

PASTORS PROTEST CLOSING CHURCHES

Weakens Morale of People and Nears Infringement of Rights, Says Federation.

Protest against the order of the District health authorities in closing the churches on Sundays on account of the influenza epidemic was registered by the Pastor's Federation of Washington at a meeting held yesterday.

Signed by Revs. Randolph E. McKim, Wallace Radcliffe and H. W. O. Millington, the resolution adopted recorded "solemn protest" against the order suspending public worship in churches on the Sabbath on two grounds:

"Because it is contrary to the highest interests of the community, as tending distinctly to weaken the morale of our people.

"Because it comes dangerously near to an infringement upon the free exercise of religion guaranteed to American citizens by the first amendment to the Constitution."

Quote Editorial in The Star.

"As patriotic citizens we will obey the order," the resolution states. The pastors declare that "we adopt as our own the words of an editorial in The Washington Star," and quote as follows:

"When war rages and pestilence threatens, men and women turn naturally to God and to God's house. Church ministrations, with their reminders of the divine promises, soften the grief of those bereaved by war and strengthen in every one the spirit of religious and patriotic devotion and sacrifice for God and for one's country. Rightly used the churches, through their influence on the minds and souls of men, can more to win the war than even clerk assemblies in government departments. Rightly used, the churches will furnish a minimum of promotion agency to distribute influenza germs and a maximum contribution to destroy the pestilence which an epidemic lives and moves and has its being."

In conclusion, the resolution takes in question the scientific warrant for the closing of the churches, declaring:

"We are aware that the order is justified as an extraordinary measure taken for the public safety, but we have a right to demand that so vast and so dangerous a power should only be exercised when it is clear beyond question that the emergency justifies it, and that the measure ordered is adapted to abate the evil. This, we submit, is not true in this case. It is, in fact, very doubtful if it has scientific warrant, and we, therefore, feel justified on every ground in protesting against the action which has been taken."

"Do Right and Fear Not."

In a letter sent to members of the Ethioh Baptist Church, Rev. Milton Waldron tells members of the congregation to "sing and rejoice; trust God fully; go to bed; get up early; get a plenty of fresh air; avoid drafts; keep windows of your rooms open day and night; be regular in your habits; do right and fear not."

"We grieve and lament with you over the closing of the Lord's house by the government," the letter states. "While we feel that this is a mistake, yet we are submitting to the action of the authorities until we can convince them. Instead of closing God's house, they ought to encourage the people of the Lord to gather and pray that the Mighty God would put a speedy end to this dread disease."

SNEAK THIEF JOBS AND ROBBERY BY BURGLARY

Articles Valued at \$200 Taken From Apartment, Police Report. Automobile Stolen.

Two burglaries, one sneak thief job and the theft of a 1917 Buick were reported by Stevens M. ...

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—In the Neck Is Right.



POSTMASTER CHANCE AMONG MASK-WEARERS

Workers at F. O. Windows Adopt Precautionary Measures to Guard Against Germs.

Employes of the city post office brought in direct contact with the public yesterday appeared at their duties wearing gauze masks to ward off influenza germs.

City Postmaster Merritt O. Chance appeared in one of the coverings.

All workers at windows waiting on the public are required to wear the masks. Workers connected with local draft board No. 3, located at the city post office, are wearing masks.

Clerks at the stamp and other windows are especially brought into contact with the public. It is pointed out, sitting in a draft with the breath of patrons blowing in. All such workers donned the gauze coverings today.

Knows How Muzzled Dog Feels.

Health officials declared that it would not be necessary for letter carriers and workers engaged on the mailroom floor to don the masks.

Clerks experienced difficulty with the masks at first. Many would take them off for a "breathin' spell." One man declared that he now knows what a dog feels like when it is forced to wear its first muzzle.

After the first hour had passed, however, city post office employes got used to the masks and tried to forget about them. The coverings are supplied by the Red Cross.

CHARLES A. BECKETT DIES.

Business Man Victim of Pneumonia Resulting From Influenza.

Charles A. Beckett, for twenty-five years with Grogan & Co., died yesterday of pneumonia, resulting from Spanish influenza. Mr. Beckett was born in Washington and lived here all his life. He is survived by his wife and two children, one of them, Henry Beckett, arriving from Camp Lee just after his father died.

OSCAR E. NOACK DIES.

Southern Railway Employee Falls Victim to Influenza.

Oscar E. Noack, an employe of the Southern railway for the past twenty-five years, died Saturday morning at his home, 464 E street southwest, of pneumonia, following Spanish influenza.

