

NEW PASTOR AT MERIDIAN M. E.
Dr. Virgil E. Rorer Preaches Two Good Sermons.

"Many of us spend the last half of our life undying what we did the first half," declared Dr. Virgil E. Rorer last night at the Meridian Street M. E. Church in a sermon on "Character Building." Dr. Rorer, who preached his initial sermon at the morning service, will fill the pulpit of the church, which has been vacant for several months.

Dr. Rorer pointed out that just as the first half of the foundation in building an eighteen-story structure is very important, so the structures of men's lives depends upon their foundation. He said it is useless to try to build life upon a record of shame; for it is impossible to say that he will forget and begin life again.

"erecting your building you may have others build your structure, but in life none may build your structure but yourself," he declared.

"Take heed how you build. Why shall ye taken heed? First, because ye are builders and no man may build for you. Second, because as ye build, so will others build after ye. Third, because a variety of material may go into the structure; for just as a preacher may be a poetical preacher, a historical one or a practical one, so may your building material of life's experiences be of various character and fourth, because every man's work will be tested. Take heed how ye build, lest ye be called upon to tear your superstructure down.

"Therefore, take heed how ye build, and built it well, build it straight, build it strong and true."

McCONNELL SCORES FOREIGN INFLUENCES.

In an address on "Stay Awake, America" at the Big Men's meeting at English's theater yesterday afternoon Senator McConnel scored Bolshevik influence as the chief factor responsible in a large measure for the industrial unrest which is spreading all over the United States. He declared that these "parasitic priests of Bolshevism" who are showing "an alarming disrespect for law" of this country are causing thousands of citizens of foreign birth to lose their faith in the American government. He scored the "devilish propaganda" periodicals printed in foreign languages containing slanderous statements about the Government.

"Spread the information and teach it as a holy gospel that this is a government of the people, by the people and for the people," he stated.

Mr. McConnel said he believed in labor organization, but he had at one time been a member of one but he denounced the Bolshevik propaganda which is being spread among them. He advocated that only American citizens should be allowed to have a vote in the unions. He pointed out that the responsibility of stemming the tide of industrial unrest falls to the church as the only institution which has the power to withstand the propaganda for foreign agitators.

SAYS PRAYER HAS BECOME LOST ART.

Prayer and meditation have almost become a "lost art," according to Dr. Frederick E. Taylor, pastor of the First Baptist Church, in a sermon on "System in Religion" at the morning service. He pointed out that the greatest men in a community are the men of prayer, saying that many business men have apparently lost the power of contemplation of the higher things in life.

"For one who is much occupied with the rush of the affairs of every-day life to have time to stop and consider religion systematically," he said. "Everything, whether in religion or in business, to be done well and successfully, must be done with a system. Therefore, if you intend to be a Christian, do it systematically and act spasmodically."

WILSON ISSUES PROCLAMATION
Aside Thursday, Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—President Wilson's Thanksgiving proclamation saying that "in plenty, security and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future," and setting aside Thursday, Nov. 25, for the usual observance, is as follows:

"The season approaches when it behooves us to turn from the distractions and preoccupations of our daily life, that we may contemplate the mercies which have been vouchsafed to us, and render heartfelt and unfeigned thanks unto God for his manifold goodness."

"This is an old observation of the American people, deeply imbedded in our thoughts and habits. The burdens and the stresses of life have their own insistence.

"We have abundant cause for Thanksgiving. The lesions of the war are rapidly healing. The great army of free men, which America sent to the defense of liberty, returning to the grateful embrace of the nation, has resumed the usual pursuits of peace, so simple and as peaceful as it is hard to come in obedience to the country's call. The equal justice of our law has received ready vindication in the support of a law-abiding people against various and sinister attacks, which have reflected only the baser agitations of war, now happily passing.

"In plenty, security and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future, its duties and its opportunities. May we have time to reflect on our duties, the strength, both of hand and resolve, to discharge them, and the soundness of heart to realize that the truest opportunities are those of service.

