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THE NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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The Lutheran Church recently completed action which might be followed by the Episcopal Church, with General Convention coming along in another year. They are to bar clergymen from serving as delegates to their conventions for more than two consecutive sessions. Also they recommend that younger men be elected. It was the Rev. Oliver Hart, now the rector of St. John's, Washington, who caused something of a stir at one of our General Conventions by introducing a resolution which would require diocesan conventions to elect at least one or two men for their delegations under thirty-five. It was defeated but that does not mean that the idea was not a sound one. I have attended a good many General Conventions as boy and man so have had my chance to look over the gentlemen who legislate every three years for the Church, and I do think it might help to have a bit of new blood, possibly of more recent vintage. Years do give a man something of great value, but even so I believe there would be something gained by having a scattering of youngsters in the House of Deputies. Some parishes carry out the idea by rotating their vestries. Dioceses might do the same thing in electing delegates to General Convention.

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Parsons On Marriage

Working wives are a menace to society, but postponed marriages are an even greater danger, according to the pastors of 166 churches in 160 American cities. For some unannounced reason an insurance company in Minneapolis made a survey on the interesting subject of marriage, sending operatives about the country interviewing the clergy. They now report that two out of every three felt that married happiness and stability are doubtful when the wife works. Also I suppose it is harder to sell the husband life in-



V. AUGUSTE DEMANT
Leads Conference on War

surance if his lady-love is able to support herself, though this fact was not mentioned in the release. Most of the parsons also stated that postponed marriages was bad—so bad as to be one of the gravest social problems of the day.

"This has been a major factor in a moral breakdown on a large scale", declares an Ohio pastor. "Feeling unable to finance marriage on a satisfactory level, a great many have rationalized themselves into living together without marriage," a Kansas minister puts it. "I find it has resulted in great bitterness and a cynical social attitude among young people", says an Elkhart, Ind., clergyman.

Of the 166 pastors consulted, 76 advised early marriage, even though the bride must help with her earnings. Another 37 qualified their answers, advising against postponement if the girl is over 26, or for longer than 18 months, or warned that the bride's employment should not be continued for more than a year after marriage. But 52 ministers definitely

advised waiting until the husband could fully support the household; among these the most emphatic were the opponents of birth control.

Something approaching the European dowry system has been revived in America during the depression, in the help given by many young couples' parents, numerous pastors observe in the report. Particularly among the moderately well-to-do, parents are giving much more financial help today to make children's marriages possible. Such aid, often involving complete temporary support of the young couple, is especially common in the cases of students who are permitted to marry before completing their school courses.

"In many cases parents are injuring the ambition of their children, by being too willing to assist them", criticizes a St. Paul, Minnesota, minister. "Young people have been unwilling to start as their parents did", says another, "but wanted a car, the finest furnishings, etc. This means much help from parents".

But in the opinion of the pastor of a Florida church, who was born in Scotland, "The trend towards the dowry is a good thing. In America a girl depends on her face to marry her into a position for which she is not fitted. It is unfair that the man should contribute a professional training which has cost him much effort and money, while the woman contributes nothing — except her face".

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Anglo-Catholics Discuss War

The school of sociology, held at Oxford each summer and sponsored by the Anglo-Catholics in the Church of England, this year assigned themselves the topic, "If war comes, what is the duty of the Church?" It was urged that preparation should be made to minimize any disunion which might occur, and to free the Church from its compromising en-

tanglements with the secular civilization. The Church should resolutely pronounce judgment on the particular war in question, on the situation which has caused it, on the decisions taken by the government and by the public mind. And it must definitely stand out of any war which it pronounces unjustifiable. The conference recognized that among the effects of any future war would be a marked secularization, the disintegration of the industrial and social order, and the predominance of the godless element in the process of reconstruction. And for all these possibilities the Church must be prepared. To sum up the argument of the conference, it was a demand for awareness by the Church of the danger of the present frustration of men's energies, and the causes of it; of the essential newness of the situation in which the world stands today, and the urgency of a new energy of thought and action on the part of the Church to meet it. The Rev. V. Auguste Demant, the Rev. G. W. Peck and Mr. Maurice Reckett, all of whom have lectured in this country in recent years, were leaders at the conference.