Axes to Grind

The man who has an ax to grind is always genial, bland and kind, of sweetness he is full; and he indorses all I say, however far I roam astray from truth which is all wool. The friends I usually meet when I go bulging down the street their own views entertain; and if I say the day is grand when there is rain to beat the band, they say I've gone insane. And if I talk of politics and stand up for a lot of hicks these friends of mine detest, they say my dome is full of bats, and prod me roundly in the slats until they spoil my vest. I surely like the honest skate who doesn't pause or hesitate at speaking of his mind; but I dislike the urbane gent who always is in salaams bent, who has an ax to grind. He is so passing sweet this morn that I might trample on his corn and he would only smile; but I most certainly will find what sort of ax he has to grind, in just a little while. Some day he'll grab me by the coat and say he'd like to have my vote, he needs it forty ways; and when I gently turn him down he'll shove the smile and spring a frown and hate me all his days.

WALT MASON.

CHILDREN CARED FOR AT GOSPEL MISSION

Mothers Are Ill With Influenza. Three-Day Infant Loses Parent.

Ten children, ranging in ages from three days up to nine years, whose mothers are under treatment at local hospitals for influenza, are being cared for by Supt. and Mrs. Herbert W. Kline at the Gospel Mission, 214 John Marshall place.

Of these children there is one whose mother is a war worker from Missouri. The mother was removed from her rooming house to a hospital and the child taken to the Gospel Mission.

Two Greek children, one fifteen months old and the other three days old, are also being cared for at the mission. The mother of the children

WAR PICTURES MAKE STRONG BOND APPEAL

Big Guns on Ships Blast Into Huns While Yanks Go Up Hill.

Two large war pictures are displayed on the plaza at the Pennsylvania avenue entrance of the State War and Navy buildings. They make a tragic and speaking appeal for subscription to the fourth Liberty Loan and are calculated to move the spirit of patriotism in the breasts of all loyal beholders.

The naval contribution is the work of H. Reuter Dahl. It is a spirited painting of the United States battleship "Yankee" in action, with big guns dealing death and destruction to the enemy. It bears the inspiring legend, "Hit the Hun With Your Bonds."

The Army picture represents the "Yanks" making a successful drive up the steep side of a high hill, the infantry leading, followed by the artillery and supply trains. The figures are detachable and are moving rapidly to the apex of the hill to indicate the rapid progress of the bond subscription and the defeat of the Huns.

The picture was designed by Capt. A. F. Croshard, Quartermaster Corps, and was transferred to the wooden frame by Privates George T. Tobin and C. F. Roesch of the quartermaster depot at Camp Meigs, on Florida avenue east.

Blacksmiths' Beautiful Violets, 14th and H. n. w. Phone M. 3707. —Advertisement.

NEW POST FOR GEN. LORD

Is Detailed as Director of Finance of the Army.

Brig. Gen. Herbert M. Lord, Quartermaster Corps, has been detailed as director of finance of the Army.

He will have charge of the preparation of estimates, disbursements, money accounts, finance reports and pay and mileage of the Army. He also will be responsible for the finances of the several corps, departments and other separate activities of the Army, including the accounting for funds and property.

Italian Draft Treaty Ready.

The State Department has today transmitted to the Senate the Italian draft treaty for ratification. The treaty is understood to be similar to those made with Great Britain, France and Greece.

MAJ. TORREY DI A VICTIM OF

U. S. Marine Corps His Way to Frigid at Arling

Maj. Henry T. Torrey, U. S. Marine Corps, Indiana and died at Arlington yesterday. He was buried with simple rites at Arlington.

Maj. Torrey, who was a member of the 1st Marine Regiment of United States Marine Corps, was the son of Mrs. Hannu Torrey, his mother, Mrs. Anna Torrey, one of the American Army in other a major in the Quantico, survive his wife.

He was born May 17, 1874, in Lewis, Col. He was a lieutenant in the 1st Marine Regiment. He was at Vera Cruz, Mexico, in 1914. He was at Fort Capozzi, Italy, at Fort Parry, Alaska, in fighting at the capture of the island of Iwo Jima, November 5, 1914. He was at Fort Capozzi, Italy, when Fort Capozzi was captured, and also at the River, November 17, 1914.

Maj. Torrey was a member of the 1st Marine Regiment, and was President of the 1st Marine Regiment of the President of the United States. He was commissioned August 29, 1916. He was at Quantico, Virginia, in 1917. He was at Quantico, Virginia, in 1917. He was at Quantico, Virginia, in 1917.



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