

REV. MR. BROWN TELLS OF HIS VISIT TO OCEAN GROVE

It is a Remarkable City For Peace and Order—United States Feeling Regarding the War—Pen Picture of Billy Sunday

It was my good fortune this summer to spend a few weeks by the sea at Ocean Grove, N.J. It would indeed be difficult to find a more ideal spot for a holiday than Ocean Grove. The boundless expanse of blue that stretches far before you is a constant inspiration, and to its music many a weary one has found rest and rejuvenation. I am not surprised that those who have been raised near the sea can never forget its charm, and often feel the call of the sea to return to it. No wonder the great poets and thinkers in all ages have been inspired by the sea to write some of their most illustrious lines. He who is not moved by the comradeship of the sea has little in his soul to which the great things of nature can appeal. Often the words of Byron came to me:

"There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is companionship on the lonely shore,
There is society where none intrudes,
By the deep sea, and music in its roar."

Ocean Grove has many things in common with other cities, but some things out of the ordinary that place it in a class by itself. It is the nearest approach to the New Testament picture of the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven that I have yet met. Where would you go elsewhere and find 10,000 people in church twice on Sunday? Where would you go and find a city with 30,000 of a continuous population policed by two officers? Where else would you find a city with no law court, no police station? There was but one arrest last summer, and that on suspicion. Sunday in Ocean Grove is a day of absolute quiet. There is no traffic whatever. The gates are shut from midnight Saturday night until midnight Sunday night, and no vehicles of any kind are allowed to move through the city on the Lord's day. Here is one city that has a perfect Sabbath. It is indeed a wonderful sight on Sunday to see such a congregation, to listen to such an audience sing an old favorite hymn like "We're Marching to Zion," or "All hail the power of Jesus name." Ninety-two men took up the offering in seven minutes. Outstanding ministers of different denominations preach in the auditorium, one of the most popular for years has been Dr. Cortland Myers of the Boston Temple (Baptist). He preached this year to crowded congregations and lectured on Monday evening on "Preparedness."

The interest in the war on the other side of the line seems to be almost as deep as here. It is the one great topic of comment. The papers give more space to it than most of our Canadian dailies, and the editorials show a deep insight into its most minute details. The prevailing sympathy of the best Americans is undoubtedly with us. There is an old proverb which runs "straws tell which way the wind blows." I found that one of the most popular songs there this season was one we often hear at home, "Keep the home fires burning." After it was sung the au-

dience would often break out into prolonged cheers. The sympathy of the people for our cause was often shown too on Sunday by applause when favorable reference to our cause was made from the pulpit and in other addresses during the week by the same sign.

"He Kept Us Out of the War" was about the only comment favorable to the Wilson administration by his supporters that I heard. Many of the best Americans do not think this is any complement to Wilson. His fondness for note writing was the subject of many pictures, cartoons and jests. Bunches of ink, loads of papers and pens were to be seen in one of the popular cartoons being taken into the White House, and under it was written "More Notes." There is a unanimity of opinion expressed by men gathered from all over the country that Wilson is doomed to certain defeat Nov. 3. At a great convention of Roman Catholics held in the city of New York during August, the "swaying attitude" of the President was bitterly assailed and denounced. Hughes looks like a sure winner, and it would appear from reports in the papers that he is having a sort of triumphal march throughout the country. "Teddy" is to come to his aid later, and it seems clear that if Hughes is elected Theodore Roosevelt must be admitted that Roosevelt has lost caste with many of his former friends and admirers. Still he will undoubtedly prove a valuable asset to Hughes in the election campaign, as he is a great campaigner, and afterwards in the government, if he is elected to the presidency.

The Music This Year was up to the usual high standard for which Ocean Grove is so far and justly famed. Among the best artists were "Schumann Heink, Alma Gluck, the noted Irish tenor, John McCormick, Mme. Raphael and others of less fame. Philip Sousa furnished two band concerts. Five hundred young people dramatized "Joseph" in a way that drew great houses, as it had to be repeated five times. This was one of the finest musical dramas of its kind ever presented to Ocean Grove audiences and won great praise. The orchestral accompaniment was well high as beautiful as the play itself. Those who heard it will never forget it, and the biblical record will glow with new light. The scene where Joseph was reconciled to his brethren, was most moving, and was effectively handled by masters in their art.

BILLY SUNDAY was up to the greatest attraction of the season was the coming of Billy Sunday to the Grove for the first time. There was an advance sale of seats that brought a fine sum to the Association and every available place was taken long before he spoke. It was my good fortune to hear him just once. He preached with his old time fervour and power and many of his "stunts" in the pulpit seemed quiescent in the fire of his eloquence and his over powering emotion by which he



Pauline Frederick, at the Brant Theatre, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

and his hearers were borne along. In the midst of one of his burning sentences he threw off his coat and went to it in his shirt sleeves with a renewed vigour. After setting forth the character of the Turk in his usual choice diction he shouted as through a megaphone "If you ever hear me say a good word about a damnable old Turk take it for granted that I am bug-house." But apart from all his eccentricities no one will ever forget his message. When he jumped up on the chair at the close of his sermon and called for all who would dedicate their lives to Christ to stand thousands rose to their feet. Billy Sunday will conduct a ten days' mission in Ocean Grove previous to going to Detroit where a tabernacle to seat 20,000 is being built.

