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FAIRBANKS FAVORS UNION OF CHURCHES

IS ONE OF COMMISSIONERS SEEKING PLANS TO REUNITE METHODISTS.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 31.—Charles W. Fairbanks, former Vice President of the United States, in an address at the First Methodist Episcopal church pleaded for the reunion of Methodists of the South with those of the North. Mr. Fairbanks is one of the fifty commissioners of the two churches in the city to work out a plan of union. All the others spoke in churches and many of them referred to the hope that the negotiations would result in a real reunion of forces.

"It is not my purpose to indulge in a doctrinal discussion," said Mr. Fairbanks. "To unify the two larger branches of Methodism is a task that will engage my best efforts and has my sympathy and hope. I think Methodism will be greater by the reunion. Social, commercial and other influences in this country have run from east to west and from west to east, but not to the same degree between north and south.

"It has long been my belief that the more we solidify the ties of all sections the stronger the republic will be."

Mr. Fairbanks then told of his travels in heathen lands and of the successful missionary work being carried on by the Methodists. The division between North and South, he said, was an embarrassment in such work and he expressed the hope that greater unity and fewer denominations would result in the harmony already apparent among Christians.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Flowers As Food.

In many parts of India the natives depend for food upon the blossoms of the banana tree. They do not cook the flowers, but make a good meal of them raw. These blossoms are described as sweet and sticky in odor and taste. They are sometimes dried in the sun, when they are kept and sold in the bazaars as a regular article of diet. The trees are so highly esteemed that the threat of cutting down their banana trees will generally bring an unruly tribe to terms.

NEW THEORY REGARDING GOEBEL ASSASSINATION

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 30.—Eddie Rider, negro woman of Atchison, Taylor county, is about the fiftieth person who has written to Frankfort with a theory of the Goebel assassination, differing from that brought out in the criminal prosecutions. She claims to have inspiration for her theory, and, including a postcard picture of the old State House, elaborately equipped with threads,

one running from the window from which Goebel was reputed to have been shot, and another running from Fort Hill through the tree tops to the spot, where the inspiration erroneously indicated to her Goebel had fallen, she wrote a local photographer, asking him to have photographs made in accordance with her markings. She evidently intends to prove, as she stated, that "the ball did not come from the window. The man that killed Goebel was on the mountain. I claim that God revealed to me the killing" of Senator Goebel and directed me to get a marked card.

Merchant Marine Grows.

New York, Dec. 30.—A bulletin which was issued today by the New York Chamber of Commerce shows that for the first eleven months of the calendar year there were constructed in the shipyards of this country, 1,066 vessels, with a gross tonnage of 488,446 tons, which will fly the American flag. The compilation does not include vessels built for foreigners. Of the 488,446 tons built for domestic demand, wooden construction included only 127,276 tons, or 26.05 per cent, while steel construction comprised 361,170 tons or 73.94 per cent. Nearly two-thirds of the steel construction was built at yards on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts and approximately one-third on the Great Lakes, with about one-half as much on the Pacific Coast as at the Lake shipyards.

Right Way to Wash Woollens.

More flannels are ruined in the wash tub than out of it, because the home housewives as a whole do not understand the domestic science of woollen washing. The quicker woollens and flannels are washed and dried the better. They should never be left to soak in the wash tub and they should never be about in a wet condition. Rainwater will keep your clothes in good condition and a windy, rather than a sunny day, is best for a flannel wash.

Don't use bars of soap. Prepare a soap jelly the previous day by shredding soap into a basin or stone jar and covering it with boiling water. Give the mixture a good stir with a wooden spoon and it will cool into a jelly.

A sufficient quantity of this soap jelly should be added to your warm water to make a good lather, and, having shaken your flannels in the open air, place them in the wash tub and work up and down—never rub them, it is fatal and will ruin your clothes.

Twisting or wringing flannels destroys the wool. The dirty water may be squeezed out and the clothes rinsed in two changes of clean warm water. If a wringer is handy, fold them evenly and put thru the mangle twice, changing the position of the folds to get as much water out as possible.

John D. Cancels Mortgage.

