

ASKS LUTHERAN COUNCIL TO BUY LIBERTY BONDS

Dr. T. E. Schmauk, President of Body, Makes Ringing Plea

CHURCH LOYALTY PLEDGE

As a mark of its loyal support of the Government in the war, the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States...

Following this appeal, Judge William A. Staake, treasurer of the board of trustees of the General Council of the Lutheran Church...

A special committee to draft resolutions on loyalty was appointed this afternoon with Frank M. Ritzer, former chairman of the Civil Service Commission as chairman.

The delegates to the convention met this afternoon in Witherspoon Hall to hear the annual report of the president and other officers and to elect officers for the ensuing biennial period.

"Assembling as we do on a day set apart by the President of our country for united endeavor by all citizens to increase our national resources," said President Schmauk, "I recommend as a pledge of our earnestness and loyalty that we subscribe to the Liberty Loan out of the current funds of our treasury, the securities to be turned over to the ministerial pension funds."

"The occasion is unprecedented," said Dr. Schmauk in beginning his address, "our country is at war. The magnitude of the task which confronts us, a church within a nation, is yet to be realized by our people. It has become, and will be more and more, the duty of the church to carry out and live up to the principles of Lutheranism in relation to civil affairs and to support and obey the State. We must follow our soldiers and go after them with the gospel to uphold them in a spiritual environment."

"A special committee has been appointed on army and navy work to act in conjunction with other Lutheran bodies. As the Government desires to deal with the church as a whole we have made an effort to unite with all other Lutheran co-operating bodies with considerable success."

"The grave situation created in our congregations by the temporary withdrawal of a large part of our rising generation from the home center must not be overlooked. The situation is creating unparalleled opportunities for the building up of the Kingdom of God among our youth in the field. We must rise to our duty."

MISSIONS AND PENSIONS Missionary work in the Danish West Indies, recently purchased by the United States, and which are the oldest Lutheran settlements in the Western Hemisphere, was discussed by Dr. Schmauk. A committee was sent to the islands last year and has returned with a detailed statement of the conditions there and a formal application from the islands to be received into the General Conference.

Dr. Schmauk told of past efforts to establish a pension fund for ministers. It was desired to make this a quinquennial project. He referred to the bequest of \$5000 left for this purpose in February, 1917, by Mary L. Baer, a member of Trinity Church, Lancaster, Pa.

He called attention to the fact that the council's contract with Knepp Seminary to obtain German pastors for the faculty expires this fall. This contract has not been maintained since the beginning of the war, he said, and the arrangement will not be renewed at the present time.

QUESTION OF MERGER Taking up the important question of the merger of the General Council with other bodies, President Schmauk said the question today is whether its separate existence should be continued or whether it should be merged into the United Lutheran Church of America. All Lutheran bodies have been discussing the question, he said.

He pointed out that the Norwegian bodies have united and that several German bodies have gone together. "For about a quarter of a century we have co-operated with the general bodies who are now inviting us to unite with them," he said. "These bodies stand on the same confessional basis and have reached this basis through the influence of the General Council. The proposed constitution for this United Lutheran Church is in thorough harmony with the principles and policy of the General Council and with its constitution. I propose that we act on this matter immediately."

MEET IN HISTORIC CHURCH A thousand delegates, from every State in the Union, from Canada and from foreign lands, met in old Zion Church, on Franklin Square, this morning. It was from the pulpit of this church, when it stood at Fourth and Cherry streets, that General "Lighthouse Harry" Lee uttered, 118 years ago, that famous eulogy of Washington.

"First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen. Today, from its pulpit, came a ringing call for the Lutheran Church in America to consecrate itself, taking its inspiration from God, to the support of the nation in its war."

The call was sounded by the Rev. Dr. Schmauk. His sermon followed an address of welcome to the delegates by Dr. Edgar Fink Smith, provost of the University of Pennsylvania. Confessional services were first held and the holy sacrament administered.

The convention, which will continue for a full week, includes the biennial meeting of the General Council of the National church and marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the council and the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in Europe by Martin Luther.

The Lutherans of the entire country, who



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Entire Aisne Crest Won by Poilus Continued from Page One "Ladies' Way." The northern slope of the ridge, which was in possession of the Germans, slid away abruptly into the valley of the Allethe.

Witness Says Vare's Police 'Deviled' Him Continued from Page One "You signed names not your own, didn't you?" Klauder said. "Yes."

Mr. White requested that Klauder be bound over for the Grand Jury. Mr. Connor said the prisoner was already under bail.

