

### METHODISTS OF JERSEY DECLARE WAR ON SALOONS

#### Declare Enormous Food Values Wasted by Manufacture of Liquor

Atlantic City.—The New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Conference adopted a resolution to-day condemning the liquor industry and sent a copy of the resolution to President Wilson.

"We find our championing of food conservation measures," declared the resolution, "so earnestly besought by government, is rendered ineffective to a very considerable degree by the knowledge of the people that, by government sanction, food values are wasted in enormous quantities for drink, while a course of rigorous deprivation is urged upon all people in the matter of food."

The rural churches and many other topics were taken up by a report made by the Social Service Commission, which declared that the country church was losing its grip. It recommended that the Board of Home Missions establish a demonstration station in some rural community and engage in constructive work in aid of the rural church.

"The Church is in danger of being overwhelmed by the new problems of the times," the Social Service Commission continued, specifying some of the problems as those of housing, labor and Sunday. In New Jersey, it was pointed out, the seashore, with its shifting population of many sorts, presented a problem of pressing importance. The lack of reference to amusements as a problem was taken as evidence of a victory of the liberals in the commission.

"Stump work," says the report, "presents another great problem. Open up the church during the week and create sentiment against evil. Make the churches social centers. Hold entertainments and show moving pictures. Don't invest \$100,000 in a plant and have it shut down five days in the week."

Addressing ministerial candidates, Bishop Berry declared that there were times when the best way of manifesting religion was at the polls.

"There are times when it is more religious to vote than to pray," he said. "A man who goes around election days and prays is a mighty small type of Christian. We have been preaching the Gospel and letting 'interests,' liquor and other, steal from this land with little interference. We have been praying and adopting resolutions and holding discussions. Liquor interests and all others who are conducting nefarious businesses are laughing up their sleeves at us because that is all that we did."

"We have been preaching and letting them alone too long. Go outside with your Gospel if you would serve God and your Church best. When you get back to your charges next week let every saloonkeeper and all his friends know you are on his trail and go and get him. Let's get this insolent monster."

### Immigration Has Dropped Almost to Vanishing Point

New York.—Nothing proves more conspicuously how immigration has dropped almost to the vanishing point than the practical shutdown just announced of Ellis Island as an immigrant station. From more than 1,000,000 a year our foreign influx has been dropping below the 100,000 mark, and will probably go to nearly nothing soon. Many active and efficient philanthropic societies, which among other things did excellent service in helping the immigrant on arrival to his proper destination, in solving his difficulties with the authorities, in protecting unaccompanied women, have now been liberated from the burden of these activities.

### Dog Goes Nearly 400 Miles to Join Master

Sutton, W. Va.—A common yellow cur, owned by Hugh McQuain, of Indian Fork, now stationed at Camp Lee, will not let war keep him away from his master. About three weeks ago the dog disappeared. Later a letter was received from McQuain saying the dog had turned up at Camp Lee. The distance is nearly 400 miles.

### RUSSIANS ADOPT GREGORIAN TIME

#### George Washington Was Born Under the Ancient Julian Reckoning

It has taken Russia since 1882 to adopt the Gregorian calendar, that monument to papal enterprise and the genius of Clavius which so closely approximates the civil to the natural year that there will not be a day's difference between them in 3000 years. The Bolsheviki did the act, advancing their calendar by thirteen days. It is perhaps best for us, says the New York Sun, not to speak unkindly about their laggard recognition of Gregory XIII's improvement in time measurement, for it was not until 1751 that our English forebears allowed their commonsense to overcome their sectarian prejudices and abandon the "old style." George Washington was born under the ancient Julian reckoning February 11, 1732; the act of the English parliament by which the change was made transformed the day after September 2, 1752, into September 14.

Probably the revolution in Russia would have done something to the calendar, no matter what system had been in force. Such is the habit of revolutions that overthrow social orders. The French revolutionists evolved a calendar based on philosophical principles. It had twelve months of thirty days each, the new era dating from the minute of the autumnal equinox, September 23, 1792, which was the day from which the existence of the republic was reckoned, although the republic was formally proclaimed on September 21, 1792. A philosopher does not scorn a legal fiction. The French revolutionists introduced five festival days—Sansculot-tides, at the end of each year to let the sun catch up with them, and an additional jour de la revolution every fourth year, to correct the error not taken care of by these. This calendar endured until Napoleon Bonaparte restored the Gregorian system, January 1, 1806.

Meanwhile the Mohammedans use a lunar year of 354 days, of twelve months, which have alternately thirty and twenty-nine days. No attempt is made to regulate the calendar to the solar year, and New Year's day may fall in any season; there is no correspondence between months and seasons. This is much opposed to our more orderly way, yet the followers of the prophet do not seem to be downcast over this. They will probably be brought into line some day, however, for the Gregorian calendar is sensible, simple and easy for everybody to understand.

### Find Lost Engagement Ring in a Mince Pie

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—Somewhere in France Fred Bogardus, one of the young men from this vicinity who is an active member of the American committee which is preparing to entertain the kaiser, has been worrying over the announcement from Miss Maude Lucas, three months ago, that she had lost the engagement ring he gave her. Fred can now devote his entire time to the big Hun hunt, for his fiancée, who lives at Plutarch, found the ring in a sector of mince pie.

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