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Elmore McKee Goes to St. George's

The Rev. Elmore McKee, rector of Trinity, Buffalo, New York, has accepted a call to St. George's, New York City, succeeding the Rev. Karl Reiland. Mr. McKee is a graduate of Yale and of the Yale and Berkeley Divinity Schools, later studying at Edinburgh University and the General Seminary. He was assistant at St. John's, Waterbury, Conn., later rector of St. Paul's, New Haven, and in 1927 became the chaplain of Yale. It is expected that Mr. McKee will assume his duties in the late fall, probably at the beginning of the Advent season.

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Ohio Clergyman Dies

The Rev. William E. Hull, former rector of St. Paul's, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, died at his home in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, this month in his 78th year.

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Alaska Loses its Mail

A telegram dated July 14 from Dr. Grafton Burke at Fort Yukon, Alaska, to the foreign missions department states that within a month two steamers on the Upper Yukon sank with mail and freight. Dr. Burke knows that the mission lost a considerable amount but can not yet tell what freight was on board and has no way of knowing what mail there was. These shipments would have been almost the earliest after

the ice went out. It not infrequently happens that food and other winter supplies get so low it becomes necessary to order small lots to come in by the first boats, to tide over until the main shipments arrive later in the summer. The loss of even one shipment would be thought serious, and two within a month, tragic.

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Colored Churchmen Meet in Mississippi

The Negro convocation of the diocese of Mississippi met at Greenville, July 1-3, with a full attendance of the clergy and with lay representatives present from most of the missions. Bishop Demby, suffragan of Arkansas, was guest of honor, and Bishop Bratton and Bishop Green were also in attendance. Reports showed an encouraging progress of the work in the diocese.

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Ordinations in Mississippi

Bishop Green of Mississippi ordained his son, William Mercer Green Jr., to the diaconate on July 12th at St. Paul's, Meridian. Young Green is the third of the name and the fourth in direct succession in his family to enter the ministry. He is in charge of the Resurrection, Starkville, where he will also serve as student pastor. . . . George Thomas Hall, was ordained deacon by Bishop Bratton on July 5 at St. James', Greenville. He is to enter the General Seminary for postgraduate work in the fall.

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British Youth Denounce War

At the 44th British Christian Endeavour Convention, held in Birmingham over the Whitsun week-end, an anti-war amendment, calling upon Endeavourers and all church members to refuse any part or lot in war, was moved and seconded from the floor, and carried by a three-to-one majority. An incident of the meeting was the presentation by the German delegates to the British Union of a blood-stained New Testament found on a Flanders battlefield by a German who thought of his British brother with admiration. "He was doing his duty and I was doing mine." The book was handed over as a "symbol of spiritual brotherhood", while the Endeavourers rose and stood in reverent sympathy, yet feeling in the gift another reason for declaring against all war.

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Repairing Damaged Hartford Church

Damaged is hardly the word—wrecked would be more accurate. It all happened last March to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hartford, Connecticut, during the flood.

Twelve to fourteen feet of water submerged the pews, altar and everything else, doing \$60,000 of damage. The parish is now spending \$45,000 to get everything back in shape and it is hoped that the congregation may return to their church in September. Meanwhile the Rev. Cramer Cabaniss, rector, is leading the worship in the parish house.

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Alabama Laymen Have Conference

The Laymen's League of Alabama held their annual conference at Grand View, near Montgomery, on June 27th, with 175 laymen on hand. Eugene E. Thompson, national president of the organization; Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook, evangelist; Dr. Alexander Guerry, president of the university of Chattanooga, and Captain Condor of Church Army were headliners on the program. Bishop McDowell was the celebrant at a service of the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Stoney, the Rev. P. N. McDonald and the Rev. Richard Wilkinson. Mr. Crawford Johnson Jr., diocesan president, presided and introduced the speakers.

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Ordination in Lexington

Lee Owen Stone was ordained deacon on July 5 at St. Andrew's, Lexington, Kentucky, by Bishop Abbott. Mr. Stone is a graduate of Bishop Payne Divinity School, a school for Negroes, and is to be in charge of St. Philip's, Portland, Oregon.

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Joe Harvey Goes to Troy

The Rev. Joe H. Harvey, for the past twelve years in charge of St. Peter's, Talladega, Ala., has accepted the rectorship of St. Mark's, Troy, Alabama, with missions at Union Springs and Andalusia.

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National Council Heads in Europe

Lord Derby arranged a luncheon of the Pilgrims in London for the Presiding Bishop on July 14th at which Bishop Perry made an address. Bishop Cook, president of the National Council, sailed on July 9th for a summer in Europe. He expects to return sometime in September.