Klauder then volunteered the information that the other men arrested had obtained bail, but that he had not.

"Did the Town Meeting party men go ball for the others?" asked Mr. Connor. "Yes," replied Klauder.

George Hartnett, of 2404 South Hutchinson street, whose name was supposed to have been forged to the lists mentioned, said he signed his name himself. The witness said he also saw many other whose names were said to have been signed also for themselves.

Several attempts to show that candidates of the Town Meeting party were present when false signatures were added to petitions failed. Questions along this line from Mr. Connor always brought replies in the negative from the witnesses.

James Graves, of 27 South Second street, said that another man signed the petition for him because he was nervous.

Arthur H. McKee, of 2122 North Fourth street, was called and identified his signature. Mr. Connor sought to confuse him. "Aren't you a Democrat?" asked Connor. "Certainly," replied the witness. "Isn't the Democratic party the Town Meeting party as well?"

Mr. Connor was silent. Smiles spread through the courtroom which was packed by all factions, as it was yesterday.

Attorney Robert A. Lamberton, candidate for Common Council from the Twenty-second Ward, admitted that he knew only four or five others who signed the petition. Nothing more serious than this was brought out in the cross-examination.

Much surprise was manifest in the independent ranks when Frank J. Rierd, 228 East Mead street, said that he had been brought in on a bench warrant. Rierd declared that he had not been subpoenaed. This brought Thomas Eschum, witness counsel for the independent, to his feet. He asked where the man was who swore that he had subpoenaed Rierd.

"If subpoena servers are swearing falsely," said Mr. White, "the court ought to know it."

Thomas Mitchell, of 3236 North Lawrence street, admitted that he was not a citizen. Asked why he signed the petition, the witness said he did not know what he was signing. He declared that he signed everything he was asked to sign. Judge Davis cautioned him against such a practice.

COUNSEL IN EARLY CLASHES Numerous hits between Mr. White and Mr. Connor marked the closing hour of the hearing. Judge Davis was obliged to talk to both.

E. J. Magnin, of the Twenty-second Ward, said he swore to his petition after getting twenty-eight signers. When the witness had left the stand Mr. Connor and Mr. White argued as to what the witness had testified to. In a side remark to Mr. Connor Mr. White suggested that names signed by the number of the twenty-eight mentioned might have been added in the County Commissioner's office.

Mr. Connor complained to the court about this remark. Judge Davis suggested that the attorneys eliminate all side remarks.

While William Powell, of 3119 Callowhill street, was on the stand Mr. Connor questioned him in detail as to what he knew of the citizenship of the other signers. Mr. White objected, and Judge Davis ruled that it was necessary for the affiants to have some knowledge which would justify them in making the affidavit, but they should not be required, he said, to show that the signers had paid State and county tax and other such details concerning them.

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Washington Predicts Mark Will Be Exceeded by Half Billion

\$5,000,000,000 BY SATURDAY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. Liberty Day will see the \$5,000,000,000 second Liberty Loan oversubscribed by nearly half a billion.

This was the confident prediction of Treasury Department officials at noon today, when reports began to come in from 24 quarters telling of a general loosening of pursestrings all over the nation at the behest of Liberty Loan workers. And the hoped for two billion oversubscription, raising the total to five billion, is expected by Saturday night.

At the opening of business today, Treasury Department figures showed \$2,162,000,000 worth of bonds had been subscribed. At least \$1,000,000,000 will be the total of today's bond sales, Treasury officials believe. That will mean the oversubscription of the minimum figures set for the loan by half a billion dollars.

With the minimum of \$2,000,000,000 passed, Liberty Loan workers will renew their efforts during the last three days of the campaign for an oversubscription to the maximum figure of \$5,000,000,000. Totals for the twelve Federal reserve dis-

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Federal Reserve officials of the Atlanta, Dallas and Kansas City districts reported that they had a total of at least \$90,000,000 more than had been reported.

It was reported today that the final count would show subscriptions of more than \$400,000,000 to the loan by foreign races in the United States. The last complete returns from New York city, which were

compiled October 20, showed subscriptions there of \$12,110,800 by thirty-four foreign races.

FUEL AUTHORITIES FAVOR OHIO COAL CONSUMERS On October 29 Will Get Output of Home, West Penn and Michigan Mines

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The fuel administration announced today that on Monday, October 29, the entire production of the bituminous mines of Ohio, western Pennsylvania and Michigan will be turned over for the emergency requirements of the domestic consumers of the State of Ohio.

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