A WEEK OF UNITED PRAYER

Topic for Week: Prayer for an Awakened Church

Sunday, Jan. 4. That the Church May be Awakened to Her New Opportunities. Rev. 3:8: John 4:35-6: Is. 52:1.

Monday, Jan. 5. That the Church May be Awakened to the Peril of an un- Christian America. Mt. 6: 19-34: Jas. 5:1-9: Is. 55.

Tuesday, Jan. 6. That the Church May be Awakened to a vision of the World's Need. Mt. 25:31-46: Ps. 2.

Wednesday, Jan.7. That the Church May be Awakened to a New Cooperation. John 17: Mt. 18:19-20: Eph. 4:1-6.

Thursday, Jan.8. That the Church May be Awakened tothe Imperative Revival of Family Religion. Deut. 11: 18-21: Eph 6:4.

Friday, Jan. 9. That the Church May be Awakened to Call for Workers. Mt. 9:35-38: Eph. 4:11-16.

Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 10-11. That the Church May be Awakened to the Reality and Power of Prayer. Mt. 11:22-24: Acts 4: 31-37: Is. 62:6-7.

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CAPTAIN MATLACK KNOWS NO FEAR

Daring Cavalry Leader Is Terror to Bandits on Mexican Border.

ANSWERS THREAT WITH SHOT

Ability for Coping With Banditry Led to Speedy Promotion From Sergeant to Captain During Four Years.

San Antonio, Tex.—Capt. Leonard J. Matlack, commander of Company K, Eighth United States cavalry, is today the most feared American that Mexican bandits have encountered on the Texas border. He is feared more than the Texas rangers, who for years were the only official guardians of the peace in that remote counntry. His men are of the fighting, daring type, but Captain Matlack's desire to go it alone when handling difficult situations has struck terror to the hearts of Mexican evildoers who are learning not to commit offenses in country where he is known to be stationed.

When Captain Matlack went to Candalaria, Tex., four years ago, he was a sergeant. He took station with his company at a small, isolated community on the banks of the Rio Grande. They soon found themselves in a hotbed of banditry, which Matlack determined must be cleared.

Matlack Clever and Daring.

Matlack found that the leader of the bandit crew in San Antonio was Chico Cano, a former captain in the Carranza army. Matlack visited San Antonio alone at different times and met Cano, informing him that unless he ceased his lawless practices he would meet a sudden death. It was not long after that Cano attempted a raid and got several hundred cattle. Matlack took up the trail, recovered the cattle, killed Cano and drove the cattle back into Texas.

In like manner he met and killed a brother of Jesus Renterias, the bandit leader who held the aviators, Davis and Peterson, in captivity, pending the payment of ransom money. It was Matlack who outwitted the Mexican bandits when he went alone to Peterson and Davis and escaped with half the ransom money, inviting death for himself and the aviators.

Takes Long Chances.

On one occasion Matlack and his men were surrounded by an overwhelming force of Mexicans. Instead of making a stand to fight, as the bandits expected, Matlack ordered a charge, rode down the Mexicans and killed 35 of their number. Matlack's men suffered one slight casualty.

Not long after this a cattle ranch near Candalaria was raided. Matlack and his men pursued and killed the Mexicans and recovered the cattle. Later Matlack went back to look for more cattle. While he was riding around the town a shot was fired from an adobe house. The bullet went wild. Matlack boldly kicked in the door of the house and killed the Mexican who had fired at him. In virtually every encounter with Mexicans Matlack has taken long chances, but he has always gotten his man.

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Battling Owls Make Kansas Streets Unsafe

Republic, Kan.—The streets of this town are unsafe for pedestrians after dark on account of the nightly battles between large flocks of owls. Remaining in the trees during the day, they swarm about like locusts at night and have become so numerous and vicious that they attack human beings. It is unsafe for women and children to venture out after dark.

In several instances persons have been struck on the head and rendered unconscious. One woman was painfully hurt by a direct attack from an owl which she had tried to ward off with an umbrella.

Steps are being taken by the authorities to rid the city of its strange pests. Such a condition, it is said, was never known here before, although owls have always been numerous in this section of the state.