"In a spirit, then, of devotion and stewardship we should give thanks in our hearts, and dedicate ourselves to the service of God's merciful and loving purposes to his children.

"Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer, and I call upon my countrymen to cease from their ordinary tasks and avocations upon that day, giving it up to the remembrance of God and his blessings, and their dutiful and grateful acknowledgment."

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Petrograd Soon to Be Desereted City, Berlin Figures Say

GIRL HELD AS PRISONER, CHARGE
Man Accused of Locking Victim in Rear Shop Room.

PERLIN, Nov. 15.—Petrograd will soon be a deserted city, a mere memory of the past like Troy or Carthage, according to figures in the Deutsche Medizinische Wechenschrift. The death rate in peace time in Petrograd was far from low; in 1914 it was 22.5 for each 1,000 population. In 1916 the figure increased to 23.5, in 1918 to 43.6 and in 1919 73.4, persons died every day.

If the rate of 74.9 is really 25 to 30 per cent below the truth, as reliable medical reports indicate, the death rate in Petrograd has reached the appalling ratio of 100 persons every 1,000, or 10 per cent.

In Berlin the death rate is 13.6, in London 9.5, in Stockholm 10 and in Amsterdam 8.4 of every 1,000. According to this, Petrograd's death rate is seven times that of London. Hand in hand with this steadily increasing death rate is an extraordinary decrease in the birth rate, which has dropped from 204 births for each 1,000 in the year 1914 to 13 to the 1,000 in 1919. You can figure for yourself how long it will be, at this rate, until Petrograd is a deserted city.

The girl left a downtown store where she is employed, Wednesday night, when she failed to appear at the bus stop. Her parents, of course, reported the disappearance to the police who found her in a room in the rear of Emrich's shop. Emrich, after his arrest, refused to discuss the case.

It is said, however, that the girl, after attending a picture show, said she was afraid to return home and went to the shop, which belongs to her parents and a friend of the family, and asked for a place to sleep. He permitted her to sleep in the rear room of the shop and when she awoke the next morning the door was locked. She is said to have been held a prisoner there. She admitted she heard her father's voice in Emrich's shop, but was afraid to call him to it.

The girl wrote a letter to her father, and this letter was found in the room.

PARK AVE. MAN KILLED BY AUTO

Hit After Leaving Church—Woman Injured.

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Members of the East Washington Street Merchants' Association will meet at a dinner to be given in the Columbia Club, Wednesday evening at 8:30. The association has been reorganized recently with the following as officers: President, Samuel Mueller; first vice president, Harry W. Krause; second vice president, Charles Hartman; secretary, Ferdinand A. Meyer; treasurer, Charles Kotteman.

Charles was arrested on the charge of谋杀 (murder), although witnesses told the police he was driving slowly at the time of the accident.

Charles lived with his daughter, Mrs. William B. Gilbert. He had just left the First Baptist Church and was crossing the street, when struck by the automobile.

Three daughters, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Henry Robbins of Indianapolis and Mrs. H. M. McDermid of Hastings, Neb., and one son, Joseph E. Elsasser, survive.

Mrs. Louise Eck, 41, 2900 Madison avenue, was injured last night, when hit by an automobile driven by George T. Tibby, 716 East Fifteenth street.

Woman Hit by Wagon in Serious Condition

Special to The Times

GREENSBURG, Ind., Nov. 15.—Sheriff Albert Sutton of Blackford County isn't desiring any further trips out of the state for prisoners.

Recently he returned Robert Wiley from the state prison at Muncie, Ind., under the statute, At present, and at the time of his return, Wiley is serving a sentence of the brunt.

Increased railroad rates make the old rate of mileage inadequate.

Many residents have had to resort to wood for fuel.

Sheriff Has to Dig Up \$50 of His Own

Special to The Times

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Nov. 15.—Sheriff Albert Sutton of Blackford County isn't desiring any further trips out of the state for prisoners.

It was well Sunday that she was positively identified, her son, Jessie McCormick, appearing at the hospital. Her home is at Lawrence, rural route J-1, box 49. She has another son, Elmer, who lives at Lawrence.

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