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Chinese Catechist Is Killed

Mr. Huang Han-tsang, one of the Chinese catechists in the diocese of Hankow, was recently captured by bandits and shot. He had been active in Church work for the past seventeen years, having graduated from the Catechetical School in 1919. He worked particularly in the

rural fields and more recently had been developing credit cooperatives and helping in other social work. He was planning to enter the theological seminary to prepare for the priesthood, but on the day he was to leave he was captured by a band of about 100 soldiers, seemingly by their uniforms troops of the government. They looted his house and then took him off, later sending back for a ransom of \$1,000. The following day his wife gathered a small sum and sent it in by her brother, but the bandits refused to release her husband. A couple of days later government troops pursued the bandits who retreated for twenty miles, taking Mr. Huang and four others with them. All five were shot.

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Former Missionary Dies

The Rev. Edmund Anson, formerly rector of St. Paul's, Frederiksted, Virgin Islands, died on July 11 in a hospital at San Juan, Puerto Rico. Mr. Anson was formerly an opera singer but was influenced to enter the ministry by the Rev. Walter E. Bentley who was himself at one time on the stage.

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Cuba Holds Its Convention

The convocation of the district of Cuba was held at Havana, June 19-21 with all the clergy present and lay delegates present from every mission. One of the most interesting reports was one dealing with developing a native ministry. The possibility of developing a publishing house to bring out Church literature in Spanish was also discussed. Also the ordination of the Rev. Ignacio G. Guerra to the priesthood by Bishop Hulse added color to one of the finest convocations ever held in Cuba.

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Many Delegates for World Conference

The executive committee of the World Conference on Faith and Order reports that 73 Churches have appointed delegates for the conference to be held in Edinburgh in 1937. There have been 265 delegates so far appointed, and 55 alternates.

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Laymen's Conference for Sewanee

Initial steps looking toward the organization of the laymen of the South into a more united and cohesive body will be taken at the annual Sewanee Summer Training School opening July 28 and continuing through August 24. The Rev. Moultrie Guerrey, chaplain of the university of the South, Sewanee,

Tenn., and director of the adult conference, has announced final plans for the laymen's institute which will be held August 8 and 9 when speakers of national prominence will address special groups. John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education and promoter of adult forums, has been invited to speak before a mass meeting Saturday evening, August 8.

"In years past," Mr. Guerrey states, "the Sewanee Conference has dealt rather fully with the regional and national matters of interest to the Woman's Auxiliary, the college workers, Church School leaders, young people, and the clergy. The time has now come to bring the responsibilities and opportunities of the laymen into the scope of the university and of the provincial conference."

Outstanding among the leaders who will participate are Dr. Alexander Guerrey, head of the university of Chattanooga and president of the Tennessee Layman's League; Prof. Samuel J. Hocking, professor at the university of Alabama, and formerly of the faculty of St. John's University, Shanghai, China; Prof. Eugene M. Kayden, head of the department of Economics and Sociology, University of the South; the Rev. Charles W. Sheerin, rector of St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga and the Rev. T. O. Wedel, secretary of college work, New York City on the general subject, "Christianity in Our Pagan World."

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Chinese Christians Unite

The Chinese Christian communities of Batavia, Buitenzorg, Bandoeng, Cheribon, Semarang, Poerowedjo and nine other Chinese Christian communities from the Eastern side of the island of Java have united in a Christian Church and have formed committees for lectures, visitations and evangelization, in order to consolidate the union of the communities.

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Enters the Novitiate

The Rev. Jay T. Black, formerly of the diocese of Oregon and the son of the former archdeacon of Oregon, the Rev. Jay C. Black, recently entered the order of St. Benedict, an order of the English Church.

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Minister Under Fire by Fascists

If you do not believe there are fascist groups in the United States ask the Rev. L. M. Birkhead, minister of the Liberal Center, Kansas City, Missouri. He recently investigated the activities of various groups and ever since has been re-

ceiving threatening letters and messages. At least ten fascist organizations have been discovered in Kansas City and its area. These are listed: the Crusader White Shirts, Junior Silver Legion, Friends of New Germany, Black Shirts, Silver Shirts, Black Legion, Order of '76, Sentinels of the Republic, Crusaders, and the Christian Vigilantes.

None of these groups is large, but they are all interrelated. They have exchange literature, and a common literature, directed against "Negroes, Communists, Jews and Catholics." They all believe in terror, force and dictatorship. They believe in saving the country from communism through fascist control. As Dr. Birkhead has said, no one of these is formidable, but "if an American Hitler comes along all can be united."