WAR-TORN FRANCE IN FILMS

Put On in Paris by Miss Anne Morgan and Others of American Committee.

Paris.—"The Heritage of France" is the title of a film produced under the auspices of the American committee for the devastated regions of France, in which Miss Anne Morgan, Mrs. Stillwell and other prominent Americans are active.

The picture was thrown on the screen for the first time at the Champs Elysees theater in the presence of Hugh C. Wallace, American ambassador, and Mrs. Wallace; A. M. Thackara, consul general, and other members of the American colony.

The film depicts the terrible ravages wrought by the war. It is a work of collaboration by Harry D. Lachmann, an American painter; M. Gemier, director of the theater, and Wythe Williams, an American correspondent.

Big Contribution to War.

One of the most striking contributions of the United States to the war was the enormous quantity of smokeless powder high explosives produced, says the Scientific American. From April 1, 1917, to November 11, 1918, we produced 632 million pounds of smokeless powder, which was almost exactly equal to the combined output of France and Great Britain.

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News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Plenty of strictly fresh eggs at Estes' market. Adv.

Fresh oysters, scallops and finnan haddie at Estes' market. Adv.

Sheep-lined coats and mackinaws greatly reduced now at the New York store. Adv.

Mrs. Homer Lyons and daughter, Miss Eunice Lyons are passing the day in Troy and Albany.

To Rent—Two or thre furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Call at 219 Pleasant street after 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Adv.

Roby Allen Jones, fur dealer, who several days ago was severely burned when his store house on the North Bennington road caught fire, has left the hospital and is able to resume his business again.

Some show at Harte Theatre today. Charlie Chaplin in "The Vagabond" a laugh in every inch. Bert Lytell in "Hitting the High Spots", "Bound and Gaged" and a Mutt and Jeff comedy. Adm. 6c, and 11 c. Adv.

Beginning next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and continuing through out the remainder of the season the local Y. M. C. A. will be open every Wednesday afternoon and evening to the young girls and women of the community.

Pimento cheese in bulk and new sage cream and American cheese at Estes' market. Adv.

See the big two and one half hour show, Charlie Chaplin in "The Vagabond", Bert Lytell in "Hitting the High Spots", Ma guerite Courtot in chapter No. 6 of "Bound and Gagged" and a Mutt and Jeff comedy at Harte Theatre for 6 and 11 cents today. Adv

Tonight at 8 o'clock will see the opening of the Troy "Y"-Bennington "Y" basket ball game which will be played on the local court. The fact that both teams have excellent records and both desirous of victory is proof enough that the game will be a hard and trying one.

Mrs. Florence Caple of the Pownal road entertained the pupils of the Rock seminary of Pownal Center with their teacher, Miss Avis Meyer, Wednesday evening in honor of the 14th birthday anniversary of her son, Robert Caple. The party was a surprise and the young people enjoyed a delightful evening. The house was prettily decorated with pine boughs and red roses, green and red being the color scheme.

Fancy canned spinach at Estes' market. Adv.

The members of the First Baptist church and Congregation are reminded of the annual meetings of the church and congregation. The meeting is called to order at 7:30. There will be reports of all the different organizations of the church and the election of officers. There will also be a Roll Call. You will surely want to be present and answer to your name as well as to know what progress the church has made during the year.

The public is cordially invited to the services of the First Baptist church, W. G. Towart, pastor. Church school at 9:45 a. m. Let us start the New Year with a perfect attendance. Morning worship at 11 a. m., Dr. W. A. Davidson preacher, theme of sermon 'A New Year's Meditation." Communion service follows. Young People's society meets at 3:30. There will be no evening service in this church but all are invited to the Forum in the Second Congregational church.

Do you think Turkey ought to be dismembered and the Turks driven out of Europe? What ought to become of Constantinople? Should Armenia be made an independent state? Is it the duty of our government to accept a mandatory for any part of the Near East? Can American troops be properly used to police Armenia or any part of Turkey? What do you think of the Williams bill proposed in the Senate? These are some of the questions that you will hear answered or will yourself want to ask at the Forum tomorrow night.

Fresh roasted peanuts at Estes' market. Adv.

