

BISHOP SAYS THAT HUNDRED PER CENT AMERICANISM IS A MENACE TO THE WORLD

Washington, Oct. 22—One hundred per cent Americanism is the greatest single danger to world peace today, Bishop G. Ashton Oldham, of Albany, N. Y., told a mass meeting of the Episcopal General convention here yesterday.

Such patriotism, the Bishop said, which scorns other races, looks condescendingly on other nations, is touchy about its own rights, and prates about "absolute sovereignty" is a world menace.

"Not that we would if we could abolish patriotism, and convert our citizens into that most pitiful of internationalists—a man without a country," he said.

"A sentiment that enables men to forget lesser things, lift themselves above their own petty concerns, and scorning the cost rise to great heights of nobleness and self-sacrifice, is something to be cherished, not scorned.

"What makes a country great is not its victories, but its service; not its material riches, physical power or military prowess, but rather its contribution to science, art, culture."

Patriotism—American as well as foreign—needs to be christianized, Bishop Oldham said.

"It needs to be purged of its base, vulgar and archaic perversions. Instead of the childish and primitive desire to 'lick the world,' it should aim at making its country worthy of honor by its contributions to mankind."

None Christian.

No nation in the world is a christian nation, the Bishop declared. There are only nations which include a greater or less proportion of christian individuals, he said.

"All nations are still sub-christian in their morality and are motivated by self-interest instead of service; dominated by fear and suspicion instead of trust; depending upon force, not love.

"It is to much to expect any state at the present time to be guided in its relations with other states by Christian principles."

Bishop Oldham characterizes the Kellogg anti-war pact as a great step forward. Its full results lie in the future, he said, but at the present it has placed peace workers and advocates in a firm position.

Secretary of State Kellogg, who was unable to attend the mass meeting held at national cathedral, sent his regrets in a letter which was read to the crowd.

"We are all determined that the curse of war shall not again devastate the nations," Kellogg wrote. "The most certain insurance against war is the training of the thoughts of men in the ways of peace."

"The treaty," he added, "is the solemn, public expression of the aspirations, not of governments. For this reason it is significant of a new spirit in the world."

The valuation committee appointed by the 1925 convention reported to the

SHANGHAI AS MECCA HAS A VERY STRONG APPEAL TO TOURISTS

The dusky-colored waters of the port line the wharves to the number of scores. A hundred deep-laden junks stand in the liner's stern and regard once more the receding "skyline" of Shanghai, writes a correspondent of "The Christian Science Monitor." Craft from every sea and from every

House of Bishops that the church is losing from 20,000 to 40,000 members yearly.

Minister's Neglect.

Major causes for the loss were attributed to neglect by ministers, shifting of population, and modern life of the younger generation.

"Modern business shifts its employees from city to city with unsettling frequency," the report said. "Communicants often move to communities where the church has neither congregation nor priest. Others move from rural sections to the city where they miss the old associations, do not receive the pastoral care to which they have been accustomed or find the church ways strange.

"Young people go away to college and schools, breaking their old church ties and forming no new ones."

Another fault found by the committee was with "pastors who pad their confirmation lists with all who can by any means be persuaded to join." This class, the committee found, often drops away from the church after short membership.

The committee asked that renewed emphasis be placed on personal work by the clergy to their congregations as the best means of combating the losses.

of scores. A hundred deep-laden junks come up with the tide or laboriously struggle seaward against it. Bobbing sampans, with their sturdily sculling oarsmen, toss hither and thither, airily ignoring the menace of frantically whistling liners. Cruisers and gunboats of a dozen nations are anchored in mid-stream, together with Danish cable layers, river craft from the far upper Yangtze, British pilot boats, trim revenue cutters, lusty ocean-going tugs and luxurious river house boats of wealthy Shanghai folk of both races.

The blend of water-borne activities is as all inclusive as are those of the wonder city which lies behind the ever-lengthening and ever-mounting "sky-line" along the world-famed Bund. And all of them together, the activities of the land and the water, of every nation and every race, of antiquity and modernity—all of them make up probably the most extraordinary community of human beings and human interests that the world has ever known.

For of that mighty spectacle known as the East, that spectacle which is presented on a stage 5,000 miles square this is the epitome. Little that is anywhere is unrepresented here. Little that has ever been anywhere but finds its echo or its reminder here. Here the world and the ages meet. Here is a forecast of what the future may be when a brotherhood that shall be all-inclusive is an accomplished fact.

Meanwhile to the conglomerate ac-

tivity of Shanghai each people contributes a bit of its own, building here something of Russia, there a bit of France, around the corner what shall be "forever England," just over the way a cross-section of America. Nor is there a better way than this to achieve the true internationalism, which shall come—and come only—through a rubbing of elbows in unstudied friendship and casual intercourse and through the slow-developing consciousness of inter-dependence that springs out of the blended interest of such a community as the Shanghai of today.

Shanghai has, as it appears to the visitor who returns after a two years' absence, acquired a redoubled vigor, grown markedly in strength as well as size, developed a new vivacity and partaken of a greater zest in the very fact of existence. The bright hopes that a new era and a better day are dawning for all of China are nowhere

so apparent as in the revived Shanghai.

There is a changed atmosphere which one feels immediately, an atmosphere so charged with buoyancy as to inspire confidence that all will now be well. And it brings an added glamour to an ever-entrancing place. It lends potency to the spell that the color and radiant activity and vast variety of Shanghai weave about the Occidental. It makes the spectacle that was already fascinating the more unforgettable and the interest that was ever intense altogether absorbing.

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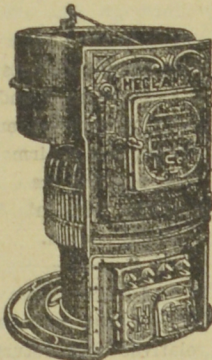
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