The Liberal center, representing a constituency of some 1,000 people, sent a telegram to the President. The department of justice made answer that all information should be turned over to the local office of the department, and if warranted an investigation would be made. A meeting will shortly be called for those interested in this problem. Meanwhile, Dr. Birkhead is leaving for New York to confer with others about the possibility of a national movement to combat fascist activities.

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Writing Diocesan History

The Rev. H. H. Gowen, distinguished author and professor, is at present engaged in writing the history of the diocese of Olympia, where he is the senior priest.

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Maude Royden Preaches in Toronto

Miss Maude Royden, noted English Churchwoman and preacher, is in Toronto, Canada, this summer preaching at the Deed Park Church. She is to come to this country in the fall to tour in behalf of peace.

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Returns to His Former Parish

The Rev. Gardiner M. Day, now the rector of St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., went back to his old parish, St. John's, Williamstown, Mass., last Sunday and conducted the services.

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Vacation School at Trinity, Oakland

A vacation school is being conducted at Trinity, Oakland, California, by a staff headed by Lois Osler of St. Margaret's House, deaconess training center at Berkeley. Stress is on understanding and appreciating the Church and its Founder; the place of the parish in the

community and the artistic aspect of religion. The children are building their own altar and other furnishings, which will be a permanent part of the parish church, going into a children's corner. The entire staff is made up of young women who are studying either at St. Margaret's or at the University of California.

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Observe Anniversary at Washington Cathedral

The 400th anniversary of the death of Erasmus, distinguished Dutch scholar and said to be the greatest of all humanists, was celebrated at a commemoration service held July 12th at Washington Cathedral. The addresses were delivered by Lester K. Born, the chairman of the Washington Erasmus Committee, and by the Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, for many years secretary of Yale who is now a canon at the cathedral.

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Miller Speaks at Oakland Church

Mr. Spencer Miller Jr., on the Pacific coast as a member of the faculty of the summer school for workers, Berkeley, is to be the preacher on Sunday, August 2nd, at Trinity, Oakland. In addition to being the director of the Workers' Education Bureau, Mr. Miller is also the consultant on industry to the National Council. The Rev. Lloyd Thomas, the rector of Trinity, is taking the services from July 19th through August 2nd at the Church of the Sequeyas, General Grant National Park.

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Missionary Endeavor in Arizona

They wanted to start one of these Church schools by correspondence down in Arizona but they couldn't find just the person for the job. So it is being done by an Idaho churchwoman, on a typewriter given by a Texas Churchwoman with the bills paid by a New York Churchwoman.

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Special Services in Delaware

There are a number of old churches in Sussex County, Delaware, which are now being used for special observances. On Rogation Sunday all the farmers of the neighborhood come to old St. George's, located at Indian River, and worship before a crude altar, outdoors. On Whitsunday a large congregation gathers at Christ Church, Broad Creek Hundred. This is an old church building, never painted on the inside, and stands there in its simplicity as a silent witness to Christ. Then at Dagsboro, where Prince George Church is located, the people gather each fall for a harvest

home festival. Interesting thing about this church—buried there is General Dagsborough, who, because of his seniority, felt that he should have commanded the forces during the Revolutionary war instead of George Washington. Indeed he felt so strongly about it that he retired from the army and very little has ever been known of him. The Rev. R. Y. Barber of Laurel, Delaware, is in charge of all these services.

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Services for the Deaf

A service for the deaf was held at the Good Shepherd, Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on July 12th with persons attending from Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina. The week before a similar service was held at Christ Church, Mobile, with 68 persons attending. Both services were conducted by the Rev. Robert C. Fletcher, missionary to the deaf for the province of Sewanee.

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Bishop Stewart Gives Advice

Bishop Stewart of Chicago has put into rhyme a few suggestions for summer:

Keep up your daily private prayer,
On Sunday, Church, be surely there.
If far from Church, your Prayer Book read,

And let some others share your need.
Help if you can Vacation School;
To visit shut-ins make a rule.
Before you leave on holiday,
Be sure your weekly pledge to pay.
And know besides the Christian joy
Of helping a camp for girl or boy.
And read your "Forward—day by day."

You'll find it lights the Christian way.