New York, Dec. 30.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., canceled a mortgage of \$200,000 on the West Side Neighborhood House in this city conducted by the Young Women's Christian Association, as a Christmas gift, it was announced today. The property was purchased from Mr. Rockefeller in 1914, and \$23,500 had already been paid. Because he was "satisfied with the use to which the property had been put," Mr. Rockefeller said in a letter he not only canceled the mortgage but restored the money that had been paid.

To Marry and Be Happy.

"Team work," observed Miss Martha Thompson Daviss, "is the secret of success and happiness. Every great work of art is the result of team work. So is every happy marriage. And the happiest marriage is that wherein the man and woman weep abreast of each other, dividing the load; not where there is a matrimonial tandem wherein one-half of the team does the prancing and the other half does the work. In the past, you know, men have done too much prancing and women too much work, for which they got no credit. Every great book or poem or picture or symphony is the result of collaboration between man and woman."

I found that the author of "The Melting of Molly" and "The Daredevil" is much interested just now in the subject of team work, because she has just dramatized her first great success, "The Melting of Molly," in collaboration with Irene Franklin, who will star in it.

"Irene Franklin and I wrote our play together," Miss Daviss told me, "after three men dramatists had tackled the book and failed miserably. We wrote 24 hours at a time, working together and never once having the slightest tiff. Now that is a very unusual state of affairs between two women until recently."

"The trouble with women's movements, you know, was that women had no sense of solidarity, hadn't learned to pull together. You see men learn the rules of the game very early. They play marbles together when they are boys, and they learn to abide by the rules of the game, but the girl sits off by herself and sews for her doll. She doesn't know until she is quite grown up that there are any rules."

"The most perfect form of collaboration exists between a man and a woman who are one in mind, one in heart, one in work. Aenes and Egerton Castle are examples of this perfect collaboration. Their novels are wonderfully interesting and yet you can always tell which part Mrs. Castle wrote and which part is the work of her husband. Yet it is a perfect whole."

"A great many works of art," I interposed, "are the joint product of a man and a woman, although only the man's name is signed to them. There are so many men novelists who are merely peeping Toms at the hearts of the women who have loved them. Take Marcel Prevost, for instance. There are things in his Letters of Women that no man possibly could know unless a woman had told him of them."

"I agree with you," Miss Daviss said. "A woman is the matrix of all greatness, the mold in which all great works of art have developed. And men are coming more and more to the realization that the matrix is more important, more beautiful than the jewel."

"Woman has been the silent partner in all human greatness, and every work of art is born of the marriage of true minds. The perfect marriage is the jewel of human life. I am more conscious of that fact perhaps because I am unmarried. Do you know I believe the unmarried woman keeps a glamour about love that the married woman cannot possess? In other words, in order to appreciate marriage you have to be unmarried yourself and to write about love you must not have experienced its completeness."

"You are quite right," I admitted. "We cannot expect to marry the great romance and keep it, too. Day by day, year by year its great moments are overlaid with the dust of domesticity. Yet of course there is no woman married who would exchange her lot for that of the girl who couldn't get her husband."

"I should say not," Miss Daviss exclaimed. "And if a romance is kept properly dusted it is just as bright at the end of 20 years. Human happiness like every other jewel is the product of time and growth."

"A diamond is not born in a minute and neither is a happy marriage. It must grow and develop, crystallize from unselfishness and devotion. It must be built up by little daily contracts, duties, worries, cares. There is no other human relation that gives the peace and security of a happy marriage. Not long ago a friend of mine, who thought she had reached the end of her romance—she had been married 10 years—went away from home on a visit. While in a distant city she met a very fascinating man and said she felt she was just about three feet ahead of him during all the chase he gave her. Then she went back home.

"She described to me her sensation of thankfulness when she saw her home again, the joy she felt at realizing she had done nothing to forget its protection, the overwhelming tenderness she experienced for her husband. She said she had never loved him on her wedding day as she did on that return 10 years afterward."

"That, you know, is real happiness. And it comes to every man and woman who will do team work for it, who will collaborate on what should

be their greatest masterpiece—their love for each other."—Nichola Graeley Smith in New York Herald.

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MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR URGES 1920 WORLD FAIR

Boston, Dec. 30.—An exposition in Boston of world's fair magnitude is urged by Gov. Samuel W. McCall as Massachusetts' part in the 1920 Pilgrim Tercentenary celebration.

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