

# Ministers Call Richmond to Give Thanks For Peace

## GREATEST REASONS FOR THANKSGIVING IN ALL HISTORY

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Few have been the times in the history of our nation when there has been such reason for rejoicing and true thanksgiving as at present. We of this generation, who only a few years ago thought that we would perhaps live through no more stirring times than those of the Spanish-American war, have been privileged to see a day that will mean as much in our national history as 1776-1812-1865. For what we did for ourselves in those glorious times of the past, we have now helped to do for others in a self-sacrificing fight for an ideal fondly cherished by our hearts that has been the marvel and inspiration of the world.

True thanksgiving must have as its basis a deep sense of sin and unworthiness. Never before has God shown so forcibly to all nations and peoples their transgressions as during the past four years. Our own beloved nation is guilty of many sins and transgressions that are festering as a cancer on the body politic. What better time is there for a national repentance from center to circumference than when God has shown us such mercy and loving kindness? With Jacob of old we ought all to be able to pray, "I am not worthy of the least of all mercies, and of all the truth which thou has shown unto thy servant." —Gen. 32:19.

But true thanksgiving must go farther than sincere repentance. Our whole heart must be on fire with gratitude to God who has done such marvelous things in our midst. With the pessimist we should say and sing: "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good for his Mercy endureth forever." Ps. 118:1. He has blessed our fields and orchards once more with an abundant harvest. He has brought to an end the world war. He has crowned our arms with victory. He has crowned the supreme sacrifice our boys have made with the dawn of a new day for all nations of the earth. Why should we not be thankful? And why should not our hearts break forth in expressions of true, heartfelt gratitude to Him?

But a thanksgiving that is worthy of the name must issue in lives and deeds of thankfulness. We must incarnate the thanks that we feel and express in deeds of lovingkindness. And what a glorious call and opportunity awaits just this. Just as God used our arms and our food supplies at the critical time to cause right to triumph, so now that peace has come, He would use our surplus food supplies to save the starving nations of Europe and Asia. Millions of hands stretch out across the sea to us and say, "Give us bread or we die!" With the glamour of war ever before one, and the martial spirit in our blood, we rose as one man to win the fight. With these things lacking, shall we go down in defeat when the call to fight with hunger and disease, where there will be no booming of cannon or creach of shell, but where the munitions of war will be provided by the noble and generous self-sacrifice of a truly thankful people? If we go on in emperative eating our sacrifice will mean the saving of many useful lives, and such sacrifice will not only help to build our moral fibre, but will also be acceptable as a thank-offering and a sweet-smelling savor by the Lord our God.

"For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me: Inasmuch as ye have have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," —Adv. Matt. 25: 35, 36, 40.

PRAYERS FOR MEN IN SERVICE URGED

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Forget not to meekly bow the head in a humble supplication and at the same time with most gladsome thanksgiving before the altars of Almighty God and sing His everlasting praises for all His tender mercies shown for all His children on Thanksgiving day. Pray for our older boys far away in foreign lands and in the training camps at home. The home fires are still burning to welcome them back to their native land and to their beloved homes and firesides. How eagerly we are listing or their tramp, tramp, tramp, homeward to their own beloved shores. What glad fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, friends and sweethearts, that will mean. God bless you, older boys, and guide you safely through temptation and keep you from all harm and danger until you shall see and enjoy your native haunts again. Pray for the starving, the despairing, the dying in foreign lands. This is not the time for execration, but for lessening and thanksgiving. Who has not made mistakes in worshipping false gods and false ideals? The Master said to the old self-righteous Pharisees, with a halo of mockery about their heads, but without one drop of holy unction in their uncleaned souls, "Let him that is guiltless cast the first stone." The challenge still stands as a stern rebuke to the character full of pride and variety, who is always ready to point with haughty scorn to the false rods of others, but whose inner religious consciousness is so stunted and sometimes even so profane and immoral that he cannot see his own false gods and correct his own petty faults and more grievous mistakes.

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## Gratitude For Men Who Have Won Should Govern Thanksgiving

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Psalm 150: 1. "Praise ye the Lord." This is a thoughtful Thanksgiving day. America has not stood aloof, but has cast in her lot with peoples struggling for freedom. We have not been deaf to the voice of God calling us to service. We are no longer an isolated nation. From this day on America's destinies are bound up with those of every nation on the earth. We have achieved a victorious and righteous peace. Before us lies the work of reconstruction. Literally it will not be a reconstruction, not a social fabric patched and mended, but a new garment of brotherhood and good will for humanity. The tasks of today will be guided by no precedent. We enter a new era in the development of human society.

"New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth. We must upward then and onward, Who would keep abreast of truth."

While these problems occupy our minds I suggest that we thank God for wise men who are devoting themselves unselfishly to the plans for the new and better world. Give thanks for great leaders in the war, men like

Pray for the sorrowing parents and relatives, whose soldier boys can not come back to their loving eyes and waiting arms. They are gently sleeping fathers and mothers sweetly resting in eternal peace.

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## PLAN CONGRESS FOR UNITY OF CHURCH

A congress for church unity is to be held in Philadelphia December 3 to 6, attended by more than 100 representatives of leading Protestant denominations throughout the United States. This congress is the result of action taken by the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. through its general assembly at Columbus, O., that "We do declare and place on record our profound conviction that the time has come for organic church union of the Evangelical churches of America."

The aim of this movement is to make one federal church out of all these denominations, and the plan as unanimously adopted by the general assembly of the Presbyterian church carried with it the proposal of an inter-denominational council to map out the details.

The various denominations were asked to cooperate and to send dele-

## WOUNDED IN FRANCE

OXFORD, O., Nov. 28.—David T. Parrish, engineer of the waterworks, yesterday received word that his son, John W. Parrish, U. S. Marine Corps, had been wounded in France. The young man's condition is not believed to be serious.

## FLU AFFECTS TOWN

OXFORD, O., Nov. 28.—Influenza has broken out to an alarming extent in the village of Darrtown, five miles east of here. More than half the people in the town are afflicted, and there are many cases in the country roundabout. The village schools have been closed.

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## Thanksgiving

With the ending of the terrible struggle and days of strife that have darkened the world for four long years, every heart overflows with sincere thankfulness.

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