wilson that they represent the 1,500,000 railroad employees "not affected by the Adamson law."

The nation's chief executive is assured by these tailors of Tooley street that their organization "will in no wise be a union of menace to the peace and prosperity of the country." All of which the President is expected to interpret that the prototypes of Tooley street do not favor trade unions or the railroad brotherhoods.

It is no secret that this "organization" is being encouraged by the railroad managers.

A similar movement was started last August by an individual in the south who claimed to represent 1,500,000 unorganized railroad employees and who was refused an audience by the President. This individual was at one time the head of the secret service department of the Nashville, Chattanooga &amp; St. Louis railroad, a branch of the Louisville &amp; Nashville. When telegraphers employed by the former road threatened to strike, three years ago, this individual had charge of the company's strikebreaking bureau.

## LEWIS HARTHILL, CHIEF OF POLICE

Lewis Harthill, business agent for the Machinists' union has been appointed chief of police by Mayor-elect Van Lear of Minneapolis. Mr. Harthill is well known in labor circles in Duluth. He has served the international union well in the capacity of business agent and has hosts of friends all over the country who admire him for his aggressiveness and loyalty to the trade union cause.

Another appointment made by Mr. Van Lear is that of O. M. Wassing, named as secretary to the mayor. "I do not care to discuss the police policy or other policies at this time," said Mr. Van Lear. "In fact I intend to act rather than talk. I believe a man should be judged by what he does rather than by what he says. I intend to give this city a good, clean administration and I will leave it to the people whether or not I succeed."

Mr. Van Lear also said that he would make no other announcements of appointments at this time. He will wait until he takes office before he considers changes in the police department and the assignment of men to such posts as license inspector and pawnbroker inspector.

Both Mr. Harthill and Mr. Wassing, whose appointments were announced, are personal friends of Mr. Van Lear and have been identified with him in the socialist party movement. Harthill is an official of the machinists' union and Wassing is an attorney.

## RADICAL CHANGES IN TAXING LAWS

Texas Land Commissioner Recommends Remedial Measures to Help Tenant Farmer.

BY DANTE BARTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—To tax unused land into use, to impose a graduated super-tax on landholdings of more than a certain acreage, and to provide a specific inheritance land tax on a land inheritance of more than a certain acreage are the official recommendations of the commissioner of the general land office of Texas in a report just recently issued to the governor of that state.

Confirming the findings and conclusions of the United States commission on industrial relations concerning the evils of tenant farming and the growth of huge landed estates in the southwest, the report contains sweeping condemnations of the prevailing conditions and urges radical changes in the taxing laws.

Coming out at a time when the high cost of living, when the non-use of cultivatable land, when the industrial unrest in a time of fevered prosperity are engaging special attention and when human rights are asserting themselves against antagonistic property rights, the statements and recommendations of the Texas land commissioner are of immediate national significance.

Texas is Mexicanized.

"Texas is Mexicanized by large land holdings by individuals, firms, corporations and the estates of deceased persons," says the Commissioner, Mr. J. T. Robinson. Showing from the records the facts that sustain this statement, the report says:

"With the large land holding shown herein and the refusal of the owners to sell it at fair prices and upon easy terms may there not be a plausible reason assigned for the statement in the Federal Census of 1910 that tenants in Texas increased during the last preceding twenty years from 57.6 per cent of all the farmers in 1890 to 52.6 per cent of all the farmers in 1910. Should nothing be done to check this increased tendency to tenantry how soon will our state be a commonwealth of absent landlords? As a rule tenants are somewhat in proportion to the price of land. The higher the price the more tenants."

The United States commission on industrial relations showed by the testimony it produced in the hearings of 1915 that by that time tenancy in a great part of Texas had increased to 60 per cent of the total number of farmers, and that in Oklahoma the prevailing percentage of tenancy was 54.8 per cent while "in the 47 counties where the tenancy is highest, the percentage of tenancy is 68.13 per cent."

Wants New Classification.

As a chief remedy of this dangerous condition the Texas land commissioner recommends:

"Put into effect that part of Article 8, Section 18, of the constitution which says the legislature 'may also provide for the classification of all lands, with reference to their value in the several counties,' for the purpose of taxation, and when the land is so classified or graded all land of the same class or natural quality should be taxed at the same value. Thus, land of the same class by nature is an adjacent farm should be taxed the same as is the farm land. A barbed wire fence which separates them would not then divide their value for taxation purposes as is now the case."

2. "Place a specific tax per acre on land owned by one above a certain acreage, and graduated according to acreage after the plan of the federal income tax law. In this regard should be had whether the land be adapted to grazing, stock-farming,

## Interesting News for the Economic Woman

### Glass Block

A Special After Christmas Clearance of a Few Odds and Ends

A Group of Coats for this sale at..... \$19.75

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## Many Suits in the Re-adjustment Sale Too!

A Group of Suits for this sale at..... \$12.75

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Another Group of Suits at..... \$25.00

All late models—in good style and with clever new touches to give individuality—a most beautiful showing; some are plain wool velours, others are checks; some are plain, others fur trimmed; all the latest materials, all very stylish; none worth less than \$39.75. After Christmas Clearance price, \$25.00.

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or purely agricultural when the acreage limit is fixed.

3. "Enact an inheritance land tax law by placing a specific tax per acre on land inherited by one above a certain acreage and graduated according to acreage after the plan of the federal income tax law having regard to the quality of the land in fixing the acreage limit."

In the same line of thought, the industrial relations commission recommended: "The revision of the taxation system so as to exempt from taxation all improvements and tax unused land at its full rental value."

Taxation Vs. Rural Credits.

The Texas commissioner's report connects his taxation program with the possible extension of rural credits to those who need such credit most, and also with the development of rural education. It says:

"It is possible that many opportunities would be developed where

the results of this program would so fit into the federal farm loan act that many now homeless farmers could be turned into owners of farm homes."

"The proceeds arising from the graduated tax and the inheritance tax should be used in co-operation with the counties for the establishment of our rural high schools and locate them within reach of the youths of the country as well as those in towns."

"A country populated with educated, home-owning parents and romping children has more value than landed estates and bleating calves," says Commissioner Robinson. "How a government can contribute by the might of its power to this occupancy and cultivation of the soil by the owner is a problem confronting modern statesmen."

## CANADIAN KEY MEN WIN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The Commercial Telegraphers' union official journal reports that after two months of negotiation the committee representing telegraphers employed by the day section of the Canadian Press, Ontario and Quebec section, has accepted an increase of \$3 per week in their minimum scale. Overtime at the rate of 60 cents an hour for the first hour, with time and one-half thereafter and a scale of \$1 per hour for all Sunday extra. The increase to date from Nov. 1, 1916.

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