

## BUSINESS DEMOCRACY FUNCTION OF CHURCH, STATES ROCKEFELLER

Stressing the need of democracy and brotherhood in industry, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., writing in the September issue of the Presbyterian New Era Magazine, declares:

"Surely it is not consistent for us as American to demand democracy in government and practice autocracy in industry. There can no longer be satisfactory relations under an autocratic shop rule any more than an autocratic state. Arbitrary control leads to class war, which is as contrary to Christian principles as any other war."

"The right of the church to speak on human relationship in industry has been challenged by some representatives of employers, although upheld by many others. It is objected that ministers know nothing about industrial processes and therefore are not competent to speak upon the relations of employer and employee. This is a challenge which the church must meet by a full understanding and a clear statement of its relation to industry."

"The church is commissioned to bear testimony to the truth as it is in Christ. The responsibility for making the world of business and industry conform to Christian requirements rests upon those leaders of business and industry who profess to be Christian men."

"Clearly the function of the church is not to manage industry, or to teach either employers or workers how to manage it, but to interpret these Christian principles and to mediate the Christian spirit. To do this effectively, its teachers, and especially its ministers, need to have direct knowledge of industrial conditions. The pastor must understand the point of view of both the employer and the worker, so as to know the difficulties and responsibilities of each. This requires frequent visits to factories and to homes of the workers."

"But the church has also the possibility of teaching through its laymen, including employers and leaders of labor who have the Christian spirit. These men know the problems of management as the ministers do not and are competent to speak upon them in their technical aspects, explaining what Christian principles mean and how they actually operate in industry. The application of these Christian principles rests finally with the laity—with employers, managers and leaders of labor—and upon their spirit and faithfulness depend the future of our industrial life."

"The church must therefore assert and maintain the authority of Christian teaching with reference to the industrial order, and its own right and duty as interpreter of Christian motives and ideals. Let the church keep also the comprehensive social point of view. It is not and cannot be partisan. It is, or should be, the shepherd of all; rich and poor, radical and conservative, employer and employee. The church may find itself, in the defense of right relations, temporarily supporting the claims of a particular individual or group, but it is not and cannot be partisan. Its function is to promote good will and to secure that social justice without which good will is impossible."

## EPWORTH LEAGUERS ARE OFF TO FESTIVAL

Delegations from the three local Methodist church Epworth Leagues were to leave Richmond Tuesday for Newcastle, where representatives from the leagues of the Richmond district were to participate in the first observance of the district youth festival at Memorial park. Contributions of fruits, money and linens were to be exhibited at the booths by all leagues. Later the gifts are to be sent to the Methodist hospital at Indianapolis. The festival and picnic is an annual affair in some of the districts of the conference and will in all probability become such in Richmond district. The event affords the young Methodists an opportunity to meet for a day of picnic and fun and at the same time to bring their gifts for the Methodist hospitals of the state.

Judges will award prizes to the league having the finest assortment of gifts. Following the big picnic at noon was to be an address by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Gibson, of Muncie. The remainder of the afternoon was to be given over to various sports and a big baseball game between the Portland, Union City and Winchester divisions, the Greenfield, Richmond and Newcastle divisions.

Dr. Somerville Light, district superintendent, of Richmond, and the Rev. Clyde S. Miller, of Parker, president of the Epworth leagues of the district, were to be in charge. All of the ministers of the 42 charges were expected to be present with their young people.

## California Contractor Dies in Norwalk, Conn.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—John McMullen, 73, known throughout the west as a contractor and corporation organizer, died at his home in Norwalk, Conn., Sunday, according to word received here today by his former business associates.

McMullen came to California in 1876 and with George W. Catt, husband of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the suffragist, organized several corporations which figured prominently in the development of the west. His work extended also to the gulf, the Philippines and the Atlantic coast.

McMullen's corporations are credited with having done most of the largest contracting work on the Philippine island water fronts, many San Francisco water front piers and Pearl Harbor dry docks.

## Large Insurance Payment Made to Richmond Man

Life insurance beneficiaries in Richmond received \$313,000 in payments on claims in 1920, according to The Insurance Press. Among the payments on big policy claims is listed a payment of \$21,062 to Edward B. Clements, of this city. This payment is one of the largest in the state.

## ALMA GLUCK AND KIDDIES GO ABROAD SO OPERA STAR MAY SLEEP FOR WEEKS



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Alma Gluck, famous singer known off the stage as Mrs. Ephram Zyr-balist, sailed for Europe recently with her husband, the renowned pianist, and her two children, Ephram Jr. and Maria. She said before leaving that she expected to sleep most of the time she was abroad. She has her sleeping schedule carefully worked out, a week going over, a week in London, a week in Paris and several other weeks.

## AMERICAN OIL MEN, MEXICAN OFFICIALS, SHUNNING PUBLICITY

(By Associated Press)

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 30.—Government officials and the executive heads of American oil companies, who conferred yesterday relative to petroleum problems are reserved as to the subjects discussed at the first meeting held late yesterday afternoon.

In interviews with the local newspaper men the oil men confined their remarks to praise of the delightful climate of Mexico City and their desire for an amicable adjustment of all questions now pending.

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