

A MORAL AWAKENING OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE SERMONS OF RECENT TIMES.
FROM THE N. Y. TIMES' REPORT OF AN ADDRESS LAST SUN-
DAY IN ST. BARTHOLOMEWS' BY THE RT. REV. CHAS. D. WIL-
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What are our national ideals? I sometimes doubt if we have any—at least, any clearly conceived and deliberately chosen. Individualism is so rampant among us as a people, our rule is so commonly "every one for himself," the devil take the hindmost, that we seem incapable of any common consciousness, and so of formulating any national ideal. We are afflicted with a curious kind of state blindness, and social unconsciousness. If I may so put it, Government, law, all expressions of the common will and life, exists merely for purpose of backing up the individual in his private enterprise, securing for him his alleged rights and privileges. That is apparently all that Congress thinks of in its tariff legislation.

We are blind to any further end of the common good or the public welfare. We do not "discern the body" politic or social. We have not developed a sense of solidarity. And across and crude materialism of our when we contemplate the community individual lives, we are tempted to doubt whether, if we should develop in our present mood a common consciousness, we should conceive a very high ideal for our national life.

We are reckoned by the civilized world as a dishonest people. A clever trick or fraud is commonly characterized in Europe by the adjective "Yankee," and we must admit that there is some truth in the accusation. We are often more inclined to smile at—even admire the shrewdness of a sharp practice, than we are to be indignant at its dishonesty or blush over its shame. The herculean efforts of the last administration to bring our "big business" to something like common honesty, the necessity of a pure food law to keep our people from being poisoned by what they must eat, the rank scandals of our municipalities, legislative bodies, all these and many other like phenomena in our commercial and political life, go to bear out the statement that we are a dishonest people.

We boast that we are a free people. Our fathers fought for political liberty and secured the forms thereof—our democratic institutions and our constitution. But with the gradual concentration of our wealth, the monopolization of our resources, and the centralizing of our great industries in fewer and fewer hands, we are passing into a state of limited economic control and practical slavery which will make those forms of political freedom an empty mockery. It is idle to claim any sort of political liberty in the face of those who control the means of our existence, and who are too big to be regulated by our government. Political freedom is an empty boast in a state of economic tyranny and servitude.

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NUMBER OF KILLED AND MAIM-
ED IN OKLAHOMA CAUSES A
MOVE FOR REGULATION.

BRONCHO SHOOTER OUTDONE

Where Citizens Formerly Feared the
Frontier Desperado They Are Now
in Constant Fear of Reckless Au-
tomobile Speed Fiends.

Guthrie, Okla., July 20.—In 1890 and towns where a few years ago the greatest broncho buster, desperado was wont on regular occasions to shoot up the town, the residents are now in constant fear of the reckless automobile speed fiend who seems to value human life even more lightly than his frontier predecessor.

So many persons have been killed and maimed for life in Oklahoma within the past year by criminal use of the automobile that the city authorities of most Oklahoma towns have taken steps to curb the speed mania.

At Muskogee, an automobile occupied by a chauffeur and two women, while being driven at a high rate of speed, ran down C. Robin, 70 years of age. Two wheels of the machine passed over his body breaking three ribs and injuring him internally. No arrests were made at the time.

At Shawnee little Donald Abbot was thrown from his seat in the buggy of his parents and injured by the collision of an automobile with the rig. The automobile and the perpetrator of the outrage was never discovered.

Serious accidents from criminal carelessness of "joy riders" have been frequent in Oklahoma City although the police have better control over the situation at present.

Recently an automobile crashed into a buggy there, wrecking it and seriously injuring two young women, Miss Tina Collier and Miss Josephine Pope, of Oklahoma City. Miss Pope told the police that she warned the driver of the machine before he was within fifty feet of them to stop, but that he seemed to ignore her appeals and crashed into the buggy from the rear. Both women were thrown beneath the horse's feet and it was considered a miracle that they escaped death. They have four claimed that the brake refused to work.

A machine driven by a physician at Shawnee was run down by a small runabout driven by a woman. The runabout was thrown against the curb and one wheel smashed and the doctor's wife and baby who were in his machine were badly shaken up.

An accident which took on some features of humor occurred at Muskogee when John Millikin, who was riding a bicycle, collided with an automobile, and was thrown to the street. Strange to say, the bicycle was badly damaged, but the rider received slight injuries. The occupants of the automobile placed the cyclist in their automobile and rushed him to a doctor, who pronounced him none the worse for the accident.

In Guthrie the city council has adopted an ordinance requiring all auto owners to take out a license of \$2.50 a year, register their machines and comply with certain speed limits. Similar ordinances are now in effect in most of the larger cities of the state. At Hobart recently the city marshal and city attorney joined in a published warning to "joy riders" to desist or they would be arrested.

As early as the first session of the state legislature in the fall of 1908, an attempt was made to get through a state law regulating the speed of automobiles. The proposed law also required drivers to stop their machines upon passing a team in the road and if the team took fright to assist the farmer or other person to hold his fractious animals until he could get out of range of the "joy" wagon. Some were introduced an amendment to the bill requiring the driver of the auto to also give the farmer a chew of tobacco. The bill was amended and joked to death.

That the auto is an institution to be reckoned with in Oklahoma is shown by the fact that even the small towns in the state can count their machines by the score. Beaver City and Guymon, in the extreme western frontier of Oklahoma, each have more than fifty automobiles. Cherokee, in Woods coun-

ty, until recently the home of the homesteader, has thirty-eight and there is scarcely a hamlet in the state that has not at least a few automobile owners.