Those who have the opportunity of visiting this famous summer resort will do well to avail themselves of the privilege. Those who wish to live in style can do so here as accommodation can be had as high as \$8.00 per day and as low as \$5.00 per week. You can live as quietly as you please or have plenty of excitement and change. The healing tide of the old ocean pours itself over all alike and it is a great sight to see old and young, rich and poor, by the thousands, availing themselves of this opportunity. The terrible plague that visited that section of the country this summer cast a dark shadow over all. Mothers lived in daily terror that their children might be stricken. Children were not wanted at the hotels and boarding houses as the proprietors were afraid of quarantine should the disease break out in their place. It is good to know that the plague is abated.

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PORTUGAL NEXT ONE

Active Preparations to Take Part on Side of the Allies.

By Courier Leased Wire. Lisbon, Portugal, Sept. 1.—Several persons were wounded in conflicts between civilians and troops last night, near the house of parliament. These clashes followed a session of the parliament which adopted several military measures recommended by the minister of war and a resolution of confidence in the government.

A Reception. London, Sept. 1.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch to The Morning Post from Lisbon says: The president last night gave a reception to the officers of the expeditionary force and others.

Major Norton Matos, Portuguese Minister of war, announced August 28, that Portugal would soon participate in the war, fighting on the side of the allies. Portugal mobilized on March 16, a week after Germany declared war on her, following the seizure of thirty-six German and Austrian steamers in the Tagus River. Previous operations of the Portuguese in Africa were due to a treaty with Great Britain, which provides for the mutual protection of their colonies against the assaults of a third power.

Very sincerely yours,
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And Now the Tobacco Ball

Jack Ryan of Los Angeles, has a new one. The Angel flinger is always uncorking some newfangled kind of a delivery. Jack's latest could best be called the "tobacco ball."

That, however, would be nothing new, as pitchers have been known to squirt tobacco juice on the ball ever since the art of chewing tobacco was first invented. Others say that Jack's new delivery is nothing more or less than a new way of delivering a "spitter," so as to control the direction of its break.

Whatever it is, Ryan figured it out during one of the rainy days when the Angels were here last.

Early one morning Jack announced to Frank LeRoy Chance and the rest of the gang that he had evolved a curve that would set them all down. The day before he had spent experimenting with the spitter.

After leaving Portland he tried it out in Salt Lake. His ability to make the ball break four different way aroused the suspicions of umpire Phyle and Doyle and they scrutinized the ball, but could find nothing wrong. The same thing happened last Thursday when Ryan beat the Tigers.

The entire Vernon team clustered about the ball and submitted it to a searching investigation. Umpire Ed. Finney, after the game, declared that he could find nothing wrong with the sphere, excepting the cases when he threw two out which had been cut by wet netting.

It will be remembered that Ryan originated the "mud ball" here last season. It is the height of his glory to get hold of a ball that has been roughened by hitting the sand, or in some other manner, and toss it to a batter, for the veteran can make it curve thirty-six different ways.

Mrs. Samuel Van Horne and daughter, of Kingston, were badly injured when their horse ran away.

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RETALIATORY LEGISLATION

As Threatened by the United States in Trade Matters.

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Sept. 1.—An Associated Press dispatch from Washington last night says: Retaliatory legislation striking the Patent Office in support of domestic protests against interference with American trade, has been added upon an existing bill of government after extended conference between state department officials and leaders in congress. It was stated officially today, with explanation that provisions were into the shipping bill and the pig revenue bill were the first in the policy. Up to now a bill of retaliatory legislation has been introduced in congress. It has relied solely on the equity of the case and the sense of justice of belligerent nations, but despite recent protests on various phases of the blockade at the time which this government has deemed as illegal in a sweeping trade measure and discriminating have been increasing. Consequently, this official decision, the government has reached limit of its patience in reliance direct diplomacy and has decided after discussions between Secretary of State Lansing and members of Congress to empower the President to employ commercial retaliation. This course would have been some time ago. It was introduced because that phase of retaliation posed were obviously illegal.

The amendment to the bill adopted by the Senate will give the President discretionary power to prohibit the importation to this country of products which cannot be imported into foreign countries from the United States. This is aimed directly at the British embargo restricting the shipment American tobacco which is said to be an attempt by British interests to depress the price of the American product and then monopolize sale.

The amendment to the shipping bill, which already has passed House, gives the Secretary of Treasury discretionary power to issue clearance papers to all shipping to take American merchant on other grounds than lack of sufficient tonnage. This amendment is designed to allow a vessel to be chartered to the coasts of American firms of British commercial black list.

SALEM

(From Our Correspondent) Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family spent Sunday with friends in Ford.

Miss Alice Hitchcock of Burport spent a few days at the home of Mrs. Henry Lester.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Smith, who resided under an operation in Brantford hospital, and hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Cunningham has returned for a two weeks' visit with friends in Oakland.

A young man by the name of Miles Porcenne, pleaded guilty charge of stealing gold to the amount of \$4,000.

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