Many of the followers of basketball are predicting one of the fastest games of the season this evening when the local Y. M. C. A. team plays the Troy Y. M. C. A. The local boys have been putting in some good work this week in preparation for tonights game and any one who attends may feel assured that they will get their moneys worth. With Whitley back in the game the line up will be the same as in first two games played Paulson, Noon right forward; Metcalf left forward; Whiteley center; White right guard; Capt. Levin left guard.

The Second Congregational church Rev. G. S. Mills minister, cordially invites the public to its services tomorrow. It is the first Sunday of the New Year. Let it be a day of fine beginnings. Morning worship at 10:30 Theme of sermon, "The Call to Prayer." Communion service follows. Church school at 12, class for men and clas for women meeting in the church auditorium. The second of the Forum meetings in the evening. This Sunday the hour of the meeting will be 7.45 instead of 7.30 Address on "America's Responsibility in the Near East," by Luther R Fowle of New York city.

Luther R. Fowle of New York was the original choice of the Forum management for the address tomorrow night in the Second Congregational church under the auspices of the United Churches. Great responsibility rested upon him in the handling of American interests and of the interests of the Allies in Turkey after America entered the war. He was in Constantinople during all the period of the war as treasurer of the Turkey Missions. Dr. James L. Barton, chairman of the civilian Near East Relief Commission, has recommended him very highly as an authority. Mr Fowle will discuss the various phases of what is thought to be the duty of our government in helping to settle the question of Turkey and the problem of Armenia.

NORTH BENNINGTON

Philip T. H. Pierson of Bennington will preach in the Methodist church at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday evening at Harry Armstrong's.

Tonight. Come early if you want to se the first show from a comfortable seat for a lot of people are getting the habit and there are only so many seats. Everybody who enjoys a clever light comedy drama with no murders and no tri-angular sex problem will enjoy June Caprice and Creigton Hale in "The Love Cheat" at Bank Hall Theatre. You will also enjoy another of those very funny Harold Lloyd comedies and a reel of Pathe News. Remember seven fifteen and nine o'clock. Adv.

Baptist church, Frederick M. Derwacter, pastor. Morning worship at 10:30, with sermon: "The New Year's Opportunities." Sunday school at 11:45. Begin the year right by remaining for this session. Young People's meeting at 6 o'clock. Evening preaching service at 7. Theme: "A Satisfying Acquaintanceship." The church is cooperating in the week of Prayer services for the village announced elsewhere in this issue. All are cordially welcome to the opening meeting in our vestry Tuesday evening.

PLACES BLAME ON MERCHANT

According to English Visitor, He Is Responsible for Extreme Styles Adopted by Women.

The more important question underneath the clothes question is what sort of appeal the new "audacious" styles are intended to make, or do make, says the Boston Transcript. Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale's entertaining talk on this question starts off by saying frankly: "I do not believe that dress is based on a sex appeal." She thinks it is rather the reflection of a class appeal—the attempt to display wealth.

After democracy had done away with man's lace cuffs, frills, wigs, velvet cloaks and such ostentatious luxury of attire it became bad form for a man to show his class by his clothes, and so he advertises his prosperity by dressing up his wife.

"The modern American wife," says Mrs. Hale, "is nothing short of a shop window for her husband; she shows off his success. I speak of the average human critter, of course, not of the intellectual man. The cause of the inherent snobbishness of overdress comes from aping the thoughts of the old society system of Europe. Our education in dress here in America has come from the merchant who has goods to sell; we don't know where we are today, trying to wear all the styles these merchants are willing to sell us. We do not wear flimsy materials because we are trying to make a sex appeal, but because it is to the interest of the merchant to sell us something perishable."

What terrible creatures these women are who think and know how to speak! The mistake was in letting them learn the alphabet!

Malines Carillons Busy.

The carillons of Malines have never been heard so much and to such splendid effect as of late. The truth is that Malines has undertaken to get together a sufficient sum of money with which to present to St. Quentin a new carillon, the Germans having seized the bells of the French town. So every carillon of Malines has been ringing and pealing. There have been carillon concerts, one of the performers on the bells of the cathedral of St. Rombaut being the bell ringer of St. Quentin himself. The hymn which he played embodied the motifs of the "Marseillaise" and the "Brabanconne."

