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Presbyterians Bar All Sunday Sports

Atlantic City, N. J., May 23.—Beginning with a set of verses deploring the "killing of our Sunday of long ago," and ending with fourteen resolutions condemning Sunday activity in all of the sports and entertainments enjoyed in America, the report of the special committee on Sunday observance was read and enthusiastically adopted by the 128th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in session here.

James Dewitt Andrews, the noted jurist and lay commissioner from the presbytery of New York, vainly raised his voice in defence of a more liberal Sunday than that of "long ago," but his arguments were overwhelmed by the oratory and votes of the hundreds of ministers and other laymen of the assembly. Mr. Andrews spoke after the assembly had heard the committee's proposed resolutions putting under the ban Sunday golf, baseball, moving pictures, automobile riding, the publishing of newspapers and other secular activities.

"These resolutions," said Mr. Andrews, "condemn without exception all forms of sport on Sunday. We must determine what sports we mean to exclude before acting so drastically. We are in accord in objecting to Sunday baseball, played for gain, and horse racing. But, gentlemen, a hundred years ago there were men who would have objected to Sunday trains, which are now a necessity. Does the General Assembly want to condemn all games on Sunday?"

"Yes, yes, yes," came from all over the hall in answer to the question, but Mr. Andrews continued:

"Why, gentlemen, Scotsman play golf after going to church on Sunday, and they are good Presbyterians. Young men cannot be expected to build up their bodies without exercise, and many have opportunity for exercise only on Sunday. To forbid all games will not advance our cause. The resolutions are too sweeping. I ask for some modification of them."

The assembly was not persuaded to make any modification, however. Minister after minister jumped to his feet to disagree with Mr. Andrews, and each disagreement was approved with applause. The excitement of the assembly reached its height when the Rev. Dr. David Tully, who is 98 years old, the oldest commissioner at the convention, rose and pleaded for a maintenance of the old standards.

"There's nothing in the fourth commandment exempting golf and baseball. If you permit this convention to go on record as making any change in that commandment you place young men who want to make the Sabbath a day of sports against the Head of the Church. Let us keep to our standards."

When the old man sat down the assembly endorsed his words with loud exclamations.

Moving pictures and automobiles, because of their use on Sundays, seemed to claim the attention of the commissioners more than anything else. The "movie" theatre was referred to by one speaker as "the modern Diana of the Ephesians," and another speaker said that the automobile was "carrying away from the Church the magnificent

army of Christ."

Here are some excerpts from the committee's report.

"The Panama Exposition was wide open every Lord's Day. In our nation at capital there are social functions of every description on the Lord's Day. In our great cities the saloons and theatres and dance halls are generally open and unchallenged on the Lord's Day. Can this go on forever? Is Jehovah blind that He cannot see, or indifferent that He should not care?"

"The famous baseball pitcher, Christy Mathewson, on January 9 last, made this statement over his signature:

"One of the most frequent questions I am asked is why I don't play baseball on Sunday. The best reason is because it is stipulated in my contract with the New York National League Club that I am not to play on Sundays."

The report, in recording "some of the victories of the past year," mentioned the closing of saloons in Chicago on Sunday, the closing of Sunday motion picture theatres in Jersey City, the gain of a Sunday rest for Federal employees, and an extension of Sunday rest among corporations.

The first resolution adopted read:

Resolved, that the General Assembly reiterates its strong and emphatic disapproval of all secular uses of the Sabbath Day, all games and sports, in civic life as also in army and navy, of unnecessary travelling and all excursions, and urges upon all employers of labor and captains of industry to recognize the need of the laboring man for his weekly rest day, and thereby insure his greater efficiency and happiness and the greater prosperity of both capital and labor."

Succeeding resolutions protested "against the operation of motion picture theatres Sunday"; disapproved "of the use of public school buildings for the holding of community forum meetings on the Lord's Day"; condemned "the Sunday newspaper," and urged "the members of the Presbyterian Church to refuse to subscribe for it or read it or advertise in it"; requested "the faculties of colleges and seminaries to omit recitations on Monday mornings, so as to leave the Sabbath free from the necessity felt by some of the students to prepare their lessons on that day, or to return on the Lord's Day from week end absence from their schools."

New Material Found To Make Warm Clothes

A new material has just been discovered which is likely to produce an absolutely fresh British industry. This material is lighter and warmer than anything else on the market, and is made from the fibres of certain trees which grow in the tropics.

It is called "Credem" fleece, and one thickness is sufficiently warm to line ordinary clothes, such as overcoats or dressing gowns; two thicknesses are sufficient for such military requirements as airmen's suits or motor coats.

In three or four thicknesses this "Credem" fleece is not only exceedingly warm for the severest of winter weather, but it is sufficiently buoyant to act as a life preserver in case of a disaster at sea, and the thickness of the fleece in this case is not so great as to make the waistcoat or other garment made with it all unsightly.

Borax Usefulness.

Always have a box of borax on hand, for it can be of usefulness in many ways.

If you desire an antiseptic wash for a cut dissolve a teaspoonful of borax in a pint of warm water—of course the water should be boiled, and then cooled to the warm stage, if possible. The solution can be kept on hand.

Put a little of the water in which the hair is washed, if the hair is oily. Be sure to rinse it thoroughly.

Put a pinch in the water in which green vegetables are boiling to make them bright in color.

Add a teaspoonful to the water in which the hands are washed to soften the water—and the hands.

Use it in the laundry to whiten clothes.

Wash the kitchen towels in a strong solution of borax, then rinse them, and hang them in the sunshine to dry quickly.

Once there was a woman,
Tell it gently, very human,
Very winsome, fair of face;
Now she's bent and old and worn
With the burdens she has borne.
She's your mother, lad,
Your mother, girl,
God grant to you her grace!

Putting Wilson In His Place

Paris May 26.—The Temps, in an editorial, again goes on record as not favoring any idea of peace negotiations. "It seems," says the Temps, "that President Wilson thinks his refusal to pass judgement gives him a right to intervene. To have tolerated the violation of neutrality of Belgium does not create for him the right to participate in the restoration of Belgium."

King George, who has made a munificent gift of £100,000 to the Treasury for war purposes, is by no means the richest of European monarchs, for though he receives close upon £500,000 per annum, three-quarters of that sum has to be set aside for official expenses. The King of Italy receives £750,000, the Kaiser £920,000 and the emperor of Austria £1,250,000 per annum from the State, and the two latter, like the Tsar, have enormous private incomes.

Many Jamaicans Are Enlisting

Kingston, Jamaica, May 26.—Jamaicans continue to pour steadily into the recruiting camp here to form contingents who hope to help the Motherland and her Allies in the great war. A big influx of

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