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Bishop Jones Preaches in Wilkes-Barre

Bishop Paul Jones, former bishop of Utah, returned to his old home town last Sunday and was the preacher at St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where his father was rector for many years. This coming Sunday the preacher is to be the Rev. Clifford Stanley, formerly of the faculty of the seminary at Alexandria.

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Cincinnati Summer School Under Way

The 14th session of Doc Bill Keller's summer school for seminary students is well under way, meeting again in Cincinnati, with night headquarters in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Keller in suburban Glendale. The school opened July 6th with a corporate communion at which Bishop Hobson celebrated and gave the address. The men were then as-

signed to their various jobs with social agencies and institutions, and two or three evenings a week have been listening to lectures by such experts as the Rev. Frank Nelson who spoke on the Church and the Community; Anna Budd Ware, head of the associated charities of the city; Dr. Maurice Levine, noted psychiatrist; Dr. Emerson North, director of a Cincinnati mental hygiene clinic and the Rev. Joseph Fletcher who is assisting Doctor Bill in running the school. Men and women of distinction are also on the program for lectures for the balance of the session which comes to a close on August 28th. There are 22 men enrolled; five from General; five from Virginia; three from Sewanee; four from Cambridge; one from Bexley; one from Union; one from Seabury-Western; one from Meadville and one from Harvard Divinity.

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Gordon Reese Returns to Texas

On the eleventh anniversary of his becoming rector of Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, Miss., the Rev. Gordon M. Reese, nationally known young people's worker, resigned to accept the rectorship of the Church of the Redeemer, Eastwood, Houston, Texas. During his rectorship at Holy Trinity, a new parish house has been erected, the entire church redecorated, a new \$15,000 pipe organ installed and 42 memorials dedicated. With a communicant list of 251, there has been an average attendance the past year of 49 at the early service and 182 at the late service. The past Lenten season the Church School of 85 gave the sum of \$430 in their Lenten Mite Boxes, more than \$5 per capita. As director of religious education and young people's work in the diocese the summer camp conference has grown from an attendance of 27 to 180. Mr. Reese has been active in community affairs, organizing the Good Fellows, leading in boy scout activities and has been chaplain of the county hospital. Mr. Reese leaves Mississippi to return to the diocese where 15 years ago he organized the first Young People's Service League in the Church, and where he was ordained by Bishop Quin.

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Two Different Kinds of Oaths

On Bastille Day (July 14) the French troops reviewed by the President of the Republic took the following oath: "We swear to defend our democratic liberties, bread to the workers, and peace to the world." This is a breath-taking change from the usual oath taken by armies. For contrast compare the notorious address made to a group

of new recruits by the last German Kaiser. "Recruits," he said, "you are too young to know the full meaning of what you have said, but your first care must be to obey implicitly all orders and directions. . . . You are my soldiers, you have surrendered yourselves to me, body and soul. . . . It may happen that I shall order you to shoot your own relatives, your brothers, or even your parents—which God forbid!—and then you are bound in duty implicitly to obey my orders."

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Cracking Back and Forth

Major General Smedley D. Butler wrote for Liberty magazine: "There are a hundred or more peace societies operating in America . . . most of them with headquarters in Washington . . . Where are they getting all this money, running into millions? . . . We gullible Americans are digging down in our pockets . . . Some are headed by sincere but misguided enthusiasts but in most instances the peace racket of today is purely commercial."

Frederick J. Libby, leader in peace circles, rebuked General Butler for the misstatements, ascribing them to ignorance of the peace movement in which the General has recently enlisted. There are twenty-seven national peace organizations, many of which are merely committees; less than 30,000 people contribute as much as a dollar a year to the cause of peace, though the Carnegie Foundation has an income of over \$600,000 and other peace societies total \$500,000. There are no professional "pacifists-for-profit"; all the peace leaders are sincere and not commercial.

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Japan Turns to India

Indicative of the curious cross-currents agitating Japan is the interest of certain Japanese circles in Gandhi. The Mahatma has been invited to visit Japan and the Japanese press has been paying considerable attention to him and his ideas. The reasons behind these moves are interesting. The leader of those looking to Gandhi is Dr. Tomiko Kora, well-known representative of Japanese women. In an interview with the press Dr. Kora made known the basis of her interest in the Indian saint. Japan, she said, is highly prosperous and successful, but it is in danger of losing its soul. Japan's worship of Mammon and Mars has not brought the desired results. "We are tired of our prosperity," said Dr. Kora, "which acts as a sort of dead weight; we are dreadfully materialized; we seem to have no purpose in life." So Japan once more turns to

India for spiritual aid, "like rain after a long period of drought." Two thousand years ago Japan accepted Buddhism as a gift of India. But the spirit of Buddha passed out of Japanese Buddhism and aggressive and militarist Shintoism with its emperor worship became dominant. Now once more Japanese circles are looking to India. A new movement is afoot called the New Living Movement which aims to re-order society on more spiritual lines. Gandhi's message of universal love, his mysticism and "spiritualism" appeal strongly to the "New Living" group.

