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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HAWSON

TWO KINDS OF POLITICS

Mayor Edward J. Jeffries' primary victory in Detroit last week put the spotlight on the two kinds of politicians with which this country is blessed. The Gillis the party, rotund challenger, went around giving speeches complaining that Mayor Jeffries had ignored Detroit's minority groups and had flouted his authority in their faces. In other words, Gillis sought to draw strength from a coalition of special interests.

His theory is the prevailing one in America today. Its adherents believe that the way to stay in office is to cater to friends and special pleaders, and make as few enemies as possible, figuring that the mass public is inert. But these points are not new; they require sacrifices from all of us, particularly and inevitably, joint No. 5. Resources of the earth should be used as God's gift to the whole human race.

PEACE

In a letter to the London Tribune, jointly signed by the leaders of the American, Catholic and Baptist Churches, the following is stated: "We believe that the only way to peace is to give up our arms to the enemy. We believe that the only way to peace is to give up our arms to the enemy. We believe that the only way to peace is to give up our arms to the enemy."

1. High tariffs, taxes on production, more drastic and unimpairedly the peace, the men who dictate the policy will be humbled by the principles. Versailles was too easy. This time, we will make sure that Germany never again has the chance to lunge for its bounds.

2. That is a natural attitude, it is the easiest to hold. It satisfies the desire to "teach Germany a lesson" and it appears to be simple policy itself. As a matter of fact, Britain and the United States in the role of policemen and really to the British Empire, from the time of Babylon through Egypt, Greece, Persia, Rome and France, have been down to the very present.

What's the Solution?
 If you want a better answer—no fear—I am willing to subscribe to the "Beyond" credo of the churchmen as outlined heretofore.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

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"Frustrated" a prize picture by Kenneth F. Marsh of Detroit. Picture of the month in November "Popular Photographs".

The Man Behind the Shutter Kenneth F. Marsh, president of the Blue Bell Camera Club, of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., has been taking pictures since he was boy, and has numerous more won prizes in contests and exhibitions. He ran into difficulties when his picture points, time and mealtime coincided. The result was this fine shot, and Popular Photography magazine. "Picture of the Month" for November.

Simple Explanation of F. System Frequently we are asked by the novice to explain the meaning of 'f/ something' or other. If the old times will forgive us, we take a few lines on the subject. This 'f' business is simply a handy means of indicating the extent to which the lens is opened. It relates, actually, a fraction, a relationship between the focal length of the lens and its effective opening. The focal length is the distance from the lens to the front of the camera, the film in back. Thus if the focal length is 10 inches and the lens is opened to 'f/2', the diameter of the opening is 5 inches.

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A Great Living Preacher Speaks

Down in the Detroit Metropolitan M. E. Church, a host of contemporary religion's great preachers addressed a meeting, under the auspices of the Detroit Council of Churches; his name is F. Stanley Jones, who first sprang into international fame through his book, "The Christ of India."

In commenting on Mr. Jones' speech, John E. Marvin, of the Michigan Christian Advocate, last week wrote:

Taking as his theme "The Kingdom of God is Within You," Stanley Jones combined modern scientific knowledge with Biblical truth in a powerful, convincing way by describing the harmful physiological effects of fear, anxiety and self-centeredness. By illustration after illustration he made self-evident the truth that the Christian way is the constitution of things in one's blood stream, in the moral and physical laws of the universe. He declared, "The right thing morally is the healthy thing physically." In showing the harmful physiological effects of wrong attitudes, he pointed out that hate, jealousy, fear and selfishness actually produced disease and he referred to various case studies to prove his point. He allowed for diseases apart from wrong attitudes but the method of working out to the effect that the majority of sick people have ailments owing to mental disturbances. These disturbances are religion and done remedy, he declared.

"Some new and interesting insights into the Kingdom of God were obtained. Dr. Jones insisted that we cannot build the Kingdom. We may build the church but the Kingdom, like the law of gravity, is in the constitution of things. When Jesus told the Pharisees that the Kingdom was within them, he meant just that and was not referring in that instance to the new birth. Jesus meant that the Kingdom was stamped within them and that they would have to come to terms with it. We are all made to live the Christian way," he asserted.

Americans Like to Bet

On all days, when it is not polling the American public on questions relating to the war, the American Institute of Public Opinion asks them questions on other subjects.

Recently, it reported that the average American still has an itch to do a little betting, or gambling, now and then. Fifty-four percent of the respondents indicated that they had had money at the line at least once in the last twelve months, or played for stakes in some game of chance. Most of them freely admit they lost more than they won.

It is interesting to report that the studies revealed that betting on the horses, playing the "numbers" game, taking a spin at roulette, or any of the more spectacular types of money-losing, do not represent the common form of chance-making. This is especially true for buying tickets in church-audited lotteries and raffles, playing cards for money at the neighbors' house, or slipping a coin into a pin-ball or slot-machine.

