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CHURCH AND THE STATE

In this great republic of ours there is not, and never will be, any close relations between the church and the government. Such a relation once so prevalent in Europe, and still existing in a modified form in some of the countries of the Old World, is out of tune with American ideas of what the state should be, so antagonistic to the great principles upon which this government is founded, that even the suggestion of a privileged church that should have a voice in the management of the country's affairs would arouse the indignation and the protest of every true American.

While in this land the two are kept as far apart as the poles, and will remain, this separation cannot relieve the church of its obligations to the state, of its duty, as a strong force in every community, to uphold the government, to use all its influence and all its power to make the people loyal and true to that government, to hold up to them the highest ideals of citizenship, to preach and teach an unselfish patriotism which shall never wane.

These are days when the church should give abundant proof of such loyalty. This government is now confronted with the hardest problems that have arisen for years, with problems on the settlement of which the prosperity, the happiness, even the lives of the citizens depend. In such a crisis has the church no duty to perform? Is it not called upon to make such use of the mighty and God-given power as to aid in the best solution of those problems? Is it not the duty of every minister of the gospel, whether he preaches in a gorgeous cathedral or in a wayside church in the country, to speak earnestly to his people, to point out to them their obligation, to urge them to prove their right to American citizenship by upholding the hands of the President, by approving, not criticizing every act of his, every step taken to maintain the country's high position among the nations of the world?

MONEY WILL NOT LEAVE THIS COUNTRY.

It was to be expected that Mr. Bryan would oppose the proposed loan to England and France. Nothing that he could do or say could possibly astonish any person. It will be noticed that among public men he has few sympathizers with his opinions. Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, is an exception. Senator Lewis, says that "if the billion sought does go to the foreign bankers, one-half of all the available cash for America is taken from the American people."

such a statement.

The money does not go to "foreign bankers." Not one dollar of it is going out of the country. The proposed loan is not so much a loan as it is a credit for the establishment of something like stable business relations. Millions upon millions—Senator Lewis says two billions—are lying idle. Along comes England and France with a proposition to borrow a billion or half a billion dollars at good rates of interest—to employ idle money. And for what purpose? To pay out again in this country to sellers of all sorts of products desired on the other side.

It is a pure business proposition. And an excellent one. No doubt the bankers would quite as willing to lend to Germany or Austria on the same terms.

Germany Solvent Till 1920

No modern state would find difficulty in levying taxes that take for public purposes fifteen per cent. of the private income of its citizens. No state in the world's history has succeeded in taking so much as thirty per cent. and it is very doubtful that even German efficiency could extract a portion approaching this limit. Apart from the productive revenues of the Imperial government and the states—against which we have already set an appropriate share of the public debt—two billion and a half may be regarded as the maximum amount that can be raised by Empire and states in time of peace. The inevitable current expenditures, civil and military, will absorb a billion and more. With all due allowance for underestimation of such requirements and for overestimation of total revenues, we may safely claim a possible billion of revenues for the service of the debt. On a six per cent. basis, a billion of revenue would provide for a debt principal of sixteen and two-thirds billions. Germany can by this reckoning carry on the war until the autumn of 1920 without becoming actually insolvent. The New Republic.

DRYDOCK FIGHT ON AGAIN

Norfolk-Portsmouth Delegation Calls on Daniels The fight for the proposed \$3,000,000 naval drydock between Norfolk and Philadelphia is on again. Yesterday a large delegation of Norfolk-Portsmouth business men, headed by Senator Martin and Swanson, and Representative Holland, called at the Navy Department and urged Secretary Daniels to support Norfolk in his annual report for the drydock.

Secretary Daniels recommended Norfolk a year ago, and he hinted to the delegation that he would again do so this year. On account of the opposition of Philadelphia and the business depression, Congress last year passed by the drydock appropriation. It is believed that funds will be made available to start work next winter if the question as to which city should have the drydock can be settled. Construction of the drydock is now regarded as more important than ever on account of the preparations for a stronger navy. In working out plans for national defense, War Department experts believe the Chesapeake Bay should be developed as the "American Kiel," guarded and protected by the most powerful fortress that can be erected at Cape Henry.

MEXICANS SHOT ON BORDER

Twenty-five Carranzista Soldiers Thought to Have Been Killed in New Battle. Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 18—Between twenty and twenty-five Carranzista soldiers are believed to have been killed today by American troops in two battles along the Rio Grande. There were no American casualties. Both battles were started by the Carranzistas, who fired on American troops. One took place before Matamoras, the Mexican town across the Rio Grande, three miles from here, and the other at Los Ebanos, fifty miles north and west of Brownsville.

As a result of the attacks by Carranzistas on American troops serious international complications are feared. Youngster Wearing Them Only Dazed When Lightning Finds Him Sullivan, Ind., Sept. 18—A pair of rubber-soled tennis shoes saved the life of 9-year-old Clyde McInnes, son of J. D. McInnes, today when lightning struck an iron stove poker he held in his hands. The boy had stopped in the grocery in North Court street to wait until the storm subsided. Picking up a poker he playfully swung it about in his hands. A bolt of lightning struck it, hurling it to the opposite side of the room, burning the sleeve from his shirt and throwing him to the floor. He was somewhat dazed, but unharmed.