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The Jews Are Being Missed

Germany's death rate jumped alarmingly during the last year. In 1934 there were 207,539 deaths in German cities over 100,000; in 1935 this figure increased to 224,631—a rise of about 8 per cent. The reason for this serious situation is found by competent foreign observers in two factors: The dismissal of Jewish doctors from hospitals and the crank health theories advocated by the Nazis. In pre-Nazi Germany the Jewish physician was a very important figure. To him was due not only the pre-eminent rank of German medicine and new medical discoveries, but also the efficiency of

German hospitals. These Jewish doctors have now been expelled and the Nazis have waged a systematic war on scientific medicine. Various kinds of "nature healing" have been ardently propounded and eagerly adopted. The result has been disastrous.

In another field also the Nazis have had conspicuous "success." Their vast propaganda machine has been put to work in order to increase the number of marriages and thus produce more cannon fodder. These efforts, too, have failed. In 1933 there were recorded 15.7 marriages per thousand inhabitants; in 1934 this declined to 13.8 and in 1935 it fell to 10.7. In 1934, 55 towns recorded 252,863 marriages, while the 1935 figure for these same towns was only 217,252—a decline of 14.1 per cent.

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A New Use for Bees

Bernhard Guehler, well-known German apiarist, has discovered that bees may be very useful in war. Microscopic notes may be affixed to their bodies with some sticky substance and then they might be released in order to return to their hives. By dusting the bees with various colors, front line troops could send information back to their

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Sinclair Lewis Changes His Mind

Sinclair Lewis wrote a book "It Can't Happen Here" which dealt with Fascism. But he gathered the newsmen around him the other day in New York and said, "You bet it can happen here. That's the whole trouble with a democracy. Dictatorships always seem impossible in a country that has had some liberty. People won't believe it can happen, but it can."

"It's got to the point now where it's squarely up to the average citizen who has been used to letting other people do his thinking. And that's another trouble with a democracy. People talk about freedom as a priceless heritage, yet you'd think they wouldn't expect to leave a priceless heritage kicking around in the road without some bright thief coming along and nabbing it."

"Take this Lemke, Coughlin, Gerald Smith, Townsend business," he went on. "It's the ideal beginning for Fascism. Perfect. Promising everybody something for nothing. And, like all such beginnings of a Fascist movement, they offer a great liberal program. You'll find that most dictatorships have come out of allegedly liberal beginnings. . . ."

"I have a vague, general fear that if somebody like Coughlin gets in, there'll be hell to pay. Either this group could put over a real dictatorship or they could have it taken from them by a hard-boiled group of reactionaries who, to save themselves and their families, would overthrow the whole government and substitute their own brand of Fascism."

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Costs Too Much to Smoke

Here is an interesting bit from the diocesan paper of Alabama:

Once in a while people want to know "how come," when parish budgets are made up. The total looks mighty big, and the general idea gets abroad once in a while that

it costs too much to run the Church. The answer is that it does not cost much to run the Church, but to the average member the Church is very cheap indeed,—so cheap that it does not figure in the family budget at all.

Many incidentals cost much more than the Church does. No one seriously sets aside a definite sum for cigarettes, yet the Episcopalians of Alabama pay twice as much a year for their smokes as they do for their Church. Don't believe it? Neither did I, till I saw a report of cigarette manufacture and did some figuring. The people of the United States consume 425 billion cigarettes a year, an average of 163 packs of twenty each, for every man, woman and child. That's roughly \$24.50 per capita, if cigarettes retail for 15c. a pack. By the last reports, we have slightly over 16,000 baptized mem-

bers of the Church in Alabama. Based on the average for the nation,—and few will deny that Episcopalians are pretty good cigarette users,—churchmen in Alabama pay \$388,000 a year or thereabouts, for cigarettes alone. That does not count pipes, cigars, "roll your own," chewing or snuff. If the folks would plank down \$388,000 for the Church

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