Based on the response of these Americans, it appears that the most favored game or dice for money and slot-machines represent the most common form of taking a chance. Each scored twenty-four per cent. Punch-balls followed with twenty-three per cent, and betting on elections or athletic events came in twenty-second place. Horse races attracted only nine per cent, and playing the "numbers" game only nine per cent.

Understanding the Soviet

It might be easier for Americans to understand the attitude of the Soviet Government toward religion if they remember that "in the days of the Czar the orthodox church was widely regarded as the repressive agent of the Imperial Government."

To a large degree, the clergy were regarded as the spiritual agents of the State under the Czar. Consequently, the church shared the opprobrium that was directed against the czar by the revolutionaries.

Naturally, when the revolution occurred, popular feeling was directed against the government and its agents which, in the popular mind, included the orthodox church.

It appears that some of the difficulties in which religion, especially organized religion, finds itself in Russia today is due to the fact that organized religion in Russia, under the Czar, was the recipient of governmental bounty and the close ally of the existing regime.

It is inevitable, when a church organization becomes a part of a political regime, that the fall of the political regime will create difficulties for the church organization.

WELL, ONE WAY TO GET MORE youth into the United States Senate is for some of the venerable solons to marry youngsters that's what 57-year-old Senator Robert R. McClintock, of North Carolina, did last week when he married 19-year-old wealthy Evelyn McLean.

Eccentricities

Another difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't grow with the times. The Legislature meets—Los Angeles Times.

States are smaller political divisions that solve all problems by adding another seat to the caucusing table—Akron Beacon-Journal.

About the only difference between the old State Journal and one of today is \$1.50—Ohio State Journal.

Moreover, the old fashioned man who kissed his sweetheart's hand didn't kiss which which one the cigaret was in—Dallas News.

The Army of the United States

Secretary of War H. L. Stimson points out that the United States Army of the United States exceeds by only a small margin the size of the combined armies of Holland and Belgium on the eve of their invasion by Germany.

This is interesting information, but the point is not that the United States has an apparent reduction in the size of its army, but that it must maintain a large number of troops "standing guard" in the Northeast down through the island bases to Panama and British Columbia, out to Hawaii and up to Alaska.

McStimson points out, however, that "our army has a number of tasks. Not only must it defend the continental United States but it must maintain a large number of troops standing guard in the Northeast down through the island bases to Panama and British Columbia, out to Hawaii and up to Alaska."

Besides the distance and the impossibility of rotating reinforcements to these far-flung outposts, the army must keep its outfit-up to be strength in order to take care of any emergency that may develop.

Incidentally, the military force of the nation now consists of 1,300,000 persons, of whom 750,000 are officers.

Farmers Remember

"If farmers couldn't be organized, the Government would be a good deal poorer."—Wickard.

Wickard reminds us that prices for most farm products have been low for a long time and that the "upward movement is like a good 75¢ at the end of a prolonged drought."

Wickard is too intelligent, however, not to remind his fellow farmers of the collapse which followed the spread of the rook-ravaging agricultural prices in the period from 1916 to 1920.

"Thirty-five cent cottonseed, twenty-two dollar hogs were pleasant while they lasted," he said, "but they didn't last long. The aftermath—debt, dire and fearful—lasted a long time. Some of its effects still are with us. The pain of deflationary prices lasted far longer than the pleasure of the advancing prices."

Farmers, when talking about loss their perspective, as some agricultural prices show, upward, should not forget that in 1920 thousands of farmers who had gone into debt on an advancing market found themselves unable to pay for the lands they bought. They were thrown into bankruptcy and many lost their homes. Any farmer who has gone through the experience, does not have to be reminded of the danger of an inflationary spree.

MANUFACTURERS OF MEN who depend upon work connected with the building of homes are being thrown out of employment these days as defense priorities have away from their materials for home-building. Some of these conditions are of course necessary, but it is necessary to be reminded of the building bureaucrats of Washington.

Good for the Republic of Panama! They had a Nationalist president down there for the last year, didn't he? Long ago, he died and made things so hot for him that he fled to Cuba. The new President will work more closely with the U. S. A. That's mighty important news. Since the Panama Canal lies in that little Republic.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT has created laws for labor that are very much more partial to labor than to employers. That means that the government has been taking the part of the better qualities of labor in relations with employers will depend upon the character, the intelligence and the integrity of labor's overlords. Unless labor leaders are fair, the gains made by labor during the past eight years will be the end of their future; that is only the very obvious.

LAST WEEK THE Y. M. C. celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of its movement in this country. During all these years it has, for the most part, kept a noteworthy influence for the good in the lives of young men, amidst thousands of whom one such of their success and character training to the Y.

May this great movement continue in growth and influence, to the wish of Methodists and others of its human value.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT once said something to the effect that "taxes are regarded through the world and while the law is wrong, the law is right and while the law is right, the law is wrong in future years as we endeavor to pay for the nation's rapidly accumulating debt."

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