NEWS OF THE DAY

All of the F type of submarines yesterday were ordered out of commission by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. The reason assigned is that they are unsafe.

After a long discussion, the two houses of the Chilean congress in joint session proclaimed Juan Luis San Fuenes the future president of the republic. President-elect Fuenes, who was chosen for the office at an election last May, will assume the presidency on December 25 next.

Announcement was made yesterday by Secretary of State Lansing that work has been completed on the note to Great Britain dealing with British interference with American trade to neutral countries. The note is an elaborate document, having been in course of preparation for many weeks.

Seven-year-old Reuben Pasis, of 320 Sixteenth street southeast, was killed yesterday afternoon and Herman Staffel, 11 years old, of 322 Sixteenth street southeast, suffered severe bruises and shock when the two lads were caught by the caving in of a 15 foot sandbank at Nineteenth and B streets southeast, Washington, where they were playing with six other boys.

Joseph Benson Foraker, former United States senator, is at Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, in a serious condition as a result of a prostatic malady. It has been decided that an operation is necessary to save his life, but on account of his weakened condition he will not be placed under the knife for at least a week. He cannot hope for a complete recovery without the operation.

Formal recognition has been accorded by the United States to the new government in Haiti, headed by President D'Artigue. Charge D'Avist of the American legation at Port au Prince, cabled the State Department late yesterday that he had conveyed notice of recognition to the Haitian Government at 8 o'clock Thursday night. At the same time Rear Admiral Caperton, commanding the naval expeditionary forces on the island, reported to the Navy Department that he had exchanged national salutes with the Port au Prince shore batteries and called with his staff upon President D' Artigue.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Former Judge John R. Moss, died at Buckingham Wednesday night. At one time he was Commonwealth's Attorney and Judge of the old county court of Buckingham county. He had also represented his county in the General Assembly.

Dr. S. L. Scott, who was elected Health Officer of Fredericksburg, for the term beginning September 15, sent a letter to the City Council Thursday night declining to accept the position. Dr. C. Mason Smith, former Health Officer, was elected in his place.

The destruction by fire a week ago of the grain elevator at Newport News, Va., has resulted in steamers there to load being diverted to other ports. The British steamships Wilberforce and Esliwick Tower, which were under charter to load at the Virginia port, reached Baltimore yesterday to take on cargoes. Captain Dowell, of the Esliwick Tower, stated that there were eight ships at Newport News waiting to take on cargoes of grain.

Announcement is made by officials of the institutions that a consolidation would take place of the National Valley Bank and Augusta National Bank of Staunton. Both banks appointed committees from directors to arrange details. The Valley National is fifty years old, and has resources of \$1,700,000. The Augusta National is forty years old, and has resources at \$700,000. The consolidated bank will have resources of nearly \$3,000,000, and will be the strongest bank in Virginia outside of those of Richmond and Norfolk.

Luray has reversed itself on its city manager form of government, which was instituted less than one month ago. Section 16 of the town's charter was used by Councilmen Mason and Renolds to upset the recent action of the town council. The section provided that no one should vote in any matter before the Council when his personal interests were involved. This is alleged to have been done when the office of town manager was created, the Councilman appointed to that office having introduced the vote for the resolution that combined the offices of Recorder, Street Commissioner and Superintendent of the Water System under one head.

REMAINS TAKEN TO GEORGIA

Funeral Services for Edward E. Aldred President of Alexandria County Service Assn.

The remains of Edward E. Aldred, president of the Alexandria County Service Assn., were taken to Atlanta, Ga., yesterday afternoon for interment there. As stated in the Gazette Mr. Aldred died at his home in Clarendon at an early hour Thursday morning, death being due to acute Bright's disease. Mr. Aldred was born in Glascock County, Ga., December 19, 1866, and resided in Georgia until about 10 years ago, when he came to Washington to accept a position in the Treasury Department. Mrs. Aldred, who prior to her marriage was Miss Mary Hagerman, died about six months ago and since that time Mr. Aldred's health has gradually failed. In early June he was persuaded to go to Walter Reed Army Hospital, but three weeks ago, realizing he could not recover he persuaded his family bring him home to spend his last days.

Mr. Aldred was president of the Alexandria County Service Association and it was largely through his efforts that the jitney lines were established between Ballston and Washington.

For 15 years Mr. Aldred was a captain in the Georgia militia, and before coming to Washington held a responsible position at the Federal prison at Atlanta.

PROF. THAYER A SUICIDE

Body of the Dean of Harvard Law School Found in River.

Boston, Sept. 18—The body of Prof. Ezra Ripley Thayer, dean of the Harvard Law School, was found floating in the Charles River yesterday. He had been missing two days. Medical Examiner McGrath said it was a case of suicide.

Dean Thayer, who was born at Milton, N. H., in 1866, had been under the care of a physician for some time. Because of ill-health he had been obliged to give up some of his lectures at the law school.

TWO MILLION PRISONERS

Germans Also Capture Thousands of Guns From Russians.

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 18—The number of Russians taken prisoner since May 1 by the Austrians and Germans is reckoned by La Suisse at 2,571,750. It is stated that 6,000 guns and 4,000 machine guns have been captured. The newspaper states that these figures have been compiled from official bulletins issued at Berlin and Vienna.

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