

SPEAKER DEFENDS WASHINGTON'S SINS

Danced Virginia Reel, Liked a Julep, and Bet on Ponies, But Was Religious, Says Champ Clark.

George Washington as the soldier, statesman, Constitution framer, President, dancer of the Virginia reel, consumer of an occasional mint julep, and better on horse races, was the subject of a frank and interesting speech by Speaker Champ Clark at the Vermont Avenue Christian Church today.

Speaker Clark told the large congregation that George Washington was a religious man, despite the fact that he sometimes swore under stress, and that he should be judged by the standards of his time rather than those of today. That Washington overtook all men who have wrought things in this world was asserted by the speaker.

"If I had carte blanche to appropriate as my own the fame of any of the teaming sons of Adam, I would unhesitatingly select that of Washington," he said.

Soldier and President.

Reviewing tributes to Washington as the soldier and first President, Speaker Clark said:

"Those were tremendous services, but in my judgment his most important labor in behalf of his country and the cause of liberty was performed in the Constitutional convention, of which he was president. The chances are if he had not been president of that convention, and it had not been for his commanding influence, there never would have been any Constitution of the Republic. Even as it was, no intense was the jealousy of the States that for a long time it seemed impossible that there could be any agreement on the fundamental law of the land."

"Washington was thoroughly human and no doubt sometimes sinned," said the speaker, leading up to his remarks about the reputed predilection of the first President to drink a mint julep or bet on a horse race. "I am glad he possessed the ordinary passions of man and did sometimes sin—for it shows we belong to the same breed that he did, which is a great honor to the rest of us."

Speaker Clark said one of the marked features of Washington's character was his religious disposition. The speaker said it seemed odd to him that artists, preachers, historians, and biographers have made so little use of the scene where he was on his knees in the snowy woods of Valley Forge praying to God for succor for his naked and starving army, while Cornwallis and his well-fed soldiers were making merry in their camps.

"That may have been—how do you know?" the turning point in the war?" said Speaker Clark.

Policemen Honest In Europe, Report Shows

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A study of police problems in European cities under the auspices of the bureau of social hygiene, of which John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is chairman, has been issued.

In collecting the data upon which the book is based, Raymond B. Fosdick visited twenty-one European cities and devoted nearly two years to personal investigation into the subject.

The most striking fact disclosed by his studies, from an American standpoint, the bureau's announcement says, is the uniform integrity of European policemen. General corruption and favoritism, it is stated, are absolutely unknown.

Summarizing the reasons for this integrity and for the efficiency of European police departments, the writer states:

"First, the police are not called upon to compel conformity to moral standards which do not meet with general public approval. They are not asked to enforce laws which, from the standpoint of accepted public habit and taste, are fundamentally unenforceable.

SUBMARINE DECK AND TORPEDO HEADS



Giant war heads of the torpedoes which Uncle Sam uses on his warships.

TO SHOW SUBMARINE FIRING TORPEDOES

Howe Motion Picture Series, Picturing U. S. Navy in Action, to Be Shown This Week

How does a submarine—a tiny ship, as war vessels go—accomplish such deadly destruction that it is now making the people of five European nations tremble.

The work of the German submarines in their raids on British shipping has brought home to the American people more than anything else the conflict has developed. That such tiny vessels should inspire such great terror is a very curious comment on the way of things in war.

There are few people who have even seen a submarine at work or have had opportunity to examine its weapons carefully. Washington people are through the series of motion pictures feature of the Lyman Howe travel festival at the Columbia Theater this week.

These pictures were made with the consent and co-operation of the Navy department, and give most complete views of the various activities of the navy. Seven months was required to make the pictures.

There are several reels showing the work of torpedoboots and submarines. The pictures not only show the submarines in action, but also show the torpedoes that are used by them to blow up merchant ships. The torpedoes are the largest projectiles fired from a ship, and the great war heads, the explosive noses of these deadly weapons are called, are very big. The pictures show the working of the torpedo tubes, the discharge of the torpedo and the destruction created by them when emitted.

Coal Minus Smoke Made by Chemist

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—Alfred Muller, a chemist, has announced that he has discovered a process that makes coal absolutely smokeless, gives more heat, and is consequently cheaper. He has been making the fuel by hand, and is using it in his home.

Muller was educated in Munich. His father, John Muller, was surgeon general in the German army, and an authority on tuberculosis.

The two thieves, both dressed in the height of fashion, drove up to the jewelry store at Broadway and Thirty-seventh street in a taxi. They waited until the theater crowds had congested the traffic and then one of them took a cobbler from his pocket and hurled it through the plate-glass window of the establishment.

His companion grabbed up two trays of diamonds, and both ran. The man who had thrown the cobbler was captured first, and the man with the trays was caught after a chase of three blocks. The pursuit of the robbers was considerably hindered by pedestrians stooping to pick up gems dropped in the chase.

**One in Six Marriages
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CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—One divorce or separate maintenance suit was filed in the circuit or superior court for every six marriages licensed in Chicago in 1914. A total of 5,596 suits were filed during the year, as compared with 3,887 marriage licenses issued.

"Chicago's record is almost as bad as Japan's," said County Clerk Seitz. "It is said that in Japan one couple out of every five go into the divorce court. We must have in mind, however, that Chicago is the 'divorcing ground' for the marital troubles of many persons who are not Chicagoans."

LANE IS IMPRESSED BY OPENING OF FAIR

Start of Exposition at San Francisco Is Described in Note to the President.

The opening of the San Francisco Exposition by a wireless message which released the gates of the exhibits was described as one of the "most spectacular and impressive things I have ever seen," by Secretary of the Interior Lane in a telegram to the President today. Secretary Lane in his message said:

"Promptly at 10 o'clock here (3 p. m., Washington time) your wireless message was received; by the press of a button released the gates of the exhibition, and put into operation the fountains on the grounds. Two hundred and fifty thousand people at least had gathered for this moment; they waited in stillness and expectation of the flash which declared the exposition open, and then broke into a triumphal cheer."

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