Oklahoma City has 350 automobiles, as shown by the records of the city clerk. In Oklahoma City there is much complaint against the ordinance now in force, which fixes the speed limit within the city limits at eight miles an hour. Auto drivers declare that it is utterly impossible to drive as slow as eight miles an hour.

Muskogee is leading the way in a movement to establish speedways where the lover of fast driving may indulge in his desires without endangering the lives of the general public. The speedway begins at Twenty-fourth and Estelle streets and extends two miles due west. The road will be oiled and parked in the center with trees, to give it the appearance of a boulevard.

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Evil Consequences.

Chicago, July 21.—Inroads of the cocaine habit, which the Currier Commission has found to be the American curse as opium is the curse of China and hemp of India, have suddenly developed into a new and ominous phase of the race problem in the United States, particularly in the south.

"Cocaine now ranks with whisky as the chief provocative of rape and its consequent lynching bee in the south," declares Charles W. Collins and John Day of the commission in a preliminary report just published in full by the Chicago magazine, "Everyday Life." They add: "Already among the 'fiends' and the policemen who have to deal with them, there is talk of the 'new field.' The phrase, with its commercial suggestion, comes from the dealers in the drugs, retailers and perhaps wholesalers also. Every 'fiend,' it should be added, is more than likely to be a peddler of 'stuff,' taking his commission in the same misery that he distributes. This 'new field' is among the brutalized negroes of the south, who, denied easy access to liquor by the prohibition movement, are turning to drugs as a substitute."

The commission quotes from Hampton's magazine an article by Judge Harry Dickson, of Vicksburg, Miss., who told of a contractor who ordered a pound of cocaine, to the astonishment of the salesman to whom the order was given, who expostulated, saying: "No man on earth can possibly want that much cocaine." The contractor reiterated the order.

"A man who deliberately puts cocaine into a negro is more dangerous than he who would inoculate a dog with hydrophobia," commented Judge Dickson. "The deadly drug arouses every evil passion, gives the negro superhuman strength, and destroys his sense of fear. Yet the steamboat negro and the levee negro will not work without it. So the levee contractor makes his camp look like a cross section of hell, but he gets his dirt moved."

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SAYS SUTTON NOT A SUICIDE

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TESTIFY AT THE NAVY IN-
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The investigation of the Circumstances Leading to the Death of the Marine Corps Officer Begins at Annapolis Today.

Washington, July 20.—The court of inquiry, appointed by the navy department to make inquiry into the case of the death of Lieut. J. N. Sutton of the marine corps, who, a board of inquiry declared committed suicide, is now opened at Annapolis. It is stated by counsel for the Suttons that Miss Stewart will not be summoned, but one of her sisters letters will be read, in which she declared Lieutenant Sutton to have been sober and happy when she left him on the night before his death.

Mrs. Sutton and her daughter, Mrs. Rosa B. Parker, left here last afternoon for Annapolis. Before leaving Mrs. Parker talked interestingly about the forthcoming proceedings. "I bear no malice to anyone," said Mrs. Parker. "For my own part I am sorry that this has come up, but you cannot say too strongly that I believe firmly that my brother did not kill himself. I knew him too well to believe this. We were chums and I knew him better than anybody living."

"I know the inquest will be disagreeable in some of its features. I know they will attempt to say hard things of Jim, but let them. If they do they will have to say hard things of me, for Jim and I were as like as two peas in a pod and if they say Jim was a devil, why, then, I am one too."

Mrs. Parker laughed as she said this and certainly with good reason, for the sister of the unfortunate lieutenant is an unusually pretty and intellectual woman, with great personal charm, sincere manner and winning personality.

"You do not know how hard it's been for me to do all this, but it's for Jim's sake," she went on. "You see, I came on to bury him, and in my dream a name came to me, together with the tragic scene. I had never heard of this officer, never heard this name, and immediately on arriving at Annapolis I asked was there such a man. When I understood there was, the shock was dreadful, but I sent for him. At first he refused to come, and I was standing by the coffin of my dead brother when a man came into the room. I looked at him over my brother's coffin and he looked at me. In the midst even of my deep grief I knew who he was, and turning, asked someone in the room if it was So-and-So, and the answer was that he was the man whose name I had dreamed of. He glared at me over the coffin, and I can tell you I glared at him."

"The funeral over, I sent for him again and he came with other officers. I delayed my dinner so I could talk with him alone in my room. What transpired is not to be told here, but step by step, I rehearsed the tragedy to him as I had seen it in my dream and he was greatly agitated. Evidently, he thought I meant to harm him, for he kept a rocking chair between us. 'Really Mrs. Parker,' some one said, 'has your side strong evidence in this case?'

Mrs. Parker would not answer this question directly, but a satisfied little smile lurked about her mouth and she said: "Well, I'm a very busy woman. I have a house full of guests at Fort Snelling, so at immediately hearing that I was needed I packed up and rushed on here, and you know I would not do this merely for a whim. I feel certain of the outcome that Jimmy will be vindicated in the eyes of the world and his reputation be cleared of the dreadful name of 'suicide.'"

Mrs. James N. Sutton, the mother of the young lieutenant, hastily echoed her belief in the satisfactory result of the inquiry. "How can it come out otherwise than favorable to us?" she said.

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