All Busy.

"What's your wife doing?"

"Preserving watermelon rind."

"So?"

"And the kids are enthusiastically supplying her with the material."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Former Congressman, on Visit to France, Proved Himself Superior to Adverse Circumstances.

Dudley Doolittle, who used to be in congress from Kansas, recently returned from Europe, where he went on a secret mission for the United States government.

While in France, Mr. Doolittle had the unusual experience of roaming around several hundreds of battlefields with a seventy-six-pound suitcase clasped firmly in his arms. Shortly after Doolittle landed in Paris, and just before he started for the battlefields, the handle broke off his suitcase, which contained a number of valuable documents and papers which were almost as heavy as hardware samples. There was no porter around to help Doolittle into his automobile, nor was there any around during the ensuing ten days of his trip. Therefore, there was nothing for him to do but to clasp the suitcase firmly to his chest and get the best view of the battlefields that he could from behind the obstruction.

Doolittle says that he got so used to viewing war scenes from behind the suitcase that in order to enjoy movies of the war now he has to take a miniature doghouse to the motion picture theaters with him and hold it on his lap throughout the performance.

Montaigne Had Idea of "Tanks."

While the court of inquiry is so busily engaged in weighing the various claims to original authorship of tanks, and while discussion on the subject is going on in sundry capitals, a French writer, brushing aside Wells and his "Anticipations," points to one of the fathers of literature, Michel de Montaigne, as the man to whom medals and kudos are really due. There is a prognostication in one of the Essays of the entry of combatants into battle inclosed in bastions "just like those which the ancients caused their elephants to carry." There is the germ of the tank invention right enough, but that it should have taken so long to germinate may not inconceivably be regarded as invalidating Montaigne's claims to the Croix de Guerre.

Needed Coaching.

Volumes have been written about the poor English of high school pupils, but an eighth grade teacher believes that another chapter should be added to one of the volumes. When she began to plan for a basketball team at her building she asked the high school principal to send her a high school athlete for coach. The principal promised.

A few days later the new coach made his first visit to her building. They talked over plans for the winter's athletics, and then he made ready to leave. "I guess there's nothing more to tell you except to have your canydiets for the team all lined up by next Wednesday night," he said.—Indianapolis News.

Much Argentine Wool Bought Here.

The United States is Argentina's best customer for wool, according to the bureau of markets, United States department of agriculture. For the wool season of 1915-16 Argentina exported 152,598 bales to this country, or 51 per cent of Argentina's entire exports of wool. For 1916-17 the United States took 225,467 bales, or 64 per cent. For the 1917-18 season 209,528 bales, or 73 per cent, were shipped to this country.

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NOTE: "The Inner Mysteries of Rheumatism" refered to above, by Pastor Reed, lays bare facts about Rheumatism and its associated disorders overlooked by doctors and scientists for centuries past and should be in the hands of every man or woman who has the slightest symptonms of rheumatism, neuritis, lumbago or gout. Any reader of this paper who sends name and address to H. P. Clearwater, 250 E Street, Hallowell, Maine, will receive it by mail, postage paid and absolutely free. Send now, lest you forget the address. If not a sufferer, cut out this explanation and hand it to some afflicted friend.

Higher and Higher.

Bob Minkin's father is making him study higher mathematics so that he will be able to write the price tags when he gets old enough to go to work.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank of Bennington, Vermont, will be held at their banking house on Tuesday the 13th day of January, 1920, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

L. A. GRAVES, Cashier.

December 8th, 1919.

ANNUAL MEETING

Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association.

The annual meeting of The Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association will be held at the office of Batchelder & Bates in the Village of Bennington on the second Wednesday in January (the Fourteenth day) 1920 at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the election of officers for the year ensuing and the transaction of any other business proper to be done when met.,

Edward L. Bates,
Recording Secretary.

Bennington, Vt.,
December 22nd., 1919.,

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank, of North Bennington, Vt., will be held at their banking-house on Tuesday, the sixth day of January, 1920, at ten o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for any other proper and necessary business.

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