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BOAT TOO BIG TO ROCK.

President Expresses Full Confidence in People of the Nation.

Washington, March 25.—Full confidence in the great body of calm people of the nation, who serve as "stabilizers" when the excitable ones try to "rock the boat" in these perilous days, was voiced tonight by President Wilson in an address before the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in annual session here.

The President appealed to the Nation for support in administering his office, saying "If I can speak for you I am powerful, if I cannot I am weak." He said it was possible for a people to be impartial when a "quarrel is none of theirs."

Referring to the danger to missionaries in some foreign lands of which he said he had thought much of late, he added:

"Wars will never have any ending until men cease to hate one another, cease to be jealous of one another, get the feeling of reality in the brotherhood of mankind, which is the only bond that can make us think justly of one another and act righteously before God himself."

Bishop Warren A. Candler, of Atlanta, Ga., in introducing the President, declared that the members of the conference were behind him as patriots. Secretary Daniels occupied a seat on the speaker's platform during the session.

The President said in part:

"I have the feeling as I look upon you that I have had in many other Church conferences, that I am looking in the faces of men and women who are not interested in the temporary things but are interested in the permanent things, who give very little thought, I hope and believe, to the things that separate us and give a great deal of thought to the things that unite us—things that are good for the healing of this Nation not only, but for the healing of all the Nations.

"This is a council of peace, not to form plans of peace, for it is not our privilege to form such, but to proclaim the single supreme plan of peace, the revelation of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Because wars will never have any ending until men cease to hate one another, cease to be jealous of one another, get that feeling of reality in the brotherhood of mankind which is the only bond that can make us think justly of one another and act righteously before God himself.

"I value the churches of this country as I would value everything else that makes for the stability of our social processes. There are a great many people—not so many that they give me any particular concern—but nevertheless a great many people who to the language of the day are trying hard to "rock the boat." The boat is too big for them to rock. They are of such light material that they cannot rock it very much but they are going through the motions and it is just as well for them to look around once in a while and see the great steadfast body of self-possessed Americans not to be hurried into any unconsidered line of action, sure that when you are right you can be calm, sure that when the quarrel is none of yours, you can be impartial, sure that the men who spend their passion most to move the body politic the least, and that the reaction will not be upon the great body of American citizens but upon themselves.

"So that I look upon you in the present circumstances as a great part of the stabilizer of the Nation. You know that somebody has just invented a thing called a stabilizer that is used in connection with aeroplanes, and by some process, the mechanics of which I have not had explained to me, and perhaps could not understand if I had, this corrects the erratic movements of the machine, so that it, when adjusted, determines the plane upon which the machine is to move and the machine cannot depart from it. Something like that is the function of the great moral forces of the world, to act as stabilizers even when we go up in the air.

"I have come to you tonight, therefore, may I say, for reassurance, to look upon an undisturbed body of men who have their compasses and know the moral charting of the world. We know what haven we are bound for. We know the only legitimate process by which one can work his way against the trade winds of evil in the world to the haven desired. So I am sure that I shall go away from here reinforced.

"I need not tell you that the President by himself is absolutely nothing. The President is what the American Nation sustains and if it does not sustain him, then his power is contemptible and insignificant. If I can speak for you and represent you and in some sense hand on the moral forces that you represent, then I am indeed powerful. If I cannot then I am indeed weak. I shall hope and believe that I

TWO STEAMERS SUNK.

German Submarines Claim Many More Victims.

London, March 29.—Upward of 150 persons lost their lives in the sinking by German submarines during the past 48 hours of the Dempster liner Falaba and the British Steamer Agula.

The Falaba, bound from Liverpool for the coast of Africa, with about 160 passengers, was torpedoed Sunday in St. George's Channel.

The Agula, sent down by shell fire of the submarine U-23 off Pembroke-shire Saturday night, had three passengers and a crew of 42 and of these 23 of the crew and all of the passengers were lost. The Agula also was outward bound from Liverpool and was enroute for Lisbon.

An official list supplied at the offices of the Elder Dempster Steamship Company, owners of the Falaba shows that so far as is known at present 52 first class passengers, 34 second-class passengers and 49 of the crew of the Falaba were saved. Four of the passengers and four of the crew are reported killed and 61 passengers and 43 of the crew are missing.

When the submarines appeared, both steamers tried to escape by crowding on full steam, but the underwater boats overhauled them after short chases and in each case the Germans then allowed but a few minutes to get his passengers and crew into the small boats.

The captain of the Falaba, who was lost, was given five minutes to get his passengers and crew off but, according to the survivors, before this was possible a torpedo hit the engine room, causing a terrible explosion. Many were killed and the steamer sank in 10 minutes.

Trawlers rescued most of those who were saved; others got away in the boats. Those still on the steamer when the explosion occurred were thrown into the sea and it took the fishermen an hour or more to pick up those in the water who managed to keep afloat.

The Agula's captain was allowed four minutes in which to leave his ship. The submarine opened fire killing a woman passenger, the chief engineer and two of the crew. Even after the crew had commenced to lower the boats, according to the survivors the Germans kept up their fire and some of the boats were riddled.

The captain of the traveler Ottilie, Len, the commander of the submarine told of the sinking of the Agula, went to the rescue and picked up three boats containing 19 of the crew. A fourth boat could not be found and it is presumed she foundered. On their arrival at Fishguard several of the crew were bandaged, having been wounded by the fire from the submarine.

Cardiff Wales, March 29.—One of the Falaba's passengers said that when the submarine ordered the passengers to the boats, the boats were lowered immediately and the passengers were served with lifeboats, but no one was allowed to take personal effects.

"Then followed a horrible scene," said the passenger. "Some of the boats were swamped and several passengers were drowned almost immediately.

"Barely 10 minutes after we received the order to leave the ship I heard a report and saw the vessel heel over. The Germans had actually fired a torpedo at her at a range of about 100 yards when a large number of passengers, the captain and other officers were still distinctly to be seen aboard."

All the passengers and officers say the submarine fired a torpedo before all the boats were lowered and while many persons were still aboard the steamer. One officer said:

"I was sitting in a boat suspended from the davits and was waiting for two women passengers when another officer shouted 'lookout' and then I saw the bubbles marking the track of a torpedo. There was a tremendous crash and the boat fell from the davits and turned over, throwing the passengers and crew into the water. The water was icy cold and there were many who died from exposure."

Gov. Manning has given Mayor Grace of Charleston one week in which to begin the enforcement of law in Charleston. The Governor has declared that he does not want "regulation."

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go away from here sustained as Bishop Candler has so generously said, by your prayers. I hope I shall feel that I am also sustained by your confidence.

W. L. Parrott was re-elected mayor of Hillsborough Tuesday, defeating Dr. L. H. Jennings, by a majority of seven votes.

Issac A. Withers, a native of Willsboro, died near Asheville, N. C., Tuesday, following an illness of nearly three years. He was 48 years old.

The jury in the case of George H. Roberts, at Beaufort, on trial for shooting young James Carberry, while carrying out a New Year's prank, failed to agree and a mistrial was ordered. Judge Sease was presiding.

NOTICE.

The members of Camp Richard Kirland United Confederate Veterans are hereby notified to meet on Saturday the 3rd day of April, 1915, at the Records Court Room at 12